Summary of proposed changes to Legacy Business Program Business Stabilization Grant Rules and Regulations (8.24.26)

The following proposed changes would apply to new Business Stabilization Grant applicants.

Length of grant eligibility:

- **Existing rule:** Landlords and their Legacy Business tenants are eligible for the annual grant through the length of their lease agreement.
- **Proposed change:** Landlords and their Legacy Business tenants will be eligible to receive a maximum of five total grants for five consecutive years. Existing grantees (as of August 24, 2026) can receive the grant for the remainder of their existing lease agreement, even it lasts longer than five years. They will be ineligible to reapply if they have received five total grants within five consecutive years.
    - *Note: Grant eligibility still requires a long-term lease agreement of at least 10 years, or five years with the option to renew for at least an additional five years.*

Application timeline:

- **Existing rule:** Landlords can apply for the grant at any time as long as they have a long-term lease agreement in place. Landlords are eligible to apply for the grant retroactive of when the Legacy Business tenant joined the Legacy Business Registry.
- **Proposed change:** Landlords must apply within one year of entering a new lease contract. Additionally, provide clarification regarding missed renewal application deadlines. Landlords that miss their renewal application deadline will have forfeited grant funding for that fiscal year.

Legacy Business location:

- **Existing rule:** Landlords can submit multiple application forms and receive multiple grants if a Legacy Business tenant occupies two contiguous spaces.
- **Proposed change:** Landlords can only submit one application form per distinct San Francisco business location. If a Legacy Business tenant operates a location spanning two contiguous parcels, or two addresses across contiguous parcels, one application must be submitted for the total combined square footage.

- Note: Legacy Businesses that operate at multiple distinct locations can still benefit from the Business Stabilization Grant for multiple locations, so long as all eligibility criteria are met for each location.

Disclosure to Legacy Business tenant:

- **Proposed requirement:** Landlords must disclose that Legacy Business tenant must commit to receiving ten hours of business technical assistance and business advising within one year of the grant period as a condition of the grant.

Additional clarifications and changes:

- The Legacy Business tenant must hold a valid business registration with the City & County of San Francisco.
- Landlords must hold a valid business registration with the City and County of San Francisco.
- Grant amount is up to $4.50 per square foot.
- Remove the Appeals section.