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Invitational Grant Application: *Pathway Invitational*

San Francisco Office of the City Attorney

ID: G-202309-290576

Application Lead: Khanh Russo

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Award Date: November 9, 2022

Amount Awarded: \$200,000.00

Amount Requested: \$200,000.00

Lead Pathway: Policy and Innovation

Application Review

Draft	Review	With Applicant	Active	Closed
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Lobbying Review

App Lead Review	App Lead Declined	VP Review	VP Declined	Lobbying Approved
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Internal Instructions

Common Application Type : Pathway Invitational

Status

Granted

At the Granted stage, App Leads will:

- Monitor Payments and Annual Check-in Reports
- Close the grant when applicable.

Grantee has responded to send back comments: Hello Khanh and Matthew, thank you for the opportunity to partner with the San Francisco Foundation. We're excited to apply for funding, and appreciate your support of our work. We look forward to your feedback on our application! Best, Rebekah

▼ Internal - Co-funding

Is this a co-funded grant?*

A co-funded grant is a grant that involves two separate budgets.

Yes

Lead Pathway: Policy and Innovation

Note: This Lead Pathway field auto-populates with what is entered as the Lead Pathway in **Basic Award Information** .

The Budget Manager for the Lead Pathway should be the approver of the co-funded grant when it is in the Budget Manager Review state. Contributing pathways should use the comments field to indicate when their funding sources and payments have been entered.

Cofunding Pathways: Policy and Innovation

Is this co-funded grant being co-managed?

A co-managed grant is a co-fund in which the non-lead team would like some level of involvement. Enter the co-fund pathways, leads, and the level of involvement in the fields below.

No

Projected Amount from Policy & Innovation: \$50,000.00

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2. Eligibility

We will first ask you some questions to determine your organization's eligibility.

What is your current tax status?*

University or Government Body

Will all of the work for which you are requesting funding take place in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, or San Mateo County?*

Yes

This is eligible!

▼ 3. Application Request Summary

Type of Support Requested*

Note: For 501(c)(4) organizations, we cannot fund general operating support and can only fund project support.

General Operating Support

Start Date/Project Start Date* 10/1/2022

Requested Duration (in months)* 24

Amount Requested/Project Request Amount* \$200,000.00

Short Purpose*

If you are requesting Project Support, describe the purpose of the project in 1-2 sentences. If you are requesting General Operating Support, enter "For general operating support of ..." and then state your organization's mission or strategic focus.

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For general operating support of the City Attorney's leadership in statewide affirmative litigation and policy work.

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4. Confirm Organization Details**Organization***

San Francisco Office of the City Attorney

Location

San Francisco ,CA

Primary Contact

Rebekah Krell

Authorized Signatory

Katie Porter

Financial Contact

Rebekah Krell

▼ If the person you wish to select as Primary Contact, Authorized Signatory or Financial Contact is not listed in the dropdowns above, click [here](#) to provide their information.

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Last Name	
Job Title	
Work Phone	
Email	

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Financial Contact	
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Last Name	Okai
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Organization Information

The below address information is taken from what is currently input on your

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organization's Organizational Profile. If this not a mailing address, or needs updating, please contact grantsmanagement@sff.org for assistance with updating this address.

Organization Name:	San Francisco Office of the City Attorney
Organization Address:	City Hall, Room 234 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, 94102
Tax ID/EIN:	94-6000417

▼ 5. Engagement of Low-Income and Communities of Color

Briefly describe the specific barriers or opportunities faced by the people your project/organization impacts.*

The San Francisco City Attorney is authorized under state law (Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et seq.) to pursue allegations of unfair and unlawful competition civilly. In these cases, the City Attorney – whose top priorities include affordable housing, civil rights, climate change, consumer protection, and workers' rights – represents the People of the State of California.

Our office has a strong history of fighting for, and winning, major cases that benefit the public interest, ranging from defending marriage equality and sanctuary city laws, to securing groundbreaking settlements against lead paint manufacturers and most recently, winning a landmark opioid trial against pharmaceutical companies.

In all of these cases, we are focused on holding bad actors accountable in pursuit of justice for vulnerable communities, particularly low-income people of color. As examples, our recent case against illegal dumping sought to protect residents in the City's Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood; we recently brought cases to expose negligent landlords taking advantage of low-income and immigrant tenants.

