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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 on December 10, 2019 seeking community greening projects through the San Francisco Carbon Fund. On January 17, 2020 the Department received four proposals totaling \$149,838 in funding requests for an available \$110,000.

Based on project evaluation, the Department of the Environment staff recommends that the Commission on the Environment approve SF Carbon Fund grant awards to the following organizations, for a combined total grant amount of \$96,000. Grant funding will be disbursed over a three-year period, with the bulk of funding (90%) disbursed in the first year for project implementation and the remainder (5%/year for two years) for ongoing maintenance and reporting.

Climate Action Now will bring neighbors, students, and community volunteers together to plant 70 trees along Sunset Boulevard as a part of the Sunset Boulevard Butterfly Corridor Project. The project will hire 10 paid interns from George Washington High School through a match provided by the SFPUC Project Learning Partnership. The project is between the Ortega and Pacheco blocks and is adjacent to AP Giannini Middle School. This community urban forestry initiative will increase permeability and support the City's sewer infrastructure while capturing greenhouse gases.

Friends of the Urban Forest will create 2000ft² of sidewalk rain garden and plant 15 trees and myriad native plants in the South of Market and Holly Court (Bernal Heights) neighborhoods. The project will remove permeable pavement, while creating thriving green spaces. The project employs participants of the Pomeroy Center's Able Gardener program (a past SFCF grantee) and engages local households, small businesses, public schools and city agencies. Co-benefits include mitigating heat in a neighborhood at risk of heat impacts, improving neighborhood walkability and building community, as well as providing workforce development opportunities for youth and developmentally challenged adults.