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## **SAN FRANCISCO ANNOUNCES 2020-2021 INTERFAITH WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM OPENING**

*The Interfaith Winter Shelter Program opened today, November 30, increasing shelter capacity for people experiencing homelessness during the winter season*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH), the San Francisco Interfaith Council (SFIC), and Episcopal Community Services (ECS) today announced the opening of the Interfaith Winter Shelter Program. Now in its 32nd year, the Interfaith Winter Shelter Program opened today, Monday, November 30, 2020, increasing shelter capacity for people experiencing homelessness during the winter season.

“Our Homelessness Recovery Plan will create thousands of new placements for homeless residents in order to bring them off the streets and into housing, but there continues to be an immediate need for more places for people to go. That is why the Interfaith Winter Shelter Program is so important,” said Mayor Breed. “The winter season can be particularly difficult for people experiencing homelessness and it is our responsibility as a city to make sure that everyone has a safe place to sleep at night. We are grateful to our local faith organizations for opening their doors and making this program possible.”

The Interfaith Winter Shelter Program will serve 67 individuals experiencing homelessness at St. Mary's Cathedral beginning November 30, 2020 – January 31, 2021. At present, the end

date of the program is January 31, 2021 as the site's availability is contingent upon the status of the pandemic. HSH and Interfaith Winter Shelter Program Partners will continue to closely monitor the landscape of the pandemic while exploring other options to support winter shelter resources being available through the winter months. The program will provide guests with two hot meals and takeaway lunches and mobile showers will be provided.

“For over three decades the San Francisco Interfaith Council has hosted the San Francisco Interfaith Winter Shelter, in collaboration with the City and County of San Francisco and Episcopal Community Services,” said Michael Pappas, Executive Director, San Francisco Interfaith Council. “Traditionally, the shelter has transitioned among four religious facilities with meals prepared and served by over 50 congregations. COVID-19 health precautions require a very different model for the 2020-2021 season. We are grateful to the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption for generously offering their site as an extended stay location. This location and the ongoing leadership of the City and ECS means that the Interfaith Winter Shelter may continue to operate at this critical time.”

The Interfaith Winter Shelter Program will adhere to COVID-19 public health guidance for congregate-style shelters that includes but is not limited to:

- Physical distancing of ideally 6 feet between individuals during sleep and while moving throughout the designated areas of shelter space.
- Face coverings will be provided and are required to be worn by guests and staff.
- Enhanced cleaning processes.
- Access to handwashing and sanitation stations.
- Minimizing the introduction of new risk by maintaining a stable cohort whenever possible.
- Based on the DPH environmental health assessment, new enhanced filters (MERV 13) will be installed in the HVAC and settings to the system will be adjusted to maximize air filtration.
- Enhanced food safety practices.

ECS has been providing the services for the Interfaith Winter Shelter for the last 32 years and is funded by HSH to provide services at the 2020-2021 Interfaith Winter Shelter Program.

“The shelter capacity expansion that the Interfaith Winter Shelter Program will bring to our homelessness emergency response system is critical,” said Beth Stokes, Executive Director, Episcopal Community Services. “ECS is proud to partner for our 32nd year with the City and the San Francisco Interfaith Council on this initiative. It is of the utmost importance that vulnerable members of our community are not only able to seek respite from the elements, but Shelter-In-Place in a safe and dignified manner.”

Based on COVID-19 public health guidance for congregate-style shelters, the 2020-2021 Interfaith Winter Shelter Program will not accept walk-ins. All referrals to the Interfaith Winter Shelter Program will be made through the centralized referral process managed by the COVID-19 Command Center.

“My deepest gratitude to the San Francisco Interfaith Council, Episcopal Community Services, St. Mary's Cathedral and the faith community for meeting the challenges of this difficult year, to provide expanded congregate shelter capacity and warm meals this winter,” said Abigail Stewart-Kahn, Interim Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. “COVID has impacted everything, including this longstanding program.

With our partners, and in a COVID informed manner, this winter we will continue to offer each guest dignity, meals and connection to the City's larger Homelessness Response System."

For more information about the 2020-2021 Interfaith Winter Shelter Program, please visit: <https://hsh.sfgov.org/services/shelter/emergencyshelter/>.

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ON THE RESIGNATION OF  
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GENERAL MANAGER HARLAN KELLY**

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today issued the following statement following the resignation of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) General Manager Harlan Kelly.

“Today, I accepted Harlan Kelly’s resignation as General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. The allegations detailed in the Federal Investigation conducted by the US Attorney’s Office are disturbing and unacceptable for anyone serving in our government, let alone the leader of one of our largest departments. As public officials, we have to hold ourselves to the highest standard and put the public good before all else. As I’ve said from the beginning, any City employee involved in issues related to this investigation needs to cooperate and come forward with any information. At this time, SFPUC Deputy General Manager Michael Carlin will serve as Acting General Manager of the SFPUC and I have asked the SFPUC Commission to undergo a national search for a permanent replacement.”

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**SAN FRANCISCO'S NEW STREET CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM  
LAUNCHES TODAY**

*Partnership between the Department of Public Health and Fire Department begins with first SCRT Team on the street today with more teams to come as pilot ramps up.*

*SCRT offers a non-police response to calls related to people suffering from mental health and substance use issues on City streets.*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the launch of the first phase of San Francisco's Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT) pilot program. The first team will begin responding to 911 calls regarding people experiencing behavioral health crises today. The Street Crisis Response Team is part of San Francisco's efforts to develop alternatives to police responses to non-violent calls, which advances the Mayor's roadmap to fundamentally change the way that the City handles public safety, and is also a major step in implementing Mental Health SF.

The SCRT pilot program is a collaboration between the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the San Francisco Fire Department with significant support from the Department of Emergency Management. The San Francisco Police Department will also be a key partner in the transition of certain types of 911 calls to the new teams. Each team includes a community paramedic, a behavioral health clinician, and a behavioral health peer specialist. The goal of the new program is to provide an appropriate non-law enforcement response to behavioral health emergencies in San Francisco and divert individuals in crisis away from

emergency rooms and criminal legal settings into behavioral health treatment. The SCRT aims to provide trauma-informed clinical interventions and care coordination for people who experience behavioral health crises on the streets of San Francisco.

“This new program can help us break the cycle that all too often keeps people going in and out of our emergency rooms or our jails. When the Street Crisis Response Team responds to a call for someone in crisis, they’ll be able to help with compassion and clinical skills to get people the care and support they need,” said Mayor Breed. “Changing the way we respond to non-violent calls is going to take work and it’s going to take time. The SCRT is an important first step in our long-term effort to change how we respond to people suffering on our streets.”

