

1 **Resolution approving Department of the Environment Funding Recommendations for**
2 **Zero Waste grant awards to seventeen organizations.**

3 WHEREAS, The Zero Waste program of the Department of the Environment
4 administers a grant program and provides funding annually to non-profit groups;

5 WHEREAS, the Zero Waste grant program diverts materials from the City's landfill by
6 funding non-profit organization to capture tons of reuseable, recyclable and compostable
7 products. The projects recommended below will divert over 7,000 tons, with over 50% going
8 to reuse and composting. This program has been ongoing since 1980's providing critical
9 community based solutions to the task of reducing the City's solid waste; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, the Commission approves the award of Zero Waste grants, totaling
11 \$808,000, to the following organizations:

12	San Francisco Clean City Coalition	\$ 95,000
13	Children's Book Project	\$ 10,000
14	Supportive Housing Employment Collaborative	\$ 50,000
15	Friends of SCRAP	\$ 40,000
16	Grupo de Comida	\$ 20,000
17	Goodwill Industries	\$ 50,000
18	San Francisco Community Recyclers	\$110,000
19	San Francisco Conservation Corps	\$ 40,000
20	Garden For the Environment	\$ 70,000
21	City College of San Francisco	\$ 40,000
22	Rebuilding Together	\$ 25,000
23	Urban Sprouts (Neighborhood Parks Council fiscal sponsor)	\$ 10,000
24	Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council	\$ 60,000

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1	Under One Roof	\$ 40,000
2	VIDA – Volunteers for Inter-American Development	\$ 40,000
3	Black Rock Arts Foundation	\$ 45,000
4	Charity Cultural Service Center	\$ 63,000

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6 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Commission on the Environment's Meeting on
7 May 22, 2007.

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8 Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

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9 VOTE: Approved 4-0 (2 Absent)

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Ayes: Commissioners Gravanis, Martin, Mok and Vice-President Wald

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Noes: None

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Absent: Commissioners King and President Pelosi Jr.

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ZERO WASTE PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GRANT AWARDS - 2007

The Zero Waste program of the Department of the Environment issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on December 22, 2006. We received twenty-three grant proposals on February 15, 2007. An evaluation panel comprised of four members reviewed and scored the 23 written grant proposals. Of the 23 proposals, 22 proposals received a score of 60 or higher, based on a scoring system of 100 total points. We invited these applicants to oral interviews conducted by a four-member panel. Based on the evaluation of the written proposals and oral interviews, we recommend that the Commission on the Environment approve the following seventeen grant awards, totaling \$808,000.

San Francisco Clean City Coalition will hire a Neighborhood Resource Manager and continue to coordinate the Gigantic 3 program diverting over 70% from each event including electronics and provide special event diversion services. Diversion goal: 300 tons. Recommended award: \$95,000.

Children's Book Project will reuse children's books from San Francisco through their redistribution efforts to low income families and school teachers. They will motivate their 5,000 clients to increase food scraps in the composting program. Diversion goal: 107 tons. Recommended award: \$ 10,000.

Supportive Housing Employment Collaboration will continue 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 multi-unit apartments where they live. Diversion goal: 150 tons. Recommended award: \$50,000.

Volunteers for Inter-American Development Assistance (VIDA) will expand there "Give Life" campaign and streamline their administrative and warehouse efficiency in order to see that more medical equipment and supplies are captured from the waste stream and reused. Diversion goal: 120 tons. Recommended award: \$40,000.

Garden For the Environment (GFE) will continue the Gardening Composting Educator Training Program and use students and 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. Diversion goal: 382 tons. Recommended award: \$70,000.

San Francisco Conservation Corps will continue to expand their special events services including 50 new events. Diversion goal: 116 tons. Recommended award: \$40,000.

Goodwill Industries will increase donation sites by establishing storefronts in commercial corridors and increase advertising for reuse and bring overall system diversion to 80%. Diversion goal: 336 tons. Recommended award: \$50,000

Urban Sprouts School Gardens will provide garden based education to schools within OMI/Excelsior, Sunnydale, teaching 250 students and 500 family members waste reduction and composting in their homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities. Diversion goal: 26 tons. Recommended 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 route. Diversion goal: 562 tons. Recommended award: \$63,000.

Scroungers' Center for Reusable Arts Parts (SCRAP) will capture and reuse materials that do not currently have a recycling market for redistribution to artists, teachers and residents for use in art, home decorating and educational projects. Diversion goal: 165 tons. Recommended award: \$40,000.

San Francisco Community Recyclers (SFCR) will operate the City's only full-scale used building material reuse yard, Building Resources, and will expand glass, ceramic and terracotta remanufacturing and add new salvaged lumber system. In addition SFCR will operate donation drop-off centers. Diversion goal: 2,160 tons. Recommended award: \$110,000.

Black Rock Art Foundation will public art projects utilizing used materials, develop high diversion, low consumption "house-party kits" and activate their 75,000 residents membership to increase awareness and use of the recycling and composting programs. Diversion goal: 658 tons. Recommended award: \$45,000.

Under One Roof will expand the salvage of resaleable materials from the 2 new convention's waste stream. Under One Roof will encourage customers, clients and community members to increase participation in the composting and recycling programs. Diversion goal: 350 tons. Recommended award: \$40,000.

Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council will initiate a intensive outreach effort to increase diversion on one Fan 3 route in the Haight, in addition to operating the largest drop-off center in the city. Diversion goal: 1375 tons. Recommended award: \$60,000.

Grupo de Comida will salvage 300 tons of food to support 1,800 residents of the Mission with the help from over 170 volunteers. Grupo also recycles and composts another 60 tons of materials. Diversion goal: 360 tons. Recommended award: \$20,000

City College of San Francisco will expand their successful campus recycling system to 4 satellite campuses in Chinatown, Downtown, Southeast and John Adams. The grant will purchase equipment with a 10-20 year lifespan and no future funding need. Diversion goal: 40 tons. Recommended award: \$40,000.

Rebuilding Together will expand their recovery of reuseable appliances, fixtures, carpet and other building materials and home furnishings for use in maintaining and improving homes for low-income and senior residents. Diversion goal: 50 tons. Recommended award: \$25,000.