



## Behested Payment Wavier Request

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The San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) has a long history of successful public-private partnerships that have brought together resources to implement programs that have housed hundreds of people, prevented homelessness, and changed the futures for countless people in our community. These partnerships have leveraged millions of dollars in private funds and public resources and together supported us to maximize impact in our community.

We can more efficiently and effectively achieve our shared goals of reducing homelessness when we work together across sectors to pilot new initiatives and scale evidence-based solutions. To that end, HSH is interested continuously in conversation with the philanthropic sector to build partnerships, develop critical initiatives, and support the needs of the nonprofit organizations operating the Homelessness Response System.

The majority of foundations working to address homelessness ultimately seek to advance systemic policy change as an integral part of their mission, which places them in the gray area of the “attempt to influence” clause included under the definition of “interested parties”. This includes foundations like Tipping Point Community that have put forward millions of dollars to move forward innovative solutions to address the crisis on the streets. For this reason, out of an abundance of caution, HSH treats any foundations as potential interested parties. Additionally, any entity that contracts with HSH is considered to be an interested party, including the San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund (SF HAF).

HSH staff covered under this waiver will continue to participate in conversations with funders, potential funders, non-profit providers, contractors and other key partners to support a coordinated funding strategy to address homelessness in San Francisco. This includes continued conversations to support the Mayor’s Breaking the Cycle initiative as well as other public-private partnerships and initiatives to meet urgent and unmet needs of our most vulnerable residents.

### Engagement with Potential Interested Parties

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HSH staff covered under the previous waiver has engaged with the following entities that may be considered interested parties to HSH to either build connections, coordinate funding strategies, support local nonprofit organizations, or invest in the key initiatives to address homelessness in our community:

- Crankstart
- Tipping Point Community
- San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund
- Schwab Foundation

