



San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women Resolution Approving the Sole Source Grant Award to Freedom Forward

BE IT KNOWN That the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, the Department on the Status of Women has a new grant for building the capacity of the only youth-led center in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Department on the Status of Women desires to provide such a grant to Freedom Forward, a San Francisco-based organization aimed at the City's response to human trafficking by finding new ways to work together to tackle the complex needs of youth who have survived commercial sexual exploitation, and build the infrastructure needed to ensure that youth with lived experience can inform that system of care; and

WHEREAS, the Department on the Status of Women has determined through an evaluation of various centers in San Francisco, that Freedom Forward is the only entity that can fulfill this Public Purpose because they are the only youth-led center in San Francisco that permits high-needs youth to design and customize their own pathway to success by allowing for ongoing feedback and input from youth in addition to the only center that provides a low-barrier multi-services center for youth.

WHEREAS, Chapter 21G of the Administrative Code ("Chapter 21G") governs the award of grants and provides that granting agencies shall award all grants through an open and competitive process; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 21G.8 of the Administrative Code the Commission on the Status of Women may approve a waiver of the open and competitive process required under Chapter 21G if (1) a competitive process is infeasible or impracticable or (2) the Public Purpose may reasonably be accomplished by one particular Grantee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women approves the sole source justification and the Department on the Status of Women's award of the grant to Freedom Forward.

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