

1 [Department of the Environment Environmental Justice Grant Awards Funding
2 Recommendations]

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4 **Resolution approving Department of the Environment Funding Recommendations for**
5 **Environmental Justice grant awards to ten organizations.**

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

8 WHEREAS, The EJ grant program is dedicated to projects serving residents of the
9 Potrero and Bayview Hunters Point communities, with a special focus on reducing electricity
10 demand and the City's reliance on fossil-fueled power plants, reducing and preventing indoor
11 and outdoor air pollution; and building community capacity to address food security, energy
12 and air quality issues; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, The Commission approves the award of EJ grants, totaling \$989,598, to
14 be disbursed during FY 2008-08 and FY 2009-2010, to the following organizations:

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16	Asian Neighborhood Design (in partnership with Potrero Neighborhood House)	\$ 160,000
17	Urban Sprouts	\$ 46,252
18	San Francisco Conservation Corps	\$ 93,853
19	Alemany Resident Mgt. Corp. (fiscal sponsor Renaissance Parents of Success)	\$ 122,000
20	Quesada Gardens Initiative (fiscal sponsor Renaissance Parents of Success)	\$ 100,000
21	Friends of the Urban Forest	\$ 120,000
22	Willie Brown Jr. School Garden (fiscal sponsor SF School Alliance)	\$ 51,493
23	GRID Alternatives	\$ 225,000
24	Global Exchange (in partnership with City College of San Francisco-SE Campus)	\$ 36,000
25	Southeast Food Access Workgroup (fiscal sponsor BVHP Foundation)	\$ 35,000

1 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Commission on the Environment's
2 Meeting on April 29, 2008.

3 Monica Fish

4 *Monica Fish, Commission Secretary*

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6 Vote: Approved (5-1) (1 Absent)

7 Ayes: President Pelosi Jr., Vice President Gravanis, Commissioners Rodriguez Heyman,
8 Tuchow and Wald

9 Noes: Commissioner King

10 Absent: Commissioner Martin

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GRANT AWARDS (2008-2010)

The Environmental Justice (EJ) program of the San Francisco Department of the Environment (SFE) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on December 3, 2007. Nineteen grant proposals were received on January 18, 2008. An evaluation panel comprised of four members reviewed the 19 grant proposals. Of the 19 grant proposals, 10 received a score of 70 or higher, based on a scoring system of 100 total points. SFE invited the 10 applicants with the strongest proposals to oral interviews. Based on the evaluation of the written proposals and the oral interviews, SFE recommends that the Commission on the Environment approve the following EJ grant awards, for a combined total grant amount of \$989,598, that will be disbursed over a two-year period (covering FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10).

Asian Neighborhood Design in Partnership with Potrero Neighborhood House proposes to engage San Francisco residents with emphasis in the southeast communities with green workforce employment training and development. They also propose conducting community environmental responsibility workshops for improving indoor air quality and promoting energy efficiency in low-income homes located in the Southeast area of San Francisco. Recommended award: \$160,000, to be allocated over 2 years as follows: \$75,000 for Year 1 and \$85,000 for Year 2.

Urban Sprouts will develop a school garden and a garden-based environmental leadership program at International Studies Academy in Potrero Hill, in order to improve youth and their families' access to nutritious and fresh produce and their knowledge of gardening and local food systems. Garden-based education will be offered through after school programming and workshops for families. Recommended award: \$46,252, to be allocated over 2 years as follows: \$ 23,126 for Year 1 and \$23,126 for Year 2.

San Francisco Conservation Corps (SFCC) requests funding to develop a project that will connect SFCC and Corpsmembers to the emerging green collar sector. This pilot will consolidate and expand SFCC's current relationships with employers, benefit Corpsmembers ready to enter the job market, and benefit green employers seeking skilled, knowledgeable, and diverse employees. Recommended award: \$93,853, to be allocated over 2 years as follows: \$54,120 for Year 1 and \$39,733 for Year 2.

Alemaný Resident Management Corporation (fiscal sponsor Renaissance Parents of Success) will operate Alemany Farm and provide fresh, organic locally produced food to residents in Southeast San Francisco through continued involvement with the Bayview Hunters Point Farmers' Market that operates from May through October. Additionally, they will continue to provide job training and mentoring to at-risk teens while offering environmental education to residents from throughout San Francisco. Recommended award: \$122,000, to be allocated over 2 years as follows: \$56,000 for Year 1; and \$66,000 for Year 2.

Quesada Gardens Initiative (fiscal sponsor Renaissance Parents of Success) in partnership with University of San Francisco will develop and conduct the "Bayview Backyard Gardens" program to address energy, environmental and public health concerns in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood by installing modular backyard gardens that locally produce healthy food and encourage physical activity. This program will build upon Quesada Gardens' existing community-based garden projects in the Bayview neighborhood. Recommended award: \$100,000, to be allocated over two years as follows: \$45,000 for Year 1 and \$55,000 for Year 2.

Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) will improve air quality and reduce sewage run-off by planting 400 trees and caring for an additional 1400 trees in BVHP and Potrero Hill. FUF will also promote economic development and employment by introducing at-risk youth from Bayview Hunters Point community to careers in urban forestry. Recommended award: \$120,000, to be allocated over 2 years as follows: \$55,000 for Year 1 and \$65,000 for Year 2.

Willie Brown Jr. Academy School Garden (fiscal sponsor San Francisco School Alliance) proposes to impart a sense of stewardship for this planet among the Bayview Community, by fostering a connection to the natural world. Activities focus on cooking, nutrition, gardening and environmental justice. Emphasis is placed on local foods and teaching students to grow food and cook healthy meals. Recommended award: \$51,493 for FY 2008-09.

GRID Alternatives will continue to operate its San Francisco Solar Affordable Housing Program and will train and lead teams of community volunteers and job trainees to install an additional 34-51 kW (approximately 20-30 energy installations) of solar power for the Bayview Hunters Point and Potrero neighborhoods. Recipient sites will be low-income homeowners earning less than 60% of the Area Median Income. Recommended award: \$225,000, to be allocated over two years as follows: \$100,000 for Year 1 and \$125,000 for Year 2.

Global Exchange is supporting internships for students enrolled at the Southeast Campus of City College of San Francisco, as part of Global Exchange's Green Careers Program. This project will help local residents develop leadership skills and the motivation to protect and improve the environment in San Francisco's Bayview Hunters Point and Potrero neighborhoods. Recommended award: \$36,000 to be allocated over a two-year period.

Southeast Food Access Workgroup (fiscal sponsor Bayview Hunters Point Foundation for Community Improvement) is a collaborative project involving non-profit groups, community-based organizations and City agencies and is designed to increase the capacity of residents and organizations in Bayview Hunters Point to advocate for easy access to healthy food, develop educational experiences that support the growing, healthful preparation and regular consumption of healthy food, and monitor grocery stores in the community. Recommended award: \$35,000 for a one-year grant (FY 2009-10).