We are interested in expanding the scale and scope of our outreach by developing a comprehensive communications plan and strengthening our strategic partnerships with community-driven nonprofit organizations, our peer civil prosecutors throughout the state, and members of the public, to grow the impact of our affirmative litigation work and our role in effecting positive social change.

▼ 6. Strategy and Impact

What are your strategies to advance racial and economic equity?*

San Francisco City Attorney David Chiu, appointed by Mayor Breed in November 2021, and elected by San Francisco voters in June 2022, has dedicated his career to

advancing racial and economic equity. Over 13 years, he served as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, as well as in the California State Legislature as an Assemblymember, establishing a track record of championing the needs of tenants, immigrants, workers and communities of color. City Attorney Chiu brings strong personal values and years of professional experience to his new role, leading the country's premier local public law office. He is committed to leveraging the full authority of the Office -- as well as a talented team of exceptional lawyers and staff -- to further equity and justice.

Our strategy is twofold. First, the affirmative litigation work as described above, which enforces existing laws to hold bad actors accountable, and ensure consequences, including financial awards to individuals who have been wronged, as well as additional resources to re-invest in social services and public programs. Second, working collaboratively to leverage an existing network and building strategic partnerships to effectively advocate for policy change at the state level.

San Francisco has long been at the forefront of social and political change. As has often been stated, as San Francisco goes, so goes California; as goes California, so goes the nation.

How are communities closest to the issues your organization is working to address involved in decision making, program delivery, staffing and leadership?*

Under City Attorney Chiu's leadership, the Office has been increasing community outreach efforts. Recently, this has included hosting dozens of policy convenings with hundreds of non-profit leaders to share information and align efforts across issue areas. We're also exploring enhancing our code enforcement platform to include additional language translation and improve public accessibility, so we can receive and respond to complaints directly.

The foundation's primary interest is the impact your organization or project is planning to make. Outcomes help us understand how you will get there. Enter the most important outcome you hope to achieve in this grant period.*

▼ [Click here for guidance on outcomes:](#)

Outcomes are the intended result of what will happen because of your work during this grant period.

For Example: A policy change organization seeks to end the criminalization of Black and Brown students.

Sample Outcome: A series of conversations among local school districts and communities will shift the way schools traditionally think about discipline and safety issues.

Outcome 1:*

Equitable housing and economic empowerment policies will be developed and passed through a statewide alliance of civil prosecutors who work closely with grassroots, advocacy and policy organizations on affirmative litigation.

Outcome 2 (Optional):

Influence at the state legislature will be strengthened through the development of a strategic plan that coordinates advocacy efforts across the State.

What are your organization's capacity building needs and priorities beyond this particular request to the San Francisco Foundation for grant funds, for example financial health/management, forming strategic relationships, board recruitment, communications, etc.? (Optional)

▼ Why we ask

This information will inform San Francisco Foundation's capacity building strategy. Capacity building refers to activities that help an organization improve their effectiveness and future organizational sustainability. Examples include fundraising, building strategic relationships, evaluation and learning, strategic planning, governance, etc.

Staffing: the City Attorney's Office is focused on attracting and retaining qualified talent in order to ensure we have the capacity to expand our work and move forward. We recently created a new position, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and hired an exceptional individual to fill this important role, which will lead all of the Office's racial equity initiatives and ensure we meet our goals.

▼ 7. Lobbying

▼ [Click here for definition of Lobbying](#)

Lobbying

Starting in July 2020, the San Francisco Foundation has changed the way that the Foundation has elected to report lobbying to the Internal Revenue Service and will be operating under the substantial part test, instead of the 501 (h) election. This should enable the Foundation to fund a greater amount of lobbying activity but requires the Foundation to collect data from grantees and accurately report all funding for lobbying.

All applicants need to let us know whether or not they are going to use any funds granted to them from the San Francisco Foundation for lobbying during the proposed grant period. This is required whether the grant is a general operating support grant or a project support grant.