The program’s first team starts today, Monday, November 30, 2020, and will initially operate Monday-Friday, from 10am-6pm. This first team will focus on responding to calls in the Tenderloin, which will allow the SCRT to respond efficiently to calls in a high-need and relatively small geographic area during the initial phase of the program. Additional teams will be phased in over the coming weeks and months, ramping up to at least six teams by the end of March 2021, with the goal of enabling the SCRT to operate citywide, 7 days per week and up to 24 hours a day.

The team is dispatched to address calls for service by the 911 call center. Through pairing behavioral health specialists and medical professionals, the Street Crisis Response Team can begin to respond to some of the calls that the SFPD currently answers. While the first phase will focus on calls involving “mentally disturbed adults,” the objective of the pilot program is to respond to additional calls regarding behavioral health over time. In addition, individuals will be connected to services and supported by DPH to ensure follow-up care is coordinated.

“We are proud to be adding this model to the existing crisis response services at the Department of Public Health. Particularly important is including a team member with lived experience of behavioral health challenges to this service,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “Over time, we will build on what we learn from this first team and be able to connect more people in crisis to trauma-informed care.”

“The San Francisco Fire Department has been a pioneer in the field of community paramedicine,” said Chief Jeanine Nicholson of the San Francisco Fire Department. “The fire department’s EMS-6 team, through trauma-informed engagement and compassionate advocacy, has for the last five years led the way in connecting vulnerable people to definitive care for acute medical, mental health and social needs. The Street Crisis Response Team will continue the innovation on a larger scale and the collaboration with the Department of Public Health will facilitate access to care for those experiencing behavioral crises on our streets.”

The service model for the Street Crisis Response Team is unique in the incorporation of a behavioral health peer specialist who has lived experience of homelessness, mental illness, and/or substance use disorder. Peer specialists are people who have been successful in the recovery process and are skilled to help others experiencing similar situations. DPH has contracted with HealthRIGHT360 to hire the behavioral health clinicians and with RAMS, Inc. (Richmond Area Multi-Services) to hire the behavioral health peer specialists. This team will coordinate with other street outreach teams including the Department of Public Health’s Street Medicine team, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing’s Homeless Outreach Team, and the Fire Department’s EMS-6 team.

As the SCRT program is phased in, the Police Department will continue responding to calls that are non-violent, and/or behavioral health-related, since the single team will not be able to respond to all the behavioral health crisis calls received. However, once the pilot program is fully ramped up by the end of March, the City expects that SCRT teams will be able to respond to approximately 17,000 calls for service per year, which is equivalent to the number of non-violent “mentally disturbed person” calls to which the Police Department currently responds.

In June, Mayor Breed announced that the City is in the process of creating a system to divert non-violent calls from the Police Department to other first responders. Establishing a Street Crisis Response Team is an essential part of this system and enables appropriate calls to be directed toward behavioral health and medical professionals. Mayor Breed has convened the Alternatives to Policing Steering Committee to help guide the City’s process for identifying alternatives to police response for non-violent calls to 911 and 311.

The Street Crisis Response Team pilot program is part of the first phase of implementation of Mental Health SF, the City’s strategic framework for improving the behavioral health response to people experiencing homelessness. In addition to funding the Street Crisis Response Team, the City’s budget for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22 includes funding to establish an Office of Coordinated Care within the Department of Public Health, increasing behavioral health bed capacity to reduce wait times to access treatment beds, and expanding service hours at the Behavioral Health Access Center.

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[20201202\\_hpc.docx](#)  
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Commissioners,  
Attached are your Calendars for December 2, 2020.

I hope you all enjoy a festive and safe Thanksgiving.

Cheers,

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Good Afternoon Commissioners:

Today, the Planning Department published a Notice of Preparation of an EIR and a Notice of a Public Scoping Meeting for San Francisco International Airport's Shoreline Protection Program.

The Notice of Preparation is attached. I've also attached the Notice of Availability in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Tagalog.

You are not required to take any action at this time, but please contact me if you have questions regarding the environmental review for this project.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

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## **MAYOR LONDON BREED'S ANNUAL TURKEY GIVEAWAY DISTRIBUTED OVER 5,000 TURKEYS TO FAMILIES AND RESIDENTS**

*In place of large giveaway events that cannot occur due to COVID-19, City departments, the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, and community partners worked together to safely distribute turkeys at public housing locations and non-profit organizations*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the City, in partnership with the A. Philip Randolph Institute of San Francisco (APRI), delivered turkeys and other various dry goods to families at public housing sites and non-profit organizations in San Francisco as part of the 14th Annual Mayor's Turkey Giveaway. This Thanksgiving season the City and its partners created a new distribution plan because COVID-19 prevented the ability to do the annual turkey giveaways where large crowds gathered. Despite these challenges, more than 5,000 frozen turkeys and packages of dry goods were distributed across San Francisco to residents of public housing and families that have been severely financially impacted due to COVID-19.

This year's turkey giveaway is especially important for San Francisco's most vulnerable residents. Prior to COVID-19, one in four San Francisco residents were at risk of hunger due to low income. COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted these families even further. The City's unemployment rate is at an estimated 8.4%, with more than 200,000 San Franciscans applying for unemployment. While public schools, food banks, and state and local food

security programs continue to provide food assistance for extremely low-income households, many families in public housing or underserved communities that have experienced a reduction in income and are struggling to make ends meet. The turkeys and packages of dry goods are providing some much-needed food security for the Thanksgiving holiday.

“This has been a hard year, and it’s more important than ever before that we give back to our communities, especially those who are most in need,” said Mayor Breed. “Thanks to the generous contributions of our donors, we’re able to continue this program during COVID-19 to help families enjoy Thanksgiving and the holiday season safely at home. If you’re looking for a way to help your neighbors in need, you can volunteer or donate to support San Francisco community organizations that provide people food during the holidays and year-round.”

This year’s turkey giveaway is a collaboration between the Mayor’s Office, the San Francisco Human Services Agency, the San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA), the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, the San Francisco Police Department, the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD), and HOPE SF. The turkeys were provided by the City with the generous support of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute of San Francisco via contributions to the City’s Give2SF Fund. Additionally, Whole Foods supported the giveaway with in-kind donation of 200 turkeys. [Give2SF](#) is currently accepting donations and funds provide shelter, food, and other assistance to individuals, families, small businesses, and nonprofits in San Francisco.

“The Mayor’s turkey giveaway helps our communities most in need to share the abundance of joy and gratitude on Thanksgiving with a warm, nutritious meal. This annual tradition comes during a time when the need for hunger relief is greater than ever,” said Trent Rhorer, Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Services Agency. “The fight to end hunger in our communities will last beyond this holiday season. Anyone struggling to afford food is encouraged to call 311 to find assistance. San Francisco’s pandemic emergency response services have provided millions of additional meals to help families through this incredibly challenging time. Please join us in giving back where you can to support our neighbors facing hardships from COVID-19.”

