

Announcement – Final Tenderloin Participatory Budgeting Results

Dear TL Community,

We are pleased to announce the final results of the TL Community Action Plan (TCAP) participatory budgeting process. The Mayor's investment of \$3.5M is intended to support the Tenderloin community's leadership and engagement to improve their community and neighborhood – your advocacy for a safer, cleaner, more vibrant, and active neighborhood made this possible and we thank each and every one of you for voting and making your voice heard. This funding will provide a one-time fund to projects that went through the participatory budgeting process.

Key findings from the voting process include:

- 1,368 Tenderloin residents and workers voted, of those approximately 30% were workers.
- More than half of the funding will go towards improving neighborhood safety and livability.
- Tenderloin community showcased predominant support for improving neighborhood safety and livability with public space improvements, direct safety investments, cleaning, and basic needs such as shelter and food security.
- Community wellness was also on the minds of voters, with community-based services for youth and immigrant seniors also receiving support.

In reviewing the voting results, SF Planning met with relevant City Departments for each project to assess feasibility and amount to be awarded per project based on the following:

- Project scope and focus of outcomes to address pressing needs in the Tenderloin community
- Detailed budget and timeframe
- Organization capacity

In addition to this process, SF Planning reviewed all projects to ensure an equitable distribution of funds. This step proved crucial as we heard and observed equity concerns with the participatory budgeting process. Despite efforts to advance equity in participation, some of the high priority communities, such as Arab and Black communities of the Tenderloin, were not appropriately represented in the voting results. Addressing this gap was therefore other criteria that informed the final projects selected, in addition to voting results, and feasibility review. A more detailed [Overview of the Participatory Budgeting](#) process, planning, outreach, and implementation is documented on the TCAP project webpage.

Based on these processes, the projects that will be funded will address the neighborhoods needs within three paths of investments:

- Enhancing quality of life and increasing safety as follows:
 - Ambassadors for kids and youth safety (\$450,000)
 - Public space improvements (\$480,000)
 - Community celebrations (\$218,500)
- Addressing basic life needs and challenges in the neighborhood (\$720,000)
- Improving access to neighborhood wellness through community-based services (\$1,050,000)
- Economic Mobility (\$380,000)

This list includes 11 projects that cost \$100,000 or less, 10 projects launching new programs for a total of \$1,345,000, and 12 projects expanding the scope of existing programs for a total of \$1,753,500.

Participatory Budgeting Awardees

Project	Amount Awarded	Timeframe
Ambassadors for Kids and Youth Safety, total \$450,000		
Safe Passage*	\$200,000	1 year
Park Stewardship*	\$250,000	1 year
Public Space Improvements, total \$480,000		
Golden Gate Greenway Phase 1: Parklets Project	\$200,000	2 years
Elm Alley Kids Space	\$80,000	2 years
Larkin Street Canopy	\$70,000	2 years
Tenderloin National Forest Stabilization	\$80,000	2 years
Tenderloin Dog Park Design and Pilot	\$50,000	1 year
Community Celebrations, total \$218,500		
Art in the Park*	\$25,500	1 year
Tenderloin Eid-Cultural Celebration*	\$40,000	2 years
Tenderloin People's Holiday Tree and Lighting Ceremony*	\$20,000	2 years
Tenderloin SINULOG Festival and Flores De Mayo Festival	\$15,000	1 year
Grace Notes Community Festival 2023*	\$18,000	1 year
Black History and Culture of the Tenderloin*	\$100,000	1 year
Basic Life Needs, total \$720,000		
Clean Team*	\$200,000	1 year
Food security programming for residents of Permanent Supportive Housing*	\$250,000	9 months

Tenderloin Family Housing Tutoring Program*	\$120,000	2 years
Community Housing Education for TL Arabic-speaking residents*	\$150,000	2 years
Community Wellness, total \$1,050,000		
Services for the Tenderloin's Southeast Asian community	\$100,000	1 year
Tenderloin Teen Drop-in Center	\$200,000	1 year
Tenderloin Arab Youth community center	\$250,000	1 year
Night Wellness Navigators and Pilot	\$500,000	1 year
Economic Mobility, total \$380,000		
Small Business Support* (SF Shines, Dream Keeper Initiative, and/or Vandalism grant)	\$380,000	2 years
<i>Fiscal Sponsor Fee, total \$152,000</i>		
<i>Contingency total, \$49,500</i>		

