

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 18-0189

WHEREAS, Green infrastructure protects and enhances the function of the City and County of San Francisco's combined sewer system by reducing the volume and rate of stormwater run-off into the system; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has a multi-faceted program to maximize the detention and retention of stormwater, including through green infrastructure; 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 attached 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, This action does not constitute a "Project" under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) because the proposed Green Infrastructure Program creates a government funding mechanism which does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a physical change in the environment. Under the Green Infrastructure Grant Program Guidelines, approval of grant applications 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 has conducted stakeholder outreach to owners of parcels containing large impervious area and has found enthusiastic potential grant applicants interested in delivering these stormwater management benefits; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Commission hereby approves the attached Green Infrastructure Grant Program Guidelines, including the eligibility criteria set forth therein; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Commission delegates to the General Manager the authority to negotiate, award, and execute grant agreements, in substantially the same form as on file with the Commission Secretary, with a term of 20 years and a maximum grant amount of \$765,000 per impervious acre managed for up to a maximum grant amount of \$2,000,000 each, with grantees who meet the eligibility requirements under the Grant Program Guidelines, and recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt an ordinance delegating its authority under Charter Section 9.118 to the SFPUC General Manager to execute such grant agreements for a term in excess of 10 years; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby authorizes the SFPUC General Manager to enter into any amendments or modifications to the grant agreements that the General Manager determines, in consultation with the City Attorney, are in the best interest of the City, do not materially decrease the City's rights or materially increase the obligations or liabilities of the City, are necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes and intent of the grant agreements or this resolution, and are in compliance with all applicable laws, including the City Charter.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of November 13, 2018.



Secretary, Public Utilities Commission