Resolution approving Department of the Environment Funding Recommendations for Zero Waste grant awards to thirteen organizations.

WHEREAS, The Zero Waste grant program of the Department of the Environment administers a grant program and provides funding to non-profit groups; and,

WHEREAS, the Zero Waste grant program is dedicated to funding projects diverting waste from San Francisco's landfill, thereby assisting the City in achieving its Zero Waste Goals of 75% waste diversion by 2010 and zero waste by 2020, and achieving this at a low cost per ton of waste diverted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Commission approves the award of Zero Waste grants, totaling \$1,170,212 to be disbursed during FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-2012, in the following way:

		FY 2010-11	FY2011-12
	The Supportive Housing Employment Collaborative (SHEC) (fiscal: Community Housing Partnership)	\$45,000	\$65,000
	San Francisco Clean City Coalition	\$50,000	\$85,000
	Goodwill Industries	\$40,000	\$55,000
	Garden for the Environment (fiscal: Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council)	\$45,000	\$55,000
	Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District (FWCBD)	\$40,000	\$40,000
	San Francisco Community Recyclers	\$109,054	\$123,158
	San Francisco Conservation Corps	\$40,000	\$40,000
	Asian Inc.	\$40,000	\$44,000
	Grupo de la Comida	\$40,000	-
	Jewish Community Center	\$40,000	-
ı	Green Solutions (fiscal: Chinese Newcomers Center)	\$49,000	\$45,000

1	Friends	of SCRAP		\$40,000	
2	Connect	t the Dots (fiscal: Earth Island Institute)	\$40,000	-	
3 4	I hereby	certify that this Resolution was adopted at the	ne Commission on the E	nvironment's	
5	Meeting on July 27, 2010.				
6	Monica Arch.				
7	Monica Fish, Commission Secretary				
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9	VOTE:	Approved (5-0; 1 Absent)			
10	AYES:	Commissioners Tuchow, Gravanis, Martin, Mo	ok and Wald		
11	NOES:	None			
12	ABSENT	: Commissioner King			
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ZERO WASTE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GRANT AWARDS (2010-2012)

The Zero Waste grant program (ZW) of the San Francisco Department of the Environment (SFE) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on January 15, 2010. Twenty-two grant proposals were received on February 22, 2010. An evaluation panel comprised of three members reviewed the 22 grant proposals. Of the 22 grant proposals, 13 received a score of 70 or higher, based on a scoring system of 100 total points. SFE invited the 13 applicants with the strongest proposals to oral interviews. Based on the evaluation of the written proposals and oral interviews, SFE recommends that the Commission on the Environment approve the following ZW grant awards, for a combined total grant amount of \$1,170,212 that will be disbursed over a two-year period (covering FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12).

The Supportive Housing Employment Collaborative (SHEC)

SHEC will offer formerly homeless adults the opportunity to participate in a paid Recycling and Environmental Awareness Internship Program which will train interns in environmental and waste management and community outreach practices. This program will divert waste through implementing recycling and composting programs in supportive housing sites where the interns reside and from events within San Francisco.

San Francisco Clean City Coalition

SF Clean City will establish a wood furniture refurbishing and pallet repair program that will divert waste from landfill. This program will develop a free standing new green business and hire from "hard to employ" populations. The staff will partake of new green training programs and learn basic carpentry, furniture repair, and wood working skills.

Goodwill Industries

Goodwill will implement a community-based donation strategy working with schools, churches and community organizations to capture reuseables. This will allow Goodwill to permanently expand its donations capacity and to divert additional tons from landfill.

Garden for the Environment (fiscal agent: Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council)

The Garden for the Environment will offer free backyard composting and vermicomposting workshops for residents of San Francisco, conduct the Gardening Composting Educator Training Program and a school field trip program, while ensuring that San Francisco residents continue to divert organic material from landfill through backyard composting.

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San Francisco Conservation Corp (SFCC)

SFCC will implement Zero Waste programs at over 200 events in San Francisco and increase awareness of recycling and composting practices amongst attendees, producers and corps members.

Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District (FWCBD)

The FWCBD will promote and enhance organics and recyclables diversion from area restaurants, fast food outlets, hotels, tourist destinations, retail shops, fishing industry, special events, and residents.

San Francisco Community Recyclers (SFCR)

SFCR will continue operation of Building Resources, a reused building materials yard. Through this funding SFCR will be able to expand creative reuse opportunities including their business, Red Shovel, which makes a landscape ground cover made from recycled glass and pottery.

Asian Inc.

Asian Inc. will work with multi-family dwellings that do not yet have active recycling programs by working with property managers and owners to implement develop and maintain measurable Zero Waste practices. Their staff can communicate with property managers and tenants in multiple languages, including Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin.

Grupo de la Comida (Fiscal Sponsor: Beth Abrams' Center for Peace, Arts, Justice & the Environment)

Grupo de la Comida rescues and redistributes edible food destined to landfill to low income populations in the Mission District and 3 existing meal sites. The program composts the unusable vegetable leavings and provides nutrition, recycling and composting education. Grupo provides 2,000 people weekly with healthy food.

Jewish Community Center of San Francisco (JCC)

The JCC will attain Zero Waste at the Center and engage JCC's members and the greater community in composting education practices. The facility reaches over 50,000 visitors from children to seniors.

Green Solutions (fiscal agent: Chinese Newcomers Service Center)

Green Solution will assist multi-family buildings in their recycling and compost efforts, particularly buildings where Cantonese and Mandarin are widely spoken.

Scroungers for Reuseable Art Parts (SCRAP)

SCRAP will increase the diversion of materials suitable for arts and educational purposes while promoting creative reuse - through outreach to businesses and residents, providing free pick-ups, maintaining a materials depot for the public, and education to school children and adults at field trips, workshops and community events.

Connect the Dots (fiscal agent: Earth Island Institute)

Connect the Dots will assist non-profit organizations, particularly those managing their facilities, to divert and reduce waste. This will include helping non-profits to overcome the sustainability learning curve, to diminish their ecological impact and reduce operational costs as well as contribute to green workforce development for "hard to employ" populations.