Resolution approving Department of the Environment Funding Recommendations for Environmental Justice grant awards to five organizations.

WHEREAS, The Environmental Justice (EJ) program of the Department of the Environment administers a grant program and provides funding annually to non-profit groups;

WHEREAS, The EJ grant program was originally funded with $13 million from the State, to mitigate impacts relating to the sale of the Potrero power plant and shutdown of the Hunters Point power plant;

WHEREAS, The EJ grant program is dedicated to projects to address environmental and community concerns in the Potrero and Bayview Hunters Point communities, with a special focus on reducing electricity demand and the City’s reliance on fossil-fueled power plants, reducing and preventing indoor and outdoor air pollution; and building community capacity to address energy and air quality issues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Commission approves the award of EJ grants, totaling $212,319, to the following organizations:

City College of San Francisco  $ 35,913
Green Depot (with Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs as fiscal sponsor)  $ 72,640
Goodwill Industries  $ 35,000
Hunters Point Family - Girls 2000  $ 46,967
San Francisco Food Bank  $ 21,799

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Commission on the Environment’s Meeting on May 23, 2006.

\[Signature\]

Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

VOTE:  Approved (4-0) (2 Absent) (1 Vacant)
AYES:  Commissioners Pelosi Jr., Desser, Mok and Wald
NOES:  None
ABSENT:  Commissioners King and Rodriguez

Commission on the Environment  May 23, 2006
The Environmental Justice (EJ) program of the Department of the Environment issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on October 24, 2005, and received five grant proposals on January 19, 2006. The EJ program coordinated the schedule of these dates with the Department’s Recycling grant program. Based on staff’s review of the written grant proposals and interviews conducted with the applicants, we recommend that the Commission approve the following EJ grant awards, totaling $212,319.

**City College of San Francisco** (CCSF) proposes to develop a biodiesel-alternative fuel training program for Potrero and Bayview Hunters Point residents and businesses and provide hands-on internship training to local residents. CCSF is currently operating an Advanced Transportation Technology (ATT) Center and conducted biodiesel-alternative fuel workshops last year for fleet personnel and individuals. CCSF will build on these earlier workshops and develop a 40-hour course on biodiesel and alternative fuels. Recommended award: $35,913

**Green Depot** (with Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs as fiscal sponsor) proposes to develop a biodiesel fuel supply and distribution project with the goal of displacing 250,000 gallons of petro-diesel fuel with less polluting biodiesel fuel. Green Depot will target the filling stations in the Bayview neighborhood to carry biodiesel fuel, and help educate fleet owners and truck owners and operators in the Potrero and Bayview Hunters Point communities. Recommended award: $72,640.

**Goodwill Industries** proposes to reduce diesel emissions in the Bayview area by installing a pollution reduction retrofit on diesel vehicles that will be dedicated to the Bayview Hunters Point Goodwill store, and purchasing biodiesel fuel for a truck used by Goodwill’s truck driving school, which is called the Bayview Hope Trucking Academy. Goodwill also plans to use some of the funding to lease a truck training simulator, to local residents develop better truck driving skills and reduce the amount of diesel emissions generated by the BHFTA training vehicle. Recommended award: $35,000

**Hunters Point Family/Girls 2000** proposes to transport and distribute fresh produce to Bayview Hunters Point community residents and local organizations, such as senior centers and day care centers, and to use a cargo vehicle fueled with biodiesel (B-100). This project is part of the Girls 2000 Healthy Lifestyles Program and will complement Girls 2000 activities in support of the Bayview Hunters Point farmers market and nutritional classes. Recommended award: $46,967

**San Francisco Food Bank** (SFFB) proposes to install several energy efficiency measures (replacing lighting, ballasts, wall switches) at its building located at 900 Pennsylvania Avenue. SFFB currently spends approximately $8,000 on monthly utility bills for its large warehouse and offices. Recommended award: $21,799