Due to COVID-19, the turkey deliveries were offered as part of existing food distribution efforts and there will not be giveaway events as in past years. Instead, SFHA and MOHCD helped distribute the turkeys. SFHA and MOHCD have been coordinating food to approximately 3,200 families living at their housing sites since the Stay Home Order took effect in March 2020. Staff members been follow all COVID-19 safety protocols, and cleanliness and sanitation requirements.

“Food security is an important facet of all our lives, which cannot be ignored regardless of the season,” said Tonia Lediju, Acting Executive Director and Transition Lead, San Francisco Housing Authority. “The opportunity to care for others by showing our concern through meeting a fundamental need anytime is both an honor for SFHA and a necessity to uplift the individuals and families served in our great City. Being a partner in this effort is personally gratifying. It is an extension of who I am and who I was raised to be.”

The A. Phillip Randolph Institute (APRI), a local nonprofit organization, identifies families in need and helps to distribute the turkeys. The deliveries took place between Wednesday, November 18 and Monday, November 23, and the turkeys were handed out to families at

public housing sites in San Francisco in time for Thanksgiving.

“The holidays are a time to reflect on what we are thankful for and a perfect time to share compassion with our neighbors,” said Jackie Flin, Executive Director of APRI. “We want our community to know that we care about them, not just by our words, but also through our actions. It is an incredible privilege to serve the residents of San Francisco, and we look forward to continuing to making a difference in our community.”

“Whole Foods Market is proud to continue our commitment to helping the community become more food secure through our partnership with the city and the Mayor’s Turkey Giveaway,” said Omar Gaye, Whole Foods Market President of the Northern California Region. “It is both inspiring and a privilege to be involved in this annual tradition that brings the city and partner organizations together in such an impactful way to support families in need through access to nourishing food during the holiday season.”

Last week, Mayor Breed launched the [We Will Recover](#) campaign to promote individual actions San Franciscans can take to support San Francisco’s recovery from COVID-19. We Will Recover focuses on three ways people can do their part this holiday season: Holidays at Home, Shop and Dine in the 49, and Help Your Neighbors in Need.

Help your Neighbors in Need features San Francisco-based volunteering opportunities focused on food security and anti-isolation efforts during the holidays and into the new year. The site lists a range of volunteer opportunities with non-profit organizations that are working to provide food access and anti-isolation support to San Francisco residents. Help Your Neighbors in Need offers both in-person and virtual volunteer options. For those who prefer to donate to philanthropic efforts, the site offers San Francisco based giving campaigns that support San Francisco non-profit organizations, including the City’s Give2SF Fund. For more information, visit: [sf.gov/helpyourneighbors](https://sf.gov/helpyourneighbors).

San Franciscans who are need assistance getting or affording food should call 311 or visit [sf.gov/get-food-resources](https://sf.gov/get-food-resources).

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TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE  
STATUS OF WOMEN**

*Ellis, a progressive advocate and former Executive Director of the largest female political candidate training program in the country, will lead the Department's work of advocating for women, girls, and non-conforming people*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today announced that Kimberly Ellis will serve as the Director of the Department on the Status of Women. Ellis, a longtime progressive activist, formerly served as the Executive Director of Emerge California, the largest training program in the country for aspiring female political candidates. She is a progressive activist who has fought for the rights and representation of historically underrepresented groups on the local, state, and national level.

“I’m proud to announce that Kimberly Ellis will serve as the next Director of the Department on the Status of Women,” said Mayor Breed. “Kimberly is a tireless advocate for those who are too often overlooked in our society, and I know that in this role she will continue that work by improving the lives of women and girls in San Francisco. We know that the COVID-19 pandemic is disproportionately impacting women, exacerbating disparities that already existed beforehand. That’s why the work of the Department on the Status of Women remains more important than ever and why I’m proud that Kimberly will be leading it for years to come.”

The Department on the Status of Women was established in 1994 when voters approved Proposition E, which created a permanent Department to carry out the mission and policies of the Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission on the Status of Women was established in 1975 to ensure the equitable treatment and foster the advancement of the women and girls in San Francisco through programs, policies and legislation. In 1998, San Francisco became the first city in the world to adopt a local ordinance reflecting the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), an international bill of rights for women and girls.

“Equity and its creation of economic independence are the silver bullets for so many troubles facing all those this department intends to serve, and I am equally humbled and determined to make lasting change in the lives of all San Franciscans,” said Kimberly Ellis. “We know that when we raise up women, girls, trans, and gender non-conforming people, every aspect of our society improves. I thank Mayor Breed and the Commission for entrusting me to help transform and renew this vital department. A new era has begun in America and it’s time we empower all marginalized people in the dismantling of systemic racism and the white male patriarchy that has held too many back for far too long.”

After running national operations for Emerge America, Ellis was tapped to lead the flagship affiliate, Emerge California, as its Executive Director. For nearly a decade, Ellis successfully led the California affiliate, growing what had been a regional training program into a statewide electoral force for women candidates and elected officials.

Inspired by her grandmother’s lifetime of community service, Ellis launched Unbought - Unbossed (UnB2) in summer 2018. An incubator for the next generation of political disruptors, at its core, UnB2 is about civic education, civic engagement and civic empowerment. Unbought - Unbossed was designed to be a powerful vehicle to drive a collective narrative to elevate and support the voices and work of everyday activists who seek to create progressive change in their communities.

“Kimberly Ellis is an outstanding choice to lead the Department into its next chapter,” said Breanna Zwart, President of the Commission on the Status of Women. “Ms. Ellis will bring a wealth of unique experience as a grassroots activist and leader to the role, including extensive civic engagement across California and serving as the executive director of the nation’s largest training program for female candidates for office. I look forward to working with her in ensuring justice and equal opportunity for all women, girls, and gender-nonconforming people across our city and the region.”

“Kimberly Ellis is a vibrant leader who possesses the experience and skill to bring together a broad coalition for the common good,” said philanthropist Susie Tompkins Buell. “Her appointment to lead the Department on the Status of Women will elevate it to a new level and her leadership will be a boon to other women’s groups and to the City and County of San Francisco as a whole.”

“Many people are effective leaders, but it’s Kimberly’s heart and her undeniable record as an ardent flag bearer for women and historically marginalized communities that ensures her tenure will truly be transformative for women, girls, trans people, and our gender non-confirming community here in San Francisco and beyond,” said Mia Satya, former Youth Commissioner. “Kimberly will certainly take this critical department to a whole new level at a

time when we need her unique skills the most. We could have no greater champion and fearless warrior than her and I can't wait to see what she'll do!"

Ellis holds a law degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from Jacksonville University. She lives in the Bay Area and is a proud, single, working mom of two teenagers and their cat, Agave.

