# San Francisco Financial Justice Project

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## The Financial Justice Project



A first-in-the-nation effort embedded in the SF Treasurer's Office to assess and reform fines, fees, and financial penalties that have a disproportionate adverse impact on low-income people and communities of color.



#### What We Do

#### In partnership with City Departments, the Courts, and Community Groups

Locally Eliminate or create discounts for Fines and Fees



Make it Easier for San Franciscans to Make Ends Meet

Pilot Solutions



Test innovative solutions to the City's Biggest Problems

### In partnership with statewide coalitions

Advocate for Statewide Reform



Pass Statewide Reforms that Build off Local Work to Advance Financial Justice in California Support Other Municipalities Nationally

Provide support to other jurisdictions who are advancing fine and fee reforms

# Impacts of Local Fine and Fee Reforms

\$32M

of debt eliminated by abolishing locally-controlled criminal administrative fees

80%+

average discount on Traffic Court tickets through the MyCitations
Tool

88,000

driver's license suspensions lifted

\$1.5M

in debt cleared from eliminating overdue library fines

\$1.7M

annual savings for incarcerated people and their families after SF made jail phone calls free and ended markups on jail store items

\$500+

in savings per tow or boot for people experiencing homelessness

#### **Our Fine and Fee Discounts**



Fare Evasion Tickets



**Parking Tickets** 



Towing and Booting Costs



**Muni Fares** 



Traffic Court
Tickets



SFFD Emergency Medical Services



Quality of Life Citations



**BART Proof Of Payment Tickets** 



SFPUC Water & Sewer Bill

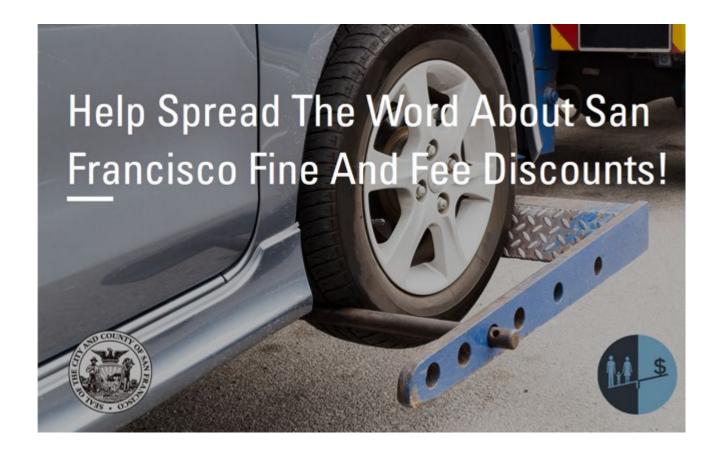


Child Support Debt



#### Discount Awareness Campaign

A 3-month campaign for community groups and SF Departments to share about available assistance and discounts for low-income San Franciscans



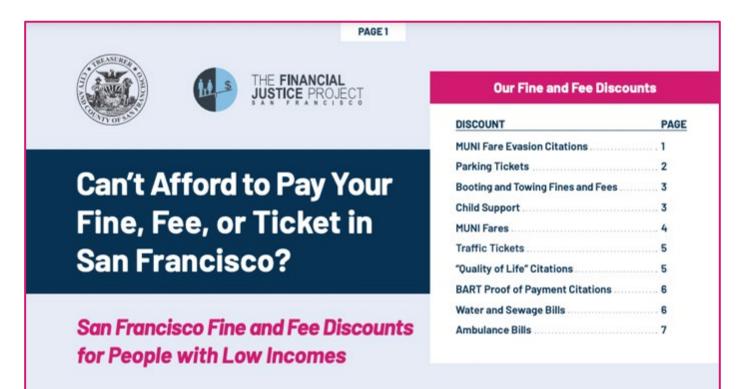
Access social media toolkit on our website:

sfgov.org/financialjustice/find-discounts



#### **Discount Guide**

A comprehensive list of the available discounts and eligibility criteria



#### **<u>Download</u>** discount guide on our website:

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Languages: Available in English, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and Tagalog.



# Thank you!

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