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TO: Adam Thongsavat, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Kaitlin Holl, Partnerships and Capital Associate, Recreation and Park Department
DATE: April 21, 2026

RE: Portsmouth Square Improvement Project - California Natural Resources Agency General Fund Specified Grant Accept and Expend

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (RPD) respectfully requests the support of the Mayor's Office to introduce a resolution authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a grant from the California Natural Resources Agency in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project; approving the associated grant agreement for a term limit that is effective upon grant contract execution through March 1, 2028; and authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to enter into amendments or modifications to the agreement that do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities of the City and are necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Project or this Resolution.

Attached are the following documents to support the Resolution:

1. Clerk of the BOS Memo
2. Grant Resolution w/ Signatures PDF
3. Portsmouth Grant Information Form
4. Portsmouth Project Budget
5. Grant Commission Resolution
5. Grant Award Bill
6. Draft Grant Agreement
7. MBO Approval

BACKGROUND

The 2025/2026 California State Budget appropriated funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project ("the Project"). The Project is a comprehensive renovation of Portsmouth Square, a high use park located in San Francisco's Chinatown. The overall project includes construction of a new consolidated playground, expanded event space, upgraded lighting, accessibility improvements, a new approximately 8,300-square-foot clubhouse, removal of the Kearny Street pedestrian bridge, and infrastructure upgrades to the underground parking garage beneath the park. Grant funds will support major earthwork activities necessary to implement the project, including landscape grading; site excavation and fill; excavation and backfill; installation of polystyrene fill; erosion and sedimentation control measures; and shoring and bracing required to protect adjacent structures and the underlying parking garage during construction. The Portsmouth Square Project completed an extensive public planning process that resulted in the creation of a park design that will facilitate park use by residents of all ages, improve park safety and security, improve park aesthetics, and acknowledge the site's historical and cultural significance.



Preferred Legislative Timeline

- April 28 - Introduction to Board of Supervisors
- May 6 - Budget and Finance
- May 12 - Full Board Approval
- May 22 - Mayor's Review/Signature

Attached for your reference are supporting materials including the Board of Supervisors Accept and Expend Resolution, Grant Resolution Information Form, Grant Budget, and Draft Grant Agreement.

RPD respectfully requests the Mayor's Office's assistance in sponsoring and introducing the accompanying resolution so that the City may pursue this important funding opportunity to advance the renovation of the Portsmouth Square Improvement Project.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.