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**Subject:** Feedback on Observation Wheel at Music Concourse - Noise from Generator

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Dear Mr. Hyland and others,



I am severely impacted by the noise from the generator at the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse. The generator is running 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The noise is so pervasive that I can no longer exercise (tai chi, martial arts) in the Music Concourse, even at the opposite end. I have been training there every day in the early morning since 2006. I suffer from chronic migraine and am sensitive to both noise and bright light. Training there in the early morning improves my health and enables me to work. I have been unable to find a suitable replacement spot because the bright streetlights throughout the park give me instant migraine also.

I was unaware anyone was seeking feedback on the Observation Wheel. I have called 311 numerous times to complain about this issue. I have been told the Observation Wheel must perform computer simulations all night long and that the generator must be on because of safety CAL/OSHA rules.

I am suffering terribly with migraines now. We (people and animals) need to have places to go where it is peaceful and quiet, especially in this pandemic time. The noise is especially bad in the early morning (5-8 am) and seems less obtrusive as background noise levels increase. I need to train early in the morning because I work. If they could just turn the generator off for 2-3 hours (5-8 am) each morning, that would help significantly.

I am also gravely concerned that the Observation Wheel will become a permanent fixture in the park. The Observation Wheel came from Cincinnati where it was initially just supposed to operate for a few months. That period of time was extended and eventually they decided to build a new larger permanent structure. The portable Observation Wheel was then sent to San Francisco. You can see the pattern.

In the meantime, the noise is destroying my health.

Please help!

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES \$3.1 MILLION IN  
GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATIONS**

*Funds will support the acquisition, relocation and renovation of nonprofit facilities to protect and extend critical programs such as affordable housing, workforce development, and safety net services for low-income residents*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, the San Francisco Arts Commission, and Community Vision today announced \$3.1 million in financial assistance for nonprofit organizations. The grant funding will help neighborhood-serving nonprofit organizations acquire space, relocate or renovate their facilities, and secure long-term leases or ownership, and advances Mayor Breed's ongoing efforts to promote San Francisco's economic recovery.

The Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative is aligned with several key recommendations from the Economic Recovery Task Force. The grants stabilize and preserve operations for nonprofit organizations that ensure access to affordable housing, advance job connections, meet the basic needs of the City's most vulnerable residents, and promote accessible arts and culture programming. Additionally, the Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative provides a model of advisory services for commercial tenants that the Economic Recovery Task Force recommended the city expand to avoid foreclosures and evictions.

“During this pandemic, our Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative investments have shown the power and potential of owning your own space,” said Mayor Breed. “We’ve seen the Mission Resource Hub spring into action for food security and family resources, we’ve seen La Casa de las Madres and the Asian Women’s Shelter address a heartbreaking rise in domestic violence, we’ve seen Meals on Wheels grow meal production and jobs in the Bayview. These nonprofits are all prior recipients of NSI funding, and they’ve been crucial to the City’s pandemic response by providing key services and resources to thousands of residents. San Francisco’s nonprofit community will play an important part in our economic recovery, ensuring that we keep up our focus on equity, and continue our investments in neighborhood organizations and our most vulnerable residents.”

Nonprofit organizations are invited to apply for this funding, which is part of the San Francisco Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative, a multi-agency collaboration to address key challenges facing the nonprofit sector, including the high costs of real estate. San Francisco’s groundbreaking approach to create and sustain the Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative has been adapted regionally and across the country.

“Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative grants have strengthened Black, Latinx, immigrant and women led organizations so they may continue their service to our diverse communities. Our City’s neighborhood and community-serving nonprofit partners have been vital in addressing essential needs as well as longstanding inequities that have been exacerbated by the pandemic,” said Joaquín Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “We continue to hear from nonprofit leaders that real estate investments are critical to their resilience —allowing them to predict costs, work together, build equity, and deliver essential services to our most vulnerable residents while promoting San Francisco’s economic recovery.”

The Mission Resource Hub, owned collectively by Jamestown Community Center, Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc., and the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) and operated in collaboration with the Latino Task Force and Mission Language and Vocational School, was a recipient of the Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative. The organization received a \$1 million grant to acquire their new space. Today, the Hub serves as the primary resource center for wraparound services.

“The Mission Resource Hub has been a lifeline for Jamestown Community Center’s youth and their families in the Mission and Excelsior,” said Nelly Sapinski, Executive Director of Jamestown. “With the Mission Resource Hub in place, our families are receiving basic needs support such as food and financial assistance as well as connection to essential services such as COVID testing and healthcare during this challenging time and unprecedented crisis.”

Over the past three and a half years, San Francisco’s Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative has supported the ownership and stabilization of nonprofit space for 59 organizations for an average lease term of 7.1 years. San Francisco organizations have been awarded a total of \$12.37 million. Twelve nonprofits have secured permanent homes including organizations supporting youth, seniors, immigrants, survivors of domestic violence, artists, and people with disabilities. In August, Mayor Breed announced \$3.1 million in grants, including \$2.15 million in vital support for Latino-led organizations expanding their space and services at new affordable housing sites in the Mission District.

The nearly 6,600 nonprofit organizations that call San Francisco home are an important part of the City's unique fabric and economic recovery. Many of San Francisco's nonprofits deliver critical services to support the most vulnerable in our communities, advance racial equity, and enrich and expand appreciation for the arts and culture during the COVID-19 pandemic. Approximately one of every 14 employees in San Francisco works at a nonprofit, accounting for approximately 49,000 jobs. This includes 37% of all healthcare and social assistance workers, 64% of educational service providers and 21% of those employed in the arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Nonprofits that are eligible for the Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative grants may apply for support in the following four categories:

- **Acquisition:** \$2.2 million to seed acquisition of newly nonprofit-owned space and incentivize philanthropic investment in space stabilization.
- **Relocation and Renovation:** \$675,858 to mitigate the destabilizing impact of one-time costs for relocation or renovations necessary to extend a lease of three years or more.
- **Community Cornerstones:** \$250,000 available for eligible organizations to support tenant improvements for nonprofit space at 100% affordable housing sites.
- **Technical Assistances:** Community Vision will build skills of nonprofits seeking to better understand and evaluate real estate opportunities, negotiate a lease, and secure real estate resources.

Nonprofits interested in applying for assistance can visit [communityvisionca.org/sfsustainability](https://communityvisionca.org/sfsustainability) for program details, eligibility guidelines, and to register for information sessions. Information sessions will take place on Thursday, December 3 at 5:00pm and on Wednesday, January 6 at 10:00am. Applications must be received by **12:00 pm, January 29, 2021** to be considered for awards.

“Even in these unprecedented times, security of place continues to be a priority for nonprofits,” said Saul Ettlin, Director of Consulting at Community Vision. “These critical funds help organizations stay in the communities they serve and deliver on their missions.”

The Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative complements San Francisco's funding of nonprofit services and resources for low-income residents and aims to maintain and expand these vital services by deploying financial assistance, professional services, assessment tools and other resources to address key challenges facing the sector, including the high costs of real estate. In 2019-20, the City's financial investment in nonprofit services and resources in San Francisco totaled more than \$995 million supporting access to health care, housing, legal assistance, counseling, job training, arts education, child care and other vital services and resources.

