

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Social Impact Commitments in Contracting]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to authorize the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to include Social Impact Commitment criteria as a qualitatively scored element in solicitations for certain contracts at designated thresholds.

Existing Law

Under existing law – primarily Administrative Code Chapter 6 and Chapter 21 – the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is authorized to procure construction services, professional services, and certain commodities. The SFPUC has an existing Social Impact Partnership (SIP) Program where, in response to certain contract solicitations under Chapter 6 or Chapter 21, proposers are invited to submit with their proposals an additional proposal to donate time and/or money to a nonprofit organization or public school. The evaluation of the SIP proposals is made part of the competitive process for the contract. The successful proposer then enters a contract with its proposal becoming a commitment under the contract.

The Board of Supervisors, by Ordinance No. 204-22 (File 220539) [amending Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code § 3.600, et seq.], exempted from the behested payment prohibition the SFPUC SIP Program solicitations until January 31, 2023 and any similar program to be authorized by ordinance.

Amendments to Current Law

By this new Chapter 21F, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the SFPUC to implement a Social Impact Partnership Program through Rules and Regulations to be adopted by the SFPUC Commission with parameters specified in the ordinance.

Background Information

The Social Impact Partnership Program authorized by this ordinance will supercede the existing SFPUC SIP Program.

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