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Office of Economic and Workforce Development
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Dear Budget & Finance Committee,

The following is the retroactivity statement in regards to the Office of Economic and Workforce Development's grant from the North Valley Workforce Development Board (NOVA):

The approval for retroaction prevents a gap in service. The Bay Area Equity Collaborative, which is our Regional Planning Unit (RPU) applied for a California Workforce Development Board Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP) grant on May 6, 2022. Our RPU received notice of the award on August 1, 2022. The RERP grant is set to be funded for the period of 12/01/2022 - 09/30/2025, which brings us 3-months behind schedule without ability to invoice for the grant's activities. NOVA, a member of our RPU, is the lead recipient for this grant and serves as a "pass through" entity for the other local workforce development boards within the local regional planning unit. Within each workforce board there will be further sub-granting to community colleges which is a requirement of the funding. For SFOEWD, our community college partner is the City College of San Francisco.

Please consider approving this grant for retroactive spending to avoid a delay in services for local job seekers.

Sincerely,

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