For more information on the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and to learn more about the Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative, visit [oewd.org/nonprofits](https://oewd.org/nonprofits).

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES FREE YEAR-ROUND  
ADMISSION TO GARDENS OF GOLDEN GATE PARK FOR  
LOW-INCOME FAMILIES**

*Visitors to gardens enrolled in government food assistance programs can visit the Botanical Garden, Conservatory of Flowers, and Japanese Tea Garden year-round at no cost*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the San Francisco Botanical Garden, Conservatory of Flowers, and the Japanese Tea Garden will offer year-round, free admission to any visitors receiving government food assistance benefits. Free admission of up to four people will be granted at all three Golden Gate Park gardens with an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card showing enrollment in CalFresh or other Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). San Francisco residents who show their Medi-Cal card can also receive free admissions to the gardens of Golden Gate Park.

The free access to the gardens of Golden Gate Park advances a key priority of the City's Economic Recovery Task Force by serving San Francisco's most vulnerable residents and ensuring all San Franciscans can access and enjoy the City's unique cultural assets.

"Access to nature is more important than ever and Golden Gate Park in particular has been an oasis for so many of us during COVID-19," said Mayor Breed. "All San Franciscans, regardless of their income, should have access to the art and cultural institutions that our city

has to offer. Now income won't be a barrier in preventing visitors to the Park from taking in our beautiful Botanical Garden, visiting the Conservatory of Flowers, and exploring history at the oldest public Japanese garden in the country."

Admission fees at the gardens range from \$20 to \$38 for a family of four to visit, creating a barrier for low-income families to access the cultural and educational benefits that these institutions offer. While access to the San Francisco Botanical Garden is free for San Francisco residents, approximately 35% of the Garden's visitors live outside of San Francisco.

"We all deserve access to nature, wonder, and discovery. These experiences enrich our interests, deepen our learning, and ease our stress. Our commitment to equity means income is no longer a barrier to enter Golden Gate Park's world class gardens," said San Francisco Recreation and Park Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg.

The benefits are a result of the three San Francisco Recreation and Park Department institutions joining Museums for All, a national access program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Association of Children's Museums. [Museums for All](#) aims to break down that barrier to open doors of opportunity for families to experience cultural education programming, and is part of the gardens' broad commitment to seek, include, and welcome all audiences. In addition, through [San Francisco Museums for All](#), San Francisco residents can show their Medi-Cal card or EBT to receive free admission to the gardens of Golden Gate Park and other museums and cultural attractions throughout the City.

More than 500 institutions participate in the national Museums for All initiative, including the California Academy of Sciences, Children's Creativity Museum, de Young Museum, Exploratorium, GLBT Historical Society Museum, and Museum of Craft and Design in San Francisco. In San Francisco, over twenty museums and cultural institutions participate in San Francisco Museums for All, which provides free admissions to benefits recipients of the San Francisco Human Services Agency.

### **Eligibility Guidelines for Free Admission to the Gardens of Golden Gate Park:**

**San Francisco residents:** People who receive CalFresh or Medi-Cal can receive up to four free tickets when they show their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card or Medi-Cal card and proof of San Francisco residency.

**Non San Francisco residents:** People who receive CalFresh or SNAP benefits can receive up to four free tickets when they show their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card.

### **About San Francisco Botanical Garden**

San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum is a living museum within Golden Gate Park, offering 55 acres of beautiful gardens displaying more than 8,000 different kinds of plants from around the world. The Garden features nationally accredited collections of high elevation palms, Mesoamerican cloud forest plants, and Magnolias. San Francisco's mild climate allows the Garden to grow plants from six continents, making San Francisco Botanical Garden unique in the U.S. The collections also include many other species that are rare or endangered in the wild.

The Garden is normally open 365 days of the year and is free for city residents and members.

Easily accessed by public transport, the Garden welcomes more than 400,000 people annually – 60% of whom experience the Garden free of charge. The Garden also normally offers dozens of free programs for our communities. Established in 1940, originally as Strybing Arboretum, San Francisco Botanical Garden is a public/private partnership between San Francisco Botanical Garden Society and the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

### **About San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers**

The San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers is a botanical garden of rare and unusual tropical plants located in Golden Gate Park. The oldest existing wood-and-glass conservatory in North America, the Conservatory of Flowers houses nearly 2,000 species of plants from more than 50 countries around the world. It is one of the few botanical institutions in the nation that highlights cloud forest orchids. Immersive displays in five galleries include plants from the low and highland tropics, aquatic plants, and potted plants, a dedicated gallery to a style made popular in the Victorian era. As one of the top San Francisco cultural institutions, it has attracted millions of visitors since it first opened its doors in 1879. It is designated as a city, state, and national historic landmark. For more information, visit:

[www.conservatoryofflowers.org](http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org)

### **About Japanese Tea Garden**

The Japanese Tea Garden provides visitors from around the world with an opportunity to experience the natural beauty, tranquility and harmony of a Japanese-style garden in the heart of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Originally created as a "Japanese Village" exhibit for the 1894 California Midwinter International Exposition, the site originally spanned about one acre and showcased a Japanese style garden. Today, the Japanese Tea Garden endures as one of the most popular attractions in San Francisco, featuring classic elements such as an arched drum bridge, pagodas, stone lanterns, stepping stone paths, native Japanese plants, serene koi ponds and a zen garden. Cherry blossom trees bloom throughout the garden in March and April.

### **About the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department**

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department currently manages more than 220 parks, playgrounds and open spaces throughout San Francisco, including two outside city limits—Sharp Park in Pacifica and Camp Mather in the High Sierras. The system includes full-complex recreation centers, swimming pools, golf courses, sports fields and numerous small-to-medium-sized clubhouses that offer a variety of sports- and arts-related recreation programs for people of all ages. Included in the Department's responsibilities are Golden Gate Park, Coit Tower, the Marina Yacht Harbor, the San Francisco Zoo and Lake Merced.

In 2017, San Francisco became the first and only city in the nation where all residents have access to a park within a 10-minute walk, a direct result of the Department's commitment to increasing and improving parkland in the city.

### **About the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

**About Association of Children's Museums (ACM)**

The Association of Children's Museums (ACM) champions children's museums worldwide. With more than 400 members in 48 states and 20 countries, ACM leverages the collective knowledge of children's museums through convening, sharing, and dissemination. Learn more at [www.childrensmuseums.org](http://www.childrensmuseums.org).

