



**San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women Resolution
Approving the Grant Amendment for Black Women Revolt Against
Domestic Violence, fiscally sponsored by San Francisco Study
Center.**

BE IT KNOWN that the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, Chapter 21G of the Administrative Code ("Chapter 21G") governs the award of grants and provides that granting agencies shall award all grants through an open and competitive process; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 21G.8 of the Administrative Code the Commission on the Status of Women may approve a waiver of the open and competitive process required under Chapter 21G if (1) a competitive process is infeasible or impracticable or (2) the Public Purpose may reasonably be accomplished by one particular Grantee; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2023, in accordance with Section 21G.8 of the Administrative Code, the Commission on the Status of Women approved a resolution granting the Department on the Status of Women a sole source grant waiver for Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence, fiscally sponsored by Young Community Developers Inc, for the purpose of building capacity for a new program to support domestic abuse survivors, including Black domestic abuse survivors' mental health, physical health, financial health, and economic development, with the original contract allowing for both program delivery and associated operational costs necessary to implement these services effectively. The grant, together with the existing gender-based violence work, ensures that the Department's GBV services are inclusive of domestic violence survivors across all age, racial, ethnic groups, and socioeconomic statuses; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2023, the Department on the Status of Women executed a Grant Agreement with Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence, fiscally sponsored by Young Community Developers Inc, for a term from October 16, 2023, through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, the Commission on the Status of Women approved a resolution for a one-year no-cost extension of the Grant Agreement with Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence, fiscally sponsored by Young

Community Developers Inc., and the Department on the Status of Women executed an amendment to reflect the approved extension of the contract through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2024, the Commission on the Status of Women approved a resolution to increase BWRADV's grant budget by \$200,000 for a maximum budget of \$300,000 and updated the grant plan to allow the additional funds to be used towards new operational costs not previously funded under the original grant agreement, including staffing and personnel expenses, office and program operations and expanded outreach and education efforts aimed at increasing community awareness and engagement with BWRADV's services for domestic violence survivors in crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Department executed a second amendment to the contract that reflected the approved increase of the budget by \$200,000 with Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence, fiscally sponsored by Young Community Developers Inc., incorporating an updated grant plan and the new total budget of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, on February 10th, 2025, because the grant was awarded as a sole source grant pursuant to Section 21G.8 of the Administrative Code, the Commission on the Status of Women approved a resolution to extend the grant period of the contract through June 30, 2026; to update the contract to reflect the new fiscal sponsor for Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence, San Francisco Study Center, and to accept an internal funds transfer in the amount of \$265,000 from the Human Rights Commission to increase the total grant award to \$565,000; and

WHEREAS, the Department executed a third grant amendment to reflect the change in Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence's fiscal sponsor and amend the fiscal sponsor fee in the budget to 15%, to extend the grant period through June 30, 2026, and to increase the budget by \$265,000 for a new total of \$565,000 in order to afford Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence, fiscally sponsored by San Francisco Study Center, additional time to use the funds to support and help provide culturally responsive services to domestic violence survivors, expand the populations they support, and increase the number of clients that the Department's gender-based violence work serves; and

WHEREAS, Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence provides programs and services to address gender-based violence to individuals of all backgrounds and genders, and remains the sole organization in San Francisco with the expertise to serve Black women that are experiencing or are survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, any efforts to address domestic violence should be inclusive of all women, it is noted that Black women experience domestic and intimate partner violence at greater rate than their white, Hispanic and Asian counterparts and are three times more likely to die as a result of abuse than white women; and

WHEREAS, the Department on the Status of Women continues to find that no other organization has the cultural competency, experience and community relationships that would enable them to provide services to survivors from all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence has been providing these services and seeking a new grantee would disrupt and delay the provision of services; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2025, the Department on the Status of Women requests to further increase the grant amount to Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence, fiscally sponsored by San Francisco Study Center, by an additional \$160,000 using funds received from the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, in order to further expand BWRADV's capacity to deliver culturally responsive and trauma-informed services to Black women and other survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is consistent with the Public Purpose approved by the Commission on the Status of Women on July 26, 2023, to provide a sole source grant to BWRADV for program delivery and associated operational costs necessary to provide culturally responsive services to domestic violence survivors; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women finds that the original justification for the Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence sole source grant continues to exist and seeking a new grantee would disrupt and delay the provision of services and therefore hereby approves the additional \$160,000 in grant funding to Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence, increasing the total grant award to \$725,000.

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**San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
September 24, 2025**