* Indicates projects that build on an existing program or project

The TCAP team will continue to identify additional resources that could be available to the Tenderloin community to advance projects that are not being funded through process. Examples of additional funding sources include:

- Office of Economic and Workforce Development [RFP #25 for Economic Development Grants](#) released on Jan 20th, including \$300k for commercial corridor and alleyway arts and cultural programming, and \$50k for small business assistance
- Department of Children, Youth, and Family RFP [available summer of 2023](#)

Next Steps

Participatory Budgeting

For proposed projects, SF Planning has identified a specific process to disburse funding. The Department of Mayors Office of Housing and Community Development and Office of Economic and Workforce development will be releasing a Request for Proposal for a fiscal sponsor to support the projects and services selected through this participatory budgeting process. This RFP will be released in February 2023. Some projects will be funded through procurement process with other relevant departments.

Below is the contact information of project sponsors for the selected projects.

Project	Project Sponsor	Sponsor Email
Ambassadors for Kids and Youth Safety		
Safe Passage	Tenderloin Community Benefit District	info@tlcbd.org
Park Stewardship	Tenderloin Community Benefit District	info@tlcbd.org
Public Space Improvements		
Golden Gate Greenway Phase 1: Parklets Project	St. Anthony Foundation	info@stanthonysf.org
Elm Alley Kids Space	San Francisco Unified School District/ Bay Area Women's and Children's Center	kara.bawcc@gmail.com
Larkin Street Canopy	Tenderloin Merchants Association	info@tlmpa.org
Tenderloin National Forest Stabilization	Laurie Lazer, Luggage Store	laurie@luggagestoregallerysf.org
Tenderloin Dog Park Design and Pilot	Tenderloin Community Benefit District	info@tlcbd.org
Community Celebrations		
Art in the Park*	SYL Central YMCA, Friends of Boeddeker	bsells-asberry@ymcasf.org
Tenderloin Eid-Cultural Celebration*	Chinatown Community Development Center	info@chinatowncdc.org
Tenderloin People's Holiday Tree and Lighting Ceremony*	Filipino Community Development Corporation (FCDC)	all.info@filipinocdc.org
Tenderloin SINULOG Festival and Flores De Mayo Festival	Filipino Community Development Corporation (FCDC)	all.info@filipinocdc.org
Grace Notes Community Festival 2023*	Demonstration Gardens	grow@demonstration-gardens.org
Black History and Culture of the Tenderloin*	TL Walking Tours	tlwalkingtours@gmail.com
Basic Life Needs		
Clean Team*	Tenderloin Community Benefit District	info@tlcbd.org
Food security programming for residents of Permanent Supportive Housing*	Tides Center	leilaperrard@dishsf.org
Tenderloin Family Housing Tutoring Program*	Chinatown Community Development Center	info@chinatowncdc.org

Community Housing Education for TL Arabic-speaking residents*	Bill Sorro Housing Program (BiSHoP)	info@bishopsf.org
Community Wellness		
Services for the Tenderloin's Southeast Asian community	Southeast Asian Community Center	info@seaccusa.org
Tenderloin Teen Drop-in Center	The Salvation Army Kroc Center	info@krocsf.org
Tenderloin Arab Youth community center	Imaan Farajallah Network	imannetwork.org@gmail.com
Night Wellness Navigators and Pilot	Code Tenderloin	Hello@codetenderloin.org

Tenderloin Community Action Plan

In addition to disbursing funding and managing project implementation, the TCAP will begin the next phase of community engagement to refine and complete the draft plan. The TCAP team will resume working with community partners to solidify a two-year investment plan and will begin working closely with interagency partners by mid-2023. Implementation and evaluation of this plan in 2024 will be followed by the long-term action and implementation plan refinement and finalization by June 2025. MOHCD will also be releasing an RFP for TCAP Community Engagement and Outreach Services in early 2023. Community-based organizations and groups can apply to lead this engagement process, and, additionally, support translation and interpretation, trainings, and special events for residents.