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Mohammed Nuru, Director



**TO:** Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Mohammed Nuru, Director of Public Works *MN*  
**DATE:** November 6, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Apply, Accept, and Expend State Grant  
**GRANT TITLE:** Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Grant

Attached please find the original and 4 copies of each of the following:

- Proposed grant resolution; original signed by DPW
- Grant information form, including disability checklist
- Grant budget
- Grant application

**Special Timeline Requirements:**

Departmental representative to receive a copy of the adopted resolution:

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Certified copy required  Yes  No



## **Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Grant Program**

### Summary

DPW proposes to use \$17,861 in state grant funds for the ‘Grey 2 Green’ School Project at Bret Harte Elementary School, located in Bayview Hunters Point. The grant will fund conversion of impervious concrete into permeable landscaping, as well as the planting of street trees.

### Background

On behalf of the State of California’s Strategic Growth Council (SGC), the Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program grants funds for urban greening plans and projects in urban areas that provide multiple benefits, including but not limited to: a decrease in air and water pollution, a reduction in the consumption of natural resources and energy, an increase in the reliability of local water supplies, or an increased adaptability to climate change. The goal is for these greening projects to incrementally create more viable and sustainable communities throughout the State.

Through collaborative efforts at various levels of government and community stakeholders, urban greening plays an important role in creating sustainable communities. Therefore, in order to demonstrate a project's capacity for meeting these statewide goals, the SGC is seeking written support, to be included as part of the application, from entities with jurisdiction over the project.

### Project Selection

Bret Harte Elementary was selected in order to address multiple environmental justice issues stemming from the school’s proximity to two power plants as well as Candlestick Park and its associated foot traffic, garbage, and vandalism. In addition to contributing to carbon sequestration and storm water management through the removal of concrete, installation of landscaping, and additional street trees, the project will also tie to the curriculum of Bret Harte’s school garden program, as well as provide training for SF Conservation Corpsmembers.

The grant will use \$17,861 to fund construction and plant establishment, as well as associated project management and permitting activities.

For questions, please contact Rachel Alonso, DPW Analyst, at 415-554-4890.

