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## **San Francisco Carbon Fund Funding Recommendations for Grant Awards**

The San Francisco Department of the Environment issued a Request for Proposals August 8, 2013. Twelve proposals from 11 different applicants were received on September 27, 2013. Evaluation panels, comprised of four members, reviewed the 12 proposals, of which 9 received a score of 100 or higher, based on a scoring system of 125 total points. Reviewers interviewed the remaining 8 applicants and visited project sites. Based on the evaluation of the projects, the Department of the Environment staff recommends that the Commission on the Environment approve the following SF Carbon Fund grant awards to eight organizations, for a combined total grant amount of \$223,000 that will be disbursed over a four-year period, with the bulk of funding (88%) for first-year project implementation and the remainder (4%/year) for ongoing maintenance and reporting for three years.

**AsianWeek Foundation** will partner with Quesada Gardens to create the Asian Community Green Space Project in Bayview Hunters Point at Williams Ave and Reddy St. The project will return extremely hard-packed soil to a permeable state, remove invasive plant species, install smart water capture and reuse features, and introduce an edible garden and landscaping that prioritizes native plant species. This project will reduce carbon emissions and storm-water runoff. Co-benefits include providing community gathering space, growing food, and engaging low-income, underserved immigrant Asian populations that are currently disconnected from the movement to green the urban environment.

**Commodore Sloat Elementary School** will reduce the asphalt surface area of play yards on the school campus and create additional green space at Ocean Ave and Junipero Serra Boulevard. This project will sequester carbon and reduce runoff. Co-benefits include: creating a tree stewardship program integrated with the existing gardening program, expanding the experiential component of the school curriculum in the areas of science and language arts, increasing outreach to the neighborhood community by increasing the use of the outdoor school space during non-school hours in keeping with the site's designation as a Community Playground.

**Friends of the Urban Forest** will create permeable surfaces through the installation of sidewalk gardens along public rights-of-way throughout the City. It will also plant trees throughout the City. Projects will sequester carbon and reduce storm-water runoff. Sidewalk garden projects will replace concrete with climate-appropriate, drought-resistant vegetation. All projects will involve the participation of local households, small businesses owners, public schools and city agencies. Co-benefits include

improving neighborhood walkability and building community through participation in projects, as well as providing workforce development opportunities for San Francisco youth.

**Gateway High School** at Geary Boulevard and Scott Street will replace a portion of the school's paved parking area to mitigate run-off. Co-benefits include youth employment to maintain the project. Grant funds will be used to leverage support for the next phase of the project—planting a community garden.

**Golden Gate Audubon Society** will plant native coastal scrub plants and grasses to create a naturalistic sediment contour in the upland at Pier 94 in Bayview Hunters Point to sequester carbon and reduce run-off. Co-benefits include providing nesting and foraging habitat for upland birds and other animals, providing educational programming for local school groups, and providing a quiet natural location in the middle of the City.

**Nature in the City** will convert weedy and iceplant-covered public sites along 14th Avenue between Kirkham and Santiago Streets into restored upland dune habitats to retain water and sequester carbon create habitat sites. Co-benefits include connecting two isolated populations of the locally threatened Green Hairstreak butterfly, expanding the Backyard Native Nursery Network, and increasing eco-literacy and community support. The project also prevents erosion and stabilizes sandy slopes.

**Ney Street Neighborhood Watch** will plant large shrubs on a 560-foot long strip of barren, rock solid, garbage strewn land on the 700 block of Alemany Boulevard. This project will reduce carbon emissions and storm-water runoff. Co-benefits include improving the beauty and safety of the Alemany bike lane that links Glen Park, Ingleside and the Inner Excelsior with lower Bernal Heights, improving neighborhood walkability and mitigating sound and air pollution from Allemany Boulevard.

**San Francisco Parks Alliance** will create and complete additional urban park areas throughout the City. Projects will reduce carbon emissions and storm-water runoff. Co-benefits include improving neighborhood walkability and providing green community space for residents to gather.