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*Proposition H, placed on the ballot by Mayor Breed and passed with over 60% of the vote, streamlines the permitting process for small businesses and helps them respond to new conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today issued an Executive Order to City departments to implement Proposition H, the Save our Small Businesses ballot measure, within 30 days. A working group of relevant departments will be convened by the Mayor's Office to implement the process reforms set out in Proposition H in order to make it easier for small businesses to open, as well as adjust their operations, as small businesses continue to struggle during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proposition H, which was sponsored by Mayor Breed and approved by voters in the November 2020 election, streamlines the permitting process for businesses, creates more flexibility in zoning and how businesses can operate, supports arts nonprofits, and encourages more vibrant commercial corridors throughout the City. It requires the City to shorten the permitting process for permitted uses to 30 days, which will save many small businesses months in process and often tens of thousands of dollars in associated costs. Proposition H

additionally relaxes some zoning restrictions and allows more businesses to provide a mix of products and services, as well as allowing art-nonprofits to use some commercial corridors where they were previously unable to do so.

“Our system for permitting small businesses to open and operate was broken before the pandemic, but now it’s a matter of life and death for countless restaurants, retail establishments, and other businesses that we know and love in our community,” said Mayor Breed. “That’s why I introduced Prop H, and why an overwhelming majority of voters supported it, because we don’t have time to waste. With this Executive Order, we’re moving quickly to implement these changes now and help our small business community not only survive, but also recover and help get our economy back on track.”

San Francisco is home to approximately 94,000 small businesses, which make up 94 percent of all businesses in the City. This vital sector of our economy generates almost 360,000 jobs, employing about half of San Francisco’s workforce and contributing to the vibrancy of the City’s diverse neighborhoods.

Under the current system, small businesses must receive numerous permits from multiple City departments before they can operate. This process can regularly take between 6 months and a year and half, during which businesses are paying rent, taxes, and other operating expenses without being able to serve a single customer. These exorbitant upfront costs and unreasonable time delays deter people from starting business, leading to more vacant store fronts, less vibrant merchant corridors, fewer employment opportunities, and a smaller tax base. Small businesses that are already operating experience these permitting challenges as well. When attempting to acquire a new permit or change the way in which they operate, existing businesses must also go through an arcane permitting process that can take months.

“Proposition H is the most meaningful legislation to impact San Francisco small businesses in many years. Business permits can take over a year to obtain. Prop H reduces this to 30 days or less. Prop H gives existing businesses new tools to survive, and dramatically reduces the hassles new businesses face when trying to get started,” said Sharky Laguana, President of the San Francisco Small Business Commission. “San Francisco voted strongly in favor of Prop H, and we are very excited to see it implemented in the small business community.”

“Our small business community was suffering before the complete devastation of the COVID-19 crisis, so the implementation of Prop H could not come at a better time to help us rebuild our beloved neighborhood corridors,” said Ben Bleiman, President of the San Francisco Entertainment Commission. “It is hard to overstate the positive effects that Prop H will have on both existing and new small businesses. Rather than take years to open - while paying rent the entire time - new mom and pop stores will be able to open their doors in only 30 days. For businesses trying to adapt their models to the changing economy, what used to take hundreds of days and mountains of red tape now can be done with a simple authorization. The road ahead is going to still be incredibly difficult for the small business community, but Prop H gives us a fighting chance. We thank Mayor Breed on her bold, visionary leadership to help Prop H become a reality!”

“Prop H is critical to the success of our small businesses, and I’m glad Mayor Breed is moving so quickly to get it implemented,” said Cyn Wang, Wang Insurance Agency. “We don’t have time to waste because countless small businesses in San Francisco are struggling every day to get by, and I’m optimistic that this will make a difference for our city’s economic recovery.”

“After taking 3+ years to open Che Fico on the second floor of an old auto body garage we were struck by the complete inadequacy of the process,” said David Nayfeld, Chef and Partner, Che Fico and Che Fico Alimentari. “We were in a position to improve the building, the community, and add to the city’s tax base, yet we slowed at every turn of the process. There was never any guidance or visibility on how long it would take. There were so many times people told us to give up and walk away. We are very fortunate that we stayed the course. Because we could. So many would-be small business owners don’t have the resources to fight against a machine like that. Prop H will finally create accountability and more importantly, visibility around this already daunting task of opening a business in San Francisco.”

Mayor Breed’s other recently announced efforts to support small business and arts and cultural organizations include:

- Expanding the San Francisco Hardship and Emergency Loan Program (SF HELP) by \$3.5 million. The program will provide zero interest loans of up to \$50,000 to approximately 80 small businesses as San Francisco continues on the road to economic recovery.
- Providing \$2.5 million in support for entertainment and nightlife venues in the form of additional fee and tax waivers.
- Extending Shared Spaces permits through June 30, 2021 and working to make elements of the program permanent beyond that date.
- SF Shines Program, providing \$1.6 million in grants and design services to support neighborhood businesses that need to purchase furniture and fixtures and reconfigure space in order to meet health requirements for operating.
- Directing nearly \$6 million in funding for artists, teaching artists, arts organizations, and cultural workers, including a new universal basic income pilot program for San Francisco artists.
- The Cultural Districts Community Building and Impact program will award \$265,000 to each legislatively approved Cultural District working to preserve, strengthen, and promote their cultural communities.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Breed has launched several initiatives and programs to assist businesses in San Francisco:

- Business tax deferrals for small businesses with up to \$10 million in gross receipts. Mayor Breed and Treasurer Cisneros notified small businesses that their first quarter businesses taxes can be deferred until February 2021. No interest payments, fees, or fines will accrue as a result of the deferral.
- \$10 million Workers and Families First Paid Sick Leave Program, providing up to 40 hours of paid sick leave per employee.
- \$9 million Emergency Loan Fund providing up to \$50,000 in zero-interest loans for individual small businesses.
- \$2.5 million Resiliency Grants providing up to \$10,000 grants to over 300 small businesses.
- \$3.2 million for the African American Small Business Revolving Loan Fund.
- \$1 million for Neighborhood Mini-Grants to Support 300 Small Businesses in Underserved Communities.
- \$2.5 million in support for working artists and arts and cultural organizations financially impacted by COVID-19.
- Supporting nonprofits funded by the City so workers do not lose their incomes.

Issuing a Moratorium on Commercial Evictions for small and medium sized businesses that cannot afford to pay rent.

- Capping the commission at 15% on 3rd party food delivery companies.
- Advocating for additional resources for small business and workers through the federal CARES Act.
- Establishing City Philanthropic [www.Give2SF.org](http://www.Give2SF.org) Fund, where donations will support housing stabilization, food security, and financial security for workers and small businesses impacted by coronavirus.
- Launching a one-stop City website for businesses and workers seeking resources, contacts, and updates during the COVID-19 emergency: [www.oewd.org/covid19](http://www.oewd.org/covid19).

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*The San Francisco Creative Corps pilot program will provide economic opportunities for 60 visual and performance artists, while also promoting public health during global COVID-19 pandemic*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the launch of the San Francisco Creative Corps pilot program to support artists and promote public health through art. The San Francisco Creative Corps pilot will provide economic opportunities for 60 San Francisco performance artists and visual artists who are underemployed due to COVID-19. The program is part of Mayor Breed's ongoing focus on economic recovery and slowing the spread of COVID-19 in San Francisco.

