

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 20-0045

WHEREAS, On November 13, 2018, by Resolution No. 18-0189, this Commission approved the establishment of a Green Infrastructure Grant Program to offer grants for owners of properties in San Francisco containing large impervious surfaces to deliver cost-effective stormwater management performance for SFPUC's collection system; and

WHEREAS, On February 5, 2019, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 26-19 delegating authority under Charter Section 9.118 to the SFPUC General Manager to enter into grant agreements with terms of 20 years under the SFPUC's Green Infrastructure Grant Program, provided that this Commission must approve the award of each grant at a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC has determined that a Green Infrastructure Grant Program targeting properties in San Francisco containing large impervious surfaces will deliver cost-effective stormwater management performance for SFPUC's collection system; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC has developed eligibility criteria for the Grant Program set forth in the Grant Program Guidelines, including a minimum project size of 0.5 acres of impervious surface in order to ensure that projects receiving grant funding will provide significant stormwater performance; and

WHEREAS, The Grant Program Guidelines also require that grant-funded projects must manage the first 0.75 inches in rainfall depth over the drainage area, consistent with SFPUC capital projects; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC has allocated \$3,000,000 in Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) funding for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019, and \$5,000,000 in SSIP funding for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020 to launch the Green Infrastructure Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Under the Green Infrastructure Grant Program Guidelines, approval of grant applications for construction will be contingent on the proposed project's compliance with all applicable local, State, and federal permit requirements. Funds for construction will not be issued until the project has undergone environmental review in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31; and


WHEREAS, The SFPUC now recommends modifying the Grant Program Guidelines to issue grant payments to grantees in four disbursements as follows: (1) for planning and design related costs (up to 20% of total grant amount), (2) 50% of the approved construction bid, (3) 40% of the approved construction bid, and (4) 10% of the approved construction bid; and

WHEREAS, Under the new procedures, the second payment of 50% of the construction bid will be approved only after SFPUC review of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document or determination of exemption for the project and SFPUC approval of the construction phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the proposed modifications to the Grant Program Guidelines is on file with the Commission Secretary and was presented to the Commission at its February 25, 2020 meeting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Commission hereby approves the modifications to the Green Infrastructure Grant Program Guidelines to issue grant payments to grantees in four disbursements as follows: (1) Payment 1: up to 20% of total grant amount for planning and design related costs, (2) Payment 2: 50% of the approved construction bid, (3) Payment 3: 40% of the approved construction bid, and (4) Payment 4: 10% of the approved construction bid.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of February 25, 2020.



Secretary, Public Utilities Commission