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Public Works Order No: 206864

REQUESTING AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND \$1,193,594 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY’S URBAN AND COMMUNITY FOREST CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION OF A TREE NURSERY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT THE SOUTH OF MARKET TREE NURSERY, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH CAL FIRE

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the State Legislature has appropriated General Funds for the state’s urban forestry programs; and

WHEREAS, The State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (“CAL FIRE”) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and non-profit organizations under the program, and

WHEREAS, Said procedures established by CALFIRE require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application that is submitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, acting by and through the Department of Public Works (“Public Works”), will enter an agreement with the State of California to carry out an urban forestry project (“Grant Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, Public Works’ future South of Market Street Tree Nursery, funded and developed pursuant to a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation, will be constructed on a 14,000 square-foot vacant freeway parcel in the South of Market neighborhood. The South of Market Street Tree Nursery will address the immediate need to grow and assemble trees for tree planting in addition to the community’s needs for increased tree canopy and green space to address the air pollution and environmental justice impacts of the nearby I-80 freeway and heavy vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, On November 22, 2021, Caltrans, the Lead Agency for the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), issued a notice of exemption, attached as Exhibit 1, which determined that the Project constitutes a Class 1 Categorically Exempt project under Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations; and

WHEREAS, On February 3, 2022 CAL FIRE approved Public Works' application and awarded Public Works \$1,193,594 to partner with a non-profit organization to hire and train twenty residents from disadvantaged and low-income communities, including the South of Market, Tenderloin, Mission, Excelsior and Bayview neighborhoods, for a period of up to six-months working approximately 32 hours per week for \$19.00 per hour, to develop the skills needed to overcome barriers to employment and establish careers in urban forestry ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, Public Works will employ one full-time staff position to support nursery operations and the Project; and

WHEREAS, In compliance with the requirements of Administrative Code Section 10.170-1, the Department shall transmit this Order to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors along with the following documents: (1) the Caltrans notice of exemption (Exhibit 1); (2) the approved Proposal (Exhibit 2); (3) the Grant Agreement (Exhibit 3); (4) the proposed resolution signed by the Department, the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, and the Controller, attached as Exhibit 4; (5) the associated Grant Information Form, attached as Exhibit 5; and (6) a cover letter to the Clerk of the Board substantially conforming to the specifications of the Clerk of the Board (together with the Order and all referenced exhibits, the "Legislative Package"); and

WHEREAS, The Department has reviewed the contents of the Legislative Package; now, therefore, it is hereby:

REQUESTED and RECOMMENDED, that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed resolution; certify that the City has sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; certify that funds under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors are available to begin the project; certify that Public Works will expend grant funds prior to March 30, 2026; appoint the Director of Public Works, or the Director of Public Works' designee, as agent of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to conduct negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project; and authorize Public Works and the Clerk of the Board to take further actions, as may be deemed necessary by CAL FIRE before Public Works may accept and expend the grant funds for the Project, as set forth in the Legislative Package.

It is so ordered.

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