November 18, 2026

Dear Applicants,

We have a few important updates about the FY27 Community Challenge Grants application review process and upcoming award timeline.

Application Eligibility Review Complete

All applicants whose submissions were determined to be ineligible have been notified, and the deadline to appeal those determinations has passed.

All eligible applications have now moved forward to panelist evaluation. Panelists will review and score applications based on the evaluation criteria outlined in the RFP.

Award Notifications Anticipated in Early January

We anticipate sending **Notice of Intent to Award and Notice of Decline emails in early January 2027**. These notifications will inform applicants whether their projects have been recommended for funding.

Save the Date: Grant Negotiations Orientation – January 14

For applicants who may be recommended for funding, please ask your key project staff to **hold Thursday, January 14, 2027, at 10 a.m.** for an orientation to the grant negotiation process.

This session will help prospective grantees understand what to expect during negotiations and how to prepare for the next steps toward a grant agreement.

Additional details will be shared with applicants recommended for funding in January.

Thank you to everyone who submitted an application. We appreciate the time, thought, and care you have put into developing projects to improve San Francisco's neighborhoods and public spaces.

Yours In Community,
The Community Challenge Grants Team

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