This holiday season, performing artists, including actors, musicians, and dancers, will be deployed as Community Health Ambassadors to creatively promote COVID-safe behavior. The Community Health Ambassadors will be deployed to areas have the greatest need for COVID-19 outreach, including Shared Spaces corridors, streets with outdoor restaurants, parks, and other high foot traffic areas. The City will also engage 30 visual artists to beautify storefronts with public health-themed murals in neighborhoods experiencing high rates of COVID-19. The first round of San Francisco Creative Corps' Community Health

Ambassadors will start this Saturday, November 21. The program will bring on 30 ambassadors who will be activated throughout the city on weekends during the upcoming holidays.

“Many artists and performers are out of work due to COVID and are looking for ways to pay their bills and make a living while also pursuing their artistic interests,” said Mayor Breed. “This new program supports artists financially while also reminding community members to stay safe this holiday season. San Francisco’s artists and cultural organizations are what make our city such a vibrant place, and we need to do all we can to support them. The Creative Corps is an innovative approach to help our artists during this difficult time, and will bring some joy and fun to public spaces throughout the City.”

The San Francisco Creative Corps program advances Mayor Breed’s efforts to support artists, arts, and culture organizations as part of San Francisco’s economic recovery. In recognition of the severe and ongoing economic impacts of COVID-19 on the arts and entertainment sector, as well as the importance of the arts to San Francisco’s identity, the Economic Recovery Task Force recommended that the City invest in supporting artists through programs like this one. In addition to supporting the arts, the Task Force recommended pursuing job connections, promoting safe reopening, and advancing racial equity, which this program fulfills with its focus on public health and investing in San Francisco’s diverse communities.

“San Francisco’s artistic communities are integral to our recovery efforts and the ongoing cultural and economic vitality of the city. By empowering artists, musicians, performers and muralists through Creative Corps, we’re cultivating an ecosystem where San Francisco artists can expand their contributions to the communities they live in and care for,” said Joaquín Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “Innovative programs such as Creative Corps will promote public health and safety messaging, support local businesses, and create jobs, while bringing inspiration and holiday cheer into our shared and public spaces.”

The City is funding the SF Creative Corps with \$250,000 from the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), and is working with Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA) and Paint the Void to administer the program. YBCA will administer the Community Health Ambassadors component of the Creative Corps program. YBCA will select artists in partnership with three local performing arts organizations: [San Francisco Bay Area Theater Company](#), [Dance Mission](#), and [SF Carnaval](#). The San Francisco Parks Alliance, in partnership with OEWD and the City’s COVID-19 Command Center, will assist with assigning Ambassadors to specific locations.

“The arts are a powerful tool for providing education and emotional healing, with a unique capacity to creatively communicate the need for public safety, while also delivering much-needed joy and inspiration,” said Deborah Cullinan, CEO, YBCA. “The SF Creative Corps connects San Francisco’s diverse and extensive creative community with the urgent civic needs that have been heightened by COVID-19, the resulting economic recession, and ongoing racial injustice. The pilot supports the city’s artists during this challenging time by offering them work and the chance to activate public spaces in service of our collective well-being. Thanks to our arts partners and the City and County of San Francisco, the SF Creative Corps will educate and inspire people to care for themselves and each other.”

In collaboration with the City and its three partner organizations, YBCA will train the

Community Health Ambassadors on COVID-19 safety protocols and communications. YBCA will provide a workshop to support the ambassadors in developing their own unique projects, which can take any form they wish, from live music to drive-by-dance-a-thons to comedian sets.

In addition to funding Community Health Ambassadors, the SF Creative Corps program will support the development of murals that promote public health. The City is working with Paint the Void, a Bay Area initiative to match local artists with boarded up businesses to create murals as a response to the “void” left behind by COVID-19. Paint the Void will solicit local visual artists and match them with boarded up businesses to create temporary murals that encourage public health and safety conscious practices in neighborhoods affected most heavily by COVID-19. Artists that live in or have strong ties with the neighborhood selected for an installation will be prioritized. Murals will highlight behaviors that protect the community: wearing masks, avoiding gathering in large numbers, and staying indoors. Illuminate SF, an organization dedicated to expanding the City’s light art, will provide temporary lighting on many of the murals.

“The SF Creative Corps is an opportunity not only to bring beauty and joy to public spaces but also to support artists during an economically challenging time while educating communities with critical public health messaging,” says Inga Bard, co-founder of Paint the Void and Art for Civil Discourse. “Art has the power to ignite public imagination towards a deeper understanding of how the virus spreads and how our actions can protect our families, friends, and neighbors.”

San Francisco visual artists are invited to submit their work to Paint the Void in order to be considered for this pilot by filling out [this short form](#). For more information on the San Francisco Creative Corps Community Health Ambassadors, please contact [aescobedo@ybca.org](mailto:aescobedo@ybca.org).

San Francisco Creative Corps complements San Francisco’s other efforts to support artists, including a new universal basic income pilot program for San Francisco artists, which will start early next year. The Arts Commission will also provide arts organizations with funding to reopen safely and will fund the creation of an online Arts Hub, which will serve as a one-stop-shop for artists and organizations looking for financial assistance, professional networking, and employment opportunities. Additionally, the Arts Commission has opened four other [grant programs](#) for artists, arts organizations, and cultural facilities. In August, Mayor Breed announced approximately \$12.8 million in general operating support grants to fund 227 arts and cultural organizations that enhance the City’s cultural vibrancy. In March, Mayor Breed directed \$2.5 million for an Arts Relief Program to invest directly in working artists and arts and cultural organizations financially impacted by COVID-19.

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**SAN FRANCISCO LAUNCHES 'WE WILL RECOVER' TO  
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HELPING NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

*The We Will Recover campaign encourages San Franciscans to take action to support the recovery of San Francisco and offers information and resources for residents to celebrate the holidays safely, support local businesses, and find ways to volunteer and support charity for those in need*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the launch of the We Will Recover campaign to promote individual actions that San Franciscans can take to support the City's recovery from COVID-19. We Will Recover launches amidst an increase in COVID-19 cases in an effort to offer the public ways to engage in traditional holiday activities safely during the pandemic.

We Will Recover focuses on three ways people can do their part this holiday season: Holidays at Home, Shop and Dine in the 49, and Help Your Neighbors in Need.

- **Holidays at Home** offers guidance about gathering and other holiday activities, as well as safe options for San Franciscans to engage in over the holidays.
- **Shop and Dine in the 49** offers information about how to support local restaurants and businesses during the holiday shopping season.
- **Help Your Neighbors in Need** offers information and access to San Francisco-based



volunteering and philanthropic activities during the holidays and beyond.

