

Removing Blight, One Block at a Time



A blighted block in Seattle, one of the cities to win a grant. FlickrCC/Jeremy Quist

By J.B. Wogan

Mayors in seven cities have won a competition to receive a full-time AmeriCorps VISTA member, a \$30,000 grant and on-going technical assistance for three years of neighborhood revitalization work.

Cities of Service, a national nonprofit organization, awarded the grants as part of its ongoing "Love Your Block" program, which focuses on urban neighborhoods and uses volunteers from the community to try to improve the local quality of life. Cities involved in the program organize volunteers to pick up litter, plant trees, clean vacant lots, create community gardens and remove graffiti.

Cities of Service is supporting a specific method of government-organized community service for eliminating neighborhood blight, which it explains in an online how-to guide. Part of the initial \$30,000 will go toward planning. Cities may raise additional money from local foundations and then offer small grants to volunteers with proposals to improve a single block. Cities also look for ways to supplement the volunteer efforts by training a host of municipal services on the area to fix signs, repair potholes and replace damaged trash bins.

The winning cities announced Feb. 11 were Birmingham, Ala.; Boston; Lansing, Mich.; Las Vegas, Phoenix, Richmond, Calif., and Seattle. The awardees all plan to focus on improving low-income neighborhoods, though they outlined slightly different strategies. Volunteers in Las Vegas

will work near low-performing schools; in Richmond, Calif., they'll target only areas surrounding public housing.

To receive the grant, cities had to demonstrate that their mayor would spend time and attention on the project, said Myung Lee, the executive director of Cities of Service. "We're not here to be just a funding source and then just walk away," she said. "We are looking for partners."

The grants are an extension of work that began in New York City under former Mayor Michael Bloomberg. His administration created an office in 2009 (NYC Service) that organized volunteers to address social problems. The office focused on data collection and measured the impact of volunteerism in several issue areas, such as health, education and the environment. Bloomberg's initiative was itself inspired by a 2009 federal law aimed at expanding community service.

The year after NYC Service launched, the Rockefeller Foundation awarded \$100,000 grants to 10 cities for a paid staff position in the mayor's office to create and oversee their own version of NYC Service.* Bloomberg Philanthropies has since offered additional grants to expand the program and in January 2014, it helped fund the creation of an independent nonprofit, which is overseen by Lee, a former deputy commissioner of children's services in New York City.

By now, the service model has a record of tangible results in participating cities. In New York City, volunteers have coated at least 618 rooftops

with a reflective surface that reduces a building's heating costs. In Flint, Mich., volunteers scrubbed at least 17,000 square feet of graffiti. Cumulatively, Cities of Service have recorded the removal of at least 1.9 million pounds of litter and the creation of at least 520 community gardens or other types of green space.

The biggest benefit from the latest round of grants isn't the money; it's access to technical expertise. Both the AmeriCorps employee and the supervisor who runs the service programs have to participate in monthly phone check-ins and webinars with Cities of Service. Staff from Cities of Service also conduct site visits to all their grantees.

Each city will report back on the immediate accomplishments of service projects, such as the number of volunteers who participated or pounds of litter collected. But Lee said the long-term goal is that as residents invest their time and energy in these blocks, the city will see measurable impact on crime and people's perception of safety. The newest round of grants encourage cities to track those deeper indicators that might change as the aesthetics of the neighborhood improve.

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City Project No: C322810

Owner: City of Oakland

Engineers' Estimate: \$445,000.

BID DATE: February 19, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

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City of Oakland Parks & Recreation Dept.

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Source: <http://www.governing.com>

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Source: U.S. SBA

Fiscally Responsible SBA Has Strong Case for FY16 Budget

By Maria Contreras Sweet,
SBA Administrator

President Obama sent his budget to Congress for Fiscal Year 2016, which includes a request for \$701 million for SBA so we have the resources we need to help small businesses hire and grow and continue the momentum of our economic recovery.

