

**ZERO WASTE PROGRAM
FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GRANT AWARDS - 2006**

Introduction

The Zero Waste program of the Department of the Environment issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on October 24, 2005, and received twenty-nine proposals on January 19, 2006. The Zero Waste program coordinated the schedule of these dates with the Department's Environmental Justice Program. The Residential and Special Projects Recycling staff spent over 500 hours reviewed written grant proposals, interviewed applicants and then evaluated each proposal. Grants were evaluated with recommendations from the Controller were incorporated in the scoring. The following Zero Waste and Recycling grant award recommendations are referred to the Commission for approval.

San Francisco Food Bank will increase recovery of food destined for landfill through their Local Fresh Rescue Program perishable food recovery program. This will add 150 tons to the 1100 tons diverted by the Food Bank. Amount of award: \$60,000.

Folsom Street Events will increase their zero waste efforts at Folsom Street Fair and Up Your Alley. In the past they have diverted 78% and with this funding they proposed to reach over a 90% diversion rate. Amount of award: \$19,000.

Goodwill Industries will increase diversion with the purchase of a horizontal baler, which will allow them to market 156 tons of stuffed animals, 16 tons of leather belts, 31 tons of purses and 11 tons of hats. Amount of award: \$40,000.

Children's Book Project will divert children's books from San Francisco's waste through their redistribution efforts to low income families and school teachers. In addition they will educate their 5,000 clients on the curbside composting program. Amount of award: \$10,000.

San Francisco Bike Coalition will activate their membership and the motivate the greater 50,000 person San Francisco bike community on how to maximize their recycling and use the curbside composting program through a "Cycle & Recycle" campaign. Amount of award: \$44,000.

Supportive Housing Employment Collaboration will create the Employment Readiness Program to train and place formerly homeless clients in waste diversion jobs at special events and to promote recycling in supportive housing sites where they live. Amount of award: \$25,000.

Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council will add a vermicomposting unit to their operation of a drop-off recycling and Zero Waste center at 780 Fredrick St. where they divert 1350 tons of material annually. Amount of award: \$60,000.

Planet Drum Foundation will incorporate a requirement for home composting into curriculum their Bioregional Education Program to over 150 participants and promote the composting and recycling programs to their extensive membership and Green City Calendar outreach. Amount of award: \$6,000.

San Francisco Clean City Coalition will increase reuse efforts at Gigantic 3, the monthly recycling and disposal event. In addition Clean City will conduct outreach to 2,000 households each month regarding

recycling/composting programs and to provide recycling technical assistance to special events in San Francisco. Amount of award: \$80,000.

Garden For the Environment (GFE) will continue the highly successful Gardening Composting Educator Training Program activating the 600 graduates to promote composting. GFE will also provide free backyard composting classes to San Francisco residents, students, and community gardeners and maintain the Garden for the Environment located at 7th and Lawton Street. Amount of award: \$99,000.

San Francisco Conservation Corps will help residents increase recycling and composting at San Francisco Housing Authority's Alice Griffith Housing Development. This pilot project takes advantage of recent improvements the community garden and green resource center at the Double Rock community. Amount of award: \$50,000.

Urban Sprouts School Gardens will provide garden based education to schools within OMI/Excelsior, Sunnydale, Visitation Valley and Bayview and teach students to promote waste reduction and composting in their homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities. Amount of award: \$10,000.

Charity Cultural Services Center will conduct outreach to the Chinese speaking communities in the Sunset, Richmond and Chinatown districts in order to maximize recycling/composting efforts. Progress will be tracked by calculating the diversion rate for each garbage route. Amount of award: \$60,000.

Scrungers' Center for Reusable Arts Parts (SCRAP) will capture and reuse an additional 30 tons of materials that do not currently have a recycling market for redistribution to artists, teachers and residents for use in art and educational projects. Amount of award: \$30,000.

San Francisco Community Recyclers (SFCR) will operate the City's only full-scale used building material reuse yard, Building Resources, and will expand their innovative glass remanufacturing project Red Shovel Glass. In addition SFCR will operate donation drop-off centers for a total diversion of 2,160 tons. Amount of award: \$112,000.

Black Rocks Art Foundation will organize neighborhood public art projects utilizing used materials and activate about 75,000 residents, to increase awareness and use of the recycling and composting programs. Amount of award: \$50,000.

Under One Roof will salvage resaleable materials from the convention and showplace industry waste stream in San Francisco to directly benefit AIDS support organizations and encourage customers, clients and community members to increase participation in the composting and recycling programs. Amount of award: \$45,000.