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FYI – this was the announcement that came through email back in Feb.

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The Office of Economic and Workforce Development is looking for panelists to serve on the 2021-2022 grant cycle peer review panels in early 2021. We are in need of small business owners, community organizers, event producers, people with experience in workforce programs, and people with

experience organizing outdoor events. You do not need to be an SF resident to be a panelist. **Apply at link.oewd.org/joinpanel.**

What does a panelist do?

- Ensure the transparency of OEWD's grantmaking practices.
- Review, rank, and comment on grant applications in the category that's specific to their expertise.
- Meet in a virtual setting where panel discussions may be recorded.
- Receive compensation for each application reviewed.

Why be a panelist?

- It's a great networking opportunity.
- Learn about people, organizations, and projects in the works.
- You have a voice in deciding funding recommendations for project proposals.
- It's all virtual this year.
- Panelists receive payment.

What are we looking for in a panelist?

- A strong connection to one or more of San Francisco's communities and neighborhoods (you do not need to currently be a resident to apply).
- Practicing professionals with deep knowledge and experience in diverse categories such as: growing a business, career and vocational training, community organizing, promising practices for nonprofits, event planning and programming, emerging technologies, innovative solutions for social change, facility, and capital needs.
- Experience growing economic opportunities for businesses or individuals, and in advancing cultural and racial equity.
- Someone with an interest in taking a behind-the-scenes look at the grant-making process.
- Someone who is representative of both San Francisco's demographics and the specific 2020 applicant pool in terms of race/ethnicity, gender, LGBTQ, and differently-abled representations.

FAQs

I am a current grantee, can I be a panelist?

Yes, you can!

I am applying for a grant, can I be a panelist?

Yes, just not for the grant you applied to.

Who curates the review panel and selects the panelists?

The Program Officer administering the grant category.

I'm living outside of the Bay Area right now, can I apply?

Yes! We want people with strong connections to San Francisco neighborhoods

and communities.

DEADLINE TO APPLY **Tuesday, March 9th**

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NOTE: Panelists may separately apply for grants and will not be assigned to a review where they may have perceived conflicts of interest. Examples of recent and active requests for proposals can be found at oewd.org/bids.

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