The president's budget includes important increases for programs serving women, veterans, Main Street businesses and high-growth entrepreneurs. The budget also seeks to expand microlending, automate more SBA services, and invest in customer service improvements so it's easier for entrepreneurs to secure SBA capital and federal government contracts.

Next year, for the first time since before the recession, we project that lending under SBA's two primary loan programs won't cost U.S. taxpayers a dime.

Our two main lending vehicles – the 7(a) and 504 programs – delivered \$29 billion in small business loans to entrepreneurs last year. In FY 16, we expect another banner year, and taxpayers won't be on the hook to cover any potential losses, as we're requesting and managing a zero taxpayer subsidy for our core capital programs.

How did SBA's loan programs become so cost-effective? The answer is that the default rate on our 7(a) and 504 loans is so low that we can cover the costs with bank and participant fees (despite continuing to zero out all fees on Main Street businesses for loans under \$150,000). More broadly, we achieved this milestone because of an improving economy under President Obama, rising real estate values, and smarter investments in small businesses with capital requirements.

For two years, our 7(a) lending has not relied on taxpayer dollars to cover losses. Next year, we'll bring

our 504 program into this same category.

We've made some important changes to the 504 lending program for real estate. In my first month on the job, I announced key reforms that included new, best-in-class CDC board governance reforms and regulatory easing that helped entrepreneurs collateralize loans, attract private capital, and get more time to finance real estate projects. These reforms are beginning to show results.

Given that small businesses create two of three net new jobs, their importance plus SBA's record of fiscal responsibility will help us make the case to the new congressional leadership for targeted funding increases to help the job creators of this economy.

Refinancing authority – We're asking Congress to bring back the popular 504 Refi program. In 2011 and 2012, more than 2,300 small businesses refinanced \$5.5 billion of debt using this tool, and they each saved up to \$20,000 a month. So we're asking Congress to reauthorize 504 Refi for FY16. Allowing entrepreneurs to restructure a loan under 504 Refi can help them unlock the equity in their business to get better rates on long-term debt, so they can use these savings to create jobs and grow.

SBA modernization – The President is requesting \$14.6 million for FY16 to bring our agency into the 21st century. The centerpiece of our modernization plan is SBA One, the total automation of the 7(a) loan application that will dramatically cut the time and cost of applying for SBA capital. This budget request will expand automation into government contracting to make it easier for small businesses to find opportunities to do business with Uncle Sam. It also funds an SBA Idea Lab with coders and software engineers to incubate cutting-edge ideas; an SBA Digital Services Team focused on online innovations to serve small business owners in the Internet age; an SBA Center on Efficiency to cut costs and reduce risk; a "Start Up in a Day" tool to help new businesses research and apply

for municipal and state licenses in 24 hours; and an online tool that brings SBA lenders and prospective borrowers together.

Counseling – The President has requested full funding for SBA resource partners, including a \$1 million funding increase for Women's Business Centers. He has also called for additional funding for the Growth Accelerators Program to build out our incubator capacity to nurture promising startups and for Entrepreneurship Education to help small businesses scale up and hire.

Microlending – The President has proposed expanding the SBA microloan program to increase the ability of microlenders to capitalize startups and provide technical assistance to help underserved businesses turn a profit, improve operations, and create new jobs.

Veterans – The budget seeks \$11.4 million – a \$950,000 increase – for programs that help veterans continue to serve their country as civilian job creators. This funding would expand SBA's Boots to Business entrepreneurial training program to the National Guard, Reserve component members, and 180 military installations worldwide. Additionally, all veterans would be eligible to participate in our Boots to Business Reboot program. The budget request also seeks to increase course offerings for veterans with disabilities at participating business schools.

Our future success lies in adapting to ensure that our agency deploys our resources to be as innovative as the small businesses we serve. Our budget request seeks no taxpayer support for our principal, self-sustaining lending programs. This will allow us to hone in on smart, bold and accessible initiatives that will help more small businesses expand their operations and grow their revenues and their workforce.

Source: U.S. SBA

Public Legal Notices

Hunters Point Shipyard Phase I in San Francisco

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in San Francisco.

