



OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Ben Rosenfield
Controller

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board

FROM:

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Ben Rosenfield

DATE: May 17, 2021

SUBJECT: Notification of Gross Receipts Tax Designation Ceiling to the Neighborhood Beautification Fund

Article 12B-1 of the Business & Tax Regulations Code establishes the Neighborhood Beautification and Graffiti Clean-Up Fund Option (now known as the Community Challenge Grant Program), under which taxpayers subject to the gross receipts tax may elect to designate a portion of their tax liability to the Fund. Section 1032 requires the Controller to calculate the maximum percentage of their tax liability that taxpayers can elect to contribute to the Fund such that total contributions will be approximately \$1,000,000, adjusted for inflation.

To permit the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector to create the online filing forms necessary to collect the gross receipts taxes, our office calculated the tax year 2021 target contribution amount and resultant contribution rate. The inflationary increase for tax year 2021 was calculated with data from the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics website using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) – All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco–Oakland–Hayward CA Area, with annual factors from the end of the prior year.

Given tax year 2020 contributions of \$1.50 million, we estimate that a 5.9% contribution ceiling would result in contributions equal to the inflation adjusted target amount of \$2.37 million for tax year 2021. Figures are provided in the table below.

Tax Year	CPI	Fiscal Year	Target Contributions (\$ millions)	Actual Contributions (\$ millions)	Contribution Rate
2017	3.01%	FY 2017-18	2.11	2.12	3.4%
2018	3.22%	FY 2018-19	2.18	1.74	3.3%
2019	3.87%	FY 2019-20	2.26	2.52	4.2%
2020	3.31%	FY 2020-21	2.33	2.33	3.8%
2021*	1.72%	FY 2021-22	2.37	1.50	5.9%

*Contributions for tax year 2021 are estimated.

Please contact me or Michelle Allersma, Director of the Controller's Office Budget and Analysis Division, at (415) 554-4792 if you have any questions regarding this information.