For more information about We Will Recover, go to [sf.gov/wewillrecover](https://sf.gov/wewillrecover)

“San Francisco will recover from COVID-19, but what that recovery looks like and how fast it comes is on all of us. Our individual actions to control the spread of the virus, to support our small businesses, and to help our neighbors in need is the key to our City emerging from the pandemic together,” said Mayor Breed. “The choices we make in how we spend our time and our money will lay the groundwork for our recovery from COVID and the economic challenges that have come with it. As we go into a holiday season unlike any other we’ve experienced, we wanted to show people all of the ways that they could support the City, even during a global pandemic.”

All three focuses of the We Will Recover campaign are central to positioning San Francisco for economic recovery. Continuing to manage and minimize the spread of the virus is key to continuing the City’s trajectory towards reopening and increasing economic activity. Supporting small local businesses allows those unique San Francisco establishments that are central to the City’s character continue to survive as they have during the challenges of the last nine months. San Francisco’s economic recovery also depends on meeting the needs of the most vulnerable residents. Philanthropic and volunteer efforts on the part of the public are important complements to the City’s ongoing efforts to fund programs and services that ensure San Franciscans have access to food, shelter, mental health, and other services.

“This is not an ordinary year and this will not be an ordinary holiday. It will be difficult but our actions this holiday season protect our loved ones and our community in the long run. Our ability to mitigate this virus is the best gift we can give to our family, friends, neighbors and our local businesses,” said Dr. Grant Colfax. “Choose to give the gift of health this holiday season by taking precautions and limiting activities to ensure we can celebrate big next year.”

Small businesses make up more than nine out of ten San Francisco businesses, employing more than half of the City’s workforce and generating tens of billions in economic activity each year – most of which remains in the City. Up to half of San Francisco’s small businesses are at risk of permanently closing. If San Francisco is to emerge from the pandemic with the robust small, local business base that it is so famous for and that makes the city such a diverse and vibrant place, San Franciscans must continue to support their neighborhood shops.

"This holiday season is crucial this year for our small businesses and they need our support. As many small businesses continue to struggle through this pandemic, every dollar counts to help them make ends meet and keep thousands of San Franciscans employed,” said Joaquín Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “As we make safe and smart choices to shop and dine, we want residents to remember that San Francisco’s mecca of amazing restaurants and local producers of crafts and products can survive only through your support and spending. Every dollar spent at local businesses, especially at our mom and pop shops in the diverse neighborhoods that define our City’s character, is essential for the ongoing cultural and economic vitality of San Francisco.”

“Shop and Dine in the 49 has become an important part campaign for San Francisco’s small businesses,” said Maryo Mogannam, President, Council of District Merchants. “It is woven into the fabric of our small business community, and now more than ever it is critical to the survival of our small businesses.”

Likewise, volunteering and donating to local San Francisco non-profit organizations supports vulnerable San Francisco residents who are in need of food and other essential services, especially during the holidays. Prior to COVID-19, [one in four San Francisco residents](#) were at risk of hunger due to low income, and the global pandemic has disproportionately impacted these families even further. The San Francisco Human Services Agency has [reported](#) an additional 34,515 applications for food assistance programs since March. Additionally, San Franciscans who are most vulnerable to COVID and who are staying home as much as possible are feeling the negative mental health effects of isolation. To meet these urgent needs during the holiday season, Help Your Neighbors in Need is launching with a focus on food security and anti-isolation efforts, and is promoting ways that San Franciscans can volunteer safely and donate to support their fellow residents in need.

“In addition to daily meal deliveries to thousands of homebound seniors living in the City, our team of staff and volunteers have, and continue to be, a friendly voice on the other end of the phone for senior meal recipients letting them know that someone cares about them and they’re not alone,” said Ashley C. McCumber, CEO of Meals on Wheels San Francisco. “With COVID, these essential services and friendly calls are more important than ever before. These phone calls help lessen the negative impacts of social isolation for older adults, which according to Meals on Wheels America’s recent data, is associated with detrimental health impacts and an extra \$6.7 billion in Medicare spending each year. We’re excited the City is launching Help Your Neighbors in Need because organizations like ours throughout San Francisco need volunteers and philanthropic contributions to serve our clients and make sure people are taken care of during the holidays and year round.”

The We Will Recover Campaign, as well as each individual focus, will have a website and will use a combination of traditional media, social media, flyers/signs, and advertising promote the key messages and offer individuals the information they need to take action. More information about We Will Recover is available online at: [sf.gov/wewillrecover](https://sf.gov/wewillrecover)

### **Holidays at Home**

The Holidays at Home Campaign incorporates multilingual public health guidance about Holiday Activities, Travel Advisories, and ideas about safe alternatives to traditional holiday activities. The choices people make this holiday season have direct impact on how many people will get sick and possibly die from COVID-19 this fall and winter. Staying at home and celebrating with your immediate household is the safest thing to do. Suggestions for safe and festive activities include preparing traditional family recipes with people you live with, hosting virtual holiday parties or creating decorations, crafts and greeting cards. San Franciscans are advised to avoid unnecessary travel and higher risk activities like holiday parties, large celebrations, and events that involve sharing food or drink especially if any of these activities occur indoors. Find more information, visit: [sf.gov/HolidaysAtHome](https://sf.gov/HolidaysAtHome)

### **Shop and Dine in the 49**

Shop and Dine in the 49 Mayor Breed’s year-round campaign supporting local businesses managed by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. This year the campaign features the Shared Spaces program and commercial corridors that have been closed to vehicles in order to facilitate outdoor shopping and dining opportunities. The Shop and Dine website will include a link to a map of all establishments permitted for outdoor operations through the Shared Spaces program and beginning Thanksgiving day, three Shared Spaces corridors in three opportunity neighborhoods will be decorated and offer prizes for shoppers

such as reusable tote bags and face masks. The neighborhoods include Excelsior, Chinatown, and Mission neighborhoods, all of which have seen a significant increase in retail vacancies over the last year. Additionally, a virtual social media feed of San Francisco based businesses that offer online and curbside pick-up options for holiday meal and gift shopping will be available through the Shop and Dine in the 49 website. For more information, visit:

[www.shopdine49.com](http://www.shopdine49.com)

### **Help your Neighbors in Need**

Help your Neighbors in Need features San Francisco-based volunteering opportunities focused on food security and anti-isolation efforts during the holidays and into the new year. The site lists a range of volunteer opportunities with non-profit organizations that are working to provide food access and anti-isolation support to San Francisco residents. Help Your Neighbors in Need offers both in-person and virtual volunteer options. For those who prefer to donate to philanthropic efforts, the site offers San Francisco based giving campaigns that support San Francisco non-profit organizations, including the City's Give2SF Fund. For more information, visit: [sf.gov/helpyourneighbors](http://sf.gov/helpyourneighbors)

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