

## Grant Solicitation Waiver Instructions

**WHEN TO USE:** For approval of grant solicitation waivers under [Administrative Code Section 21G.8](#), where:

- A competitive process is infeasible or impracticable
- A Public Purpose may reasonably be accomplished by one particular Grantee

Per the City Purchaser's Administrative Code Chapter 21G Rules and Regulations, this Waiver Form is **not required** for grants awarded in accordance with Administrative Code Sections:

- **21G.3(a)(1):** Grants to a governmental entity for programs, activities, or services that can be practically performed only by that particular entity
- **21G.3(a)(2):** Grants to a specific entity as required to comply with applicable law or contract, or as a result of the requirements of the funding source
- **21G.3(a)(3):** Grants made for improvement to property by a property owner
- **21G.8(c):** Grants to any of the four City-owned community cultural center

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete this Grant Solicitation Waiver Form to request approval to waive the competitive solicitation requirements under Administrative Code Section 21G.8. Provide specific and comprehensive information to justify why the requested grant should be awarded absent a solicitation. Attach appropriate/required supporting documentation.

The Grant Solicitation Waiver Form must be signed by the Granting Officer or their designee. The Solicitation Waiver must be fully approved before the department makes a commitment to the grantee, and before City funds are encumbered. If the Solicitation Waiver request is denied, the department must conduct a competitive process to select the grantee(s).

For extensions of Solicitation Waivers for a previously awarded sole source grant, attach a copy of all prior approved Solicitation Waivers or other sole source determinations by the relevant authority.

Submit Grant Solicitation Waiver Form for final approval as follows:

- **Granting Agencies under jurisdiction of a commission or board:** to the commission or board, recommending waiver of solicitation requirements for this grant award.
- **Granting Agencies with no board or commission:** to the Purchaser ([oca@sfgov.org](mailto:oca@sfgov.org)), who shall convene the Grant Consensus Committee<sup>1</sup> to review the request.

Once fully approved, upload this signed form, all supporting documentation, and commission, board, or Grant Consensus Committee final approval, as applicable, to PeopleSoft. Select the appropriate Purchasing Authority for the grant award in PeopleSoft.

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<sup>1</sup> Representatives from the Controller's Office, Human Resources Department, Office of Contract Administration, and City Attorney's Office

## Grant Solicitation Waiver Form

<b>Department:</b> <u>WOM</u>	<b>Phone:</b> <u>415-252-2570</u>
<b>Dept. Contact:</b> <u>Kimberly Ellis</u>	<b>Email:</b> <u>kimberly.n.ellis@sfgov.org</u>

<b>Request:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Modification	<b>Grantee:</b> Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence (BWRADV), fiscally sponsored by Young Community Developers Inc	<b>Supplier ID:</b> 0000007937
<b>Short Description of Grant:</b> Capacity-building funds to support BWRADV's access to resources that will facilitate the organization's progress in achieving their goals of providing culturally responsive services to domestic violence survivors.		

<b>Grant Amount:</b> <u>\$100,000</u> <i>(Attach itemized budget if available)</i>	<b>Grant Duration:</b> <u>FY 23-24</u>
	<b>Anticipated Dates:</b> From <u>September 1, 2023</u> To <u>June 30, 2023</u>
<b>Describe the Public Purpose to be fulfilled by this Grant:</b> The grant will provide the seed funding needed to support a new cohort of domestic abuse survivors to focus on their mental health, physical health, financial health, and economic development in order to expand the services and reach currently being provided under the Department's gender-based violence portfolio.	

**Justification for Waiver of Competitive Solicitation Requirements**

Check the appropriate solicitation waiver reason and address the questions listed. Attach additional supporting documentation as indicated and/or as necessary.

**Competitive solicitation infeasible or impracticable**

- Is this grant required to respond to a public emergency or other exigent circumstances?  Yes  No
- If **YES**, provide a description of the public exigency or emergency, need for the sole source Grant and period of performance, and impact on the Public Purpose if the sole source Grant is not approved.
- If **NO**, grant is *not* required to respond to public emergency or other exigent circumstance:
  - Why is a competitive process infeasible or impracticable?
  - Why is this the only entity that can fulfill this Public Purpose? What does the entity offer that is essential to fulfilling the Public Purpose?
  - What steps were taken to verify that this is the only entity that can fulfill this Public Purpose? Has the department contacted other entities to evaluate their ability to fulfill the Public Purpose, and if so, describe the entities and explain why they cannot meet the department's needs.

**Public Purpose may reasonably be accomplished by one particular Grantee**

- Why this is the only entity that can fulfill this Public Purpose? What the entity offers that is essential to fulfilling the Public Purpose? BWRADV is the only nonprofit in San Francisco that provides culturally responsive services to Black domestic violence survivors. Their work centers on increasing awareness about the impact of intergenerational violence in the Black community, removing barriers for Black women who have experienced domestic abuse to receive access to culturally sensitive resources and providing a designated space with resources for domestic violence survivors in San Francisco to help educate and heal as they recover from abuse. A grant with BWRADV will complement the services currently being provided by the Department's GBV portfolio. It will expand the populations and increase the number of clients that the Department's grantees serve. This grant, together with the existing GBV portfolio, ensures that the Department's GBV services are inclusive to domestic violence survivors across all age, racial ethnic groups and socioeconomic status.
- What steps were taken to verify that this is the only entity that can fulfill this Public Purpose? Has the department contacted other entities to evaluate their ability to fulfill the Public Purpose, and if so, describe the entities and explain why they cannot meet the department's needs. There are other nonprofits in the City that provide domestic violence services, but BWRADV is the only nonprofit that has the expertise to reach and provide culturally responsive services to Black domestic violence survivors.
- Is this a recurring Grant to the same recipient?  Yes  No
- If **YES**: How long has this entity fulfilled this Public Purpose for the department?
  - Has department conducted a formal or informal competitive process within the last five years demonstrating lack of other potential Grantees, pursuant to Admin Code §21G.8(b).  Yes  No
  - Solicitation document(s), result(s), and other supporting documentation attached?  Yes  No

**Grant Solicitation Waiver request is recommended by:**

Grants Officer (Dept Head) or Designee Name: Kimberly Ellis

Grants Officer (Dept Head) or Designee Signature:  Date: 7/20/2023

**For departments without board or commission, this Waiver request is approved by:**

OCA Director (on behalf of Grant Consensus Committee): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_