To determine whether you plan to lobby with the funds you are requesting from the San Francisco Foundation, please read the following **non-exhaustive list** of activities associated with lobbying and our definitions of Grassroots and Direct Lobbying below. Please note that these definitions apply for the purpose of reporting by the San Francisco Foundation, since the Foundation is operating under the substantial part test, and they may differ from how your organization records lobbying. **Please note that the San Francisco Foundation under NO circumstances permits its funding to be used to support or oppose candidates running for office.**

Grassroots lobbying:

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Is communication with the general public with respect to specific legislation (other than ballot measures) that reflects a view on the legislation and qualifies whether or not it has a call to action.

Direct Lobbying:

Is communication with a legislator, an employee of a legislative body or other government official participating in the formulation of legislation that refers to specific legislation and reflects a view on the legislation. In the case of a ballot measure, the communications with the general public count as Direct Lobbying as the general public are the legislators.

Examples of Lobbying Activities:

1. Voter registration which recommends how to vote on legislation
2. Communications with the general public that express a view on specific piece of legislation, regardless of whether it is in support or in opposition to the proposed legislation
3. Recommending whether to vote in favor or in opposition to a specific piece of legislation
4. Voter education and the distribution of materials that includes recommending how to vote on legislation
5. Canvassing or transportation to get-out-the-vote (GOTV) with the aim of influencing how people vote on legislation
6. Speaking to elected officials with the aim of influencing how they vote on legislation

Examples of Non-Lobbying Activities:

1. Position neutral voter registration
2. Distributing vote-by-mail applications
3. Assembling lists of potential voters
4. Position neutral voter preference polls/canvassing
5. Position neutral voter education on issues
6. Position neutral voter education materials
7. Position neutral phone banking to get-out-the-vote (GOTV)
8. Other position neutral GOTV activities (e.g. transportation to the polls to vote)
9. Post balloting follow-up on issues

Based on the above definitions and sample activities, are you applying to the San Francisco Foundation for funding for lobbying activities?*

We ask about lobbying activities to comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations. Your response does not impact funding eligibility.

Yes

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Of the total amount requested, what amount will be used for Lobbying?*

\$50,000.00

Finally, in order for us to have maximum impact with the dollars we have available for lobbying expenditures, we need to understand what legislation you are trying to impact with your lobbying activities. Please describe what legislation, including ballot measures, you intend to influence through lobbying activities for which you are requesting support from the San Francisco Foundation.*

The San Francisco City Attorney's Office is focused on legislative opportunities to further the scope and scale of our affirmative litigation work. We are interested in partnering with advocates and subject matter experts across policy areas of mutual interest— most notably, affordable housing, civil rights, climate change, consumer protection, and workers' rights— to craft a strategic policy plan.

Most recently, we built a coalition including organized labor advocates and the largest City Attorney and County Counsel Offices in the state to help pass AB 2766, a bill authored by Assemblymember Brian Maienschein that expands our authority to issue pre-litigation subpoenas. This tool will allow us to investigate suspected wrongdoing more efficiently and effectively.

▼ 8. Financial Information

What is your organization's annual budget?*

Your response does not impact funding eligibility. This question helps us understand the size of organizations that we support.

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▼ 9. Documents

Instructions to upload a document:




1. Click on the + button and select Add File.
2. Choose the file on your computer, select a file type from the dropdown box, and click Start Upload.

Organization Budget

Organization Budget: Please upload the latest organization budget available for your organization.

Documents related to your organization that the foundation has on file are shown here. Contact grantsmanagement@sff.org if any are outdated.



ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS

 **Public-Budget-Presentation-BY2023-and-BY2024.pdf**  



Organizational Budget
Added by Rebekah Krell at 12:27 PM on October 10, 2022

In addition to required financial documents, upload any additional documents you'd like to include with your application. Uploading additional documents is optional.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

 **Re Grant Agreement for Signature - Grant 290576.msg** 

Other Document
Added by Cynthia Gonzales at 3:09 PM on November 16, 2022

 **CAT_Budget_AAO_FY23.pdf** 

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Added by Rebekah Krell at 4:55 PM on October 10, 2022

▼ 10. Thank You

This is the end of the application.

Click "Save and Close", then "Submit" to submit your application. You will not be able to edit your application after it has been submitted. If you have any technical issues, email grantsmanagement@sff.org.