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for

Hunters Point Shipyard Phase I Redevelopment

For more information, please visit:

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Pre-Bid Coordination Meeting and Job Walk:

February 3, 2015 @ 10:00 AM

LENNAR URBAN

One Sansome Street, Suite 3200
San Francisco, CA 94104

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Candlestick/Hunters Point Phase 11 in San Francisco

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CP/HPS2 – Dust Monitoring & Reporting
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Candlestick Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 11
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for

Candlestick/Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 11 Redevelopment

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SAN FRANCISCO HOUSING AUTHORITY

**Blanket Purchase Agreement
San Francisco Housing Authority
Housing Development and Modernization**

**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) and
AS-NEEDED PEST CONTROL SERVICES**

Solicitation No: 15-620-RFP-0013

The San Francisco Housing Authority will receive sealed proposals for Integrated Pest Management and as-needed pest control services at housing developments located in San Francisco. Proposal cost ranges from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Bids are due 2:00 P.M. Eastern Pacific Daylight time on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. To obtain a solicitation, please go to <http://www.sfha.org/business/rfp.htm>. To obtain a hardcopy, please come to Authority's office at 1815 Egbert Avenue, San Francisco, CA. Contact Ms. Brenda Moore, at (415) 715-3170, e-mail moorebr@sfha.org.

CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Contract No. 7369A (ID No. FCA15066)
CITY CLINIC BARRIER REMOVAL
AND ADA COMPLIANCE WORK**

Sealed bids will be received at 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103 until **2:30 p.m. on 3/11/2015**, after which they will be publicly opened and read. Digital files of Bid Documents, Plan Holders Lists, and Addenda may be downloaded at no cost from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Electronic Bid Documents Download site at www.sfdpw.org/biddocs, or purchased on a CD format from 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103, telephone 415-554-6229, for a non-refundable \$15.00 fee paid by cash or check to "Department of Public Works". Please visit the DPW's Contracts, Bid Opportunities and Payments webpage at www.sfdpw.org for more information. Notices regarding Addenda and other bid changes will be distributed by email to Plan Holders.

The Work to be done under this contract is located at City Clinic at 356 7th Street, San Francisco 94103 and consists of tenant improvements including renovation of an existing reception counter, ADA compliance work; hazardous material abatement, HVAC and plumbing, electrical work, and all appurtenant work in accordance with drawings and specifications. The time allowed for completion is 180 consecutive calendar days. The Engineer's estimate is approximately \$420,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, Tony Leung at 415-557-4777.

On July 1, 2014, the registration program under section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code went into effect. The program requires that all contractors and subcontractors who bid or work on a public works project register and pay an annual fee to the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR").

Effective March 1, 2015, no contractor or subcontractor may be listed in a bid for a public works project

unless registered with the DIR as required by Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

Effective April 1, 2015, no contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

This Project shall incorporate the required partnering elements for **Partnering Level 1**. Refer to Section 01 31 33 for more details.

Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code (SFAC) Section 6.25, "Clean Construction" is required for the performance of all work.

The Specifications include liquidated damages. Contract will be on a Lump Sum Bid Items basis. Progressive payments will be made.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible responsive bidder.

A bid may be rejected if the City determines that any of the bid item prices are materially unbalanced to the potential detriment of the City.

Bid discounts may be applied as per SFAC Chapter 14B. Subcontracting goal is **20% LBE**. Call Selormey Dzikunu at 415-558-4059 for details. In accordance with SFAC Chapter 14B requirements, all bidders, except those who meet the exception noted below, shall submit documented good faith efforts with their bids and must achieve 80 out of 100 points to be deemed responsive. Bidders will receive 15 points for attending the pre-bid conference. Refer to CMD Form 2B for more details. Exception: Bidders who demonstrate that their total LBE participation exceeds the above subcontracting goal by 35% will not be required to meet the good faith efforts requirements.

A pre-bid conference and site visit will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at City Clinic, 356 7th

Street, San Francisco, CA. The site walk will follow immediately after administrative meeting.

For information on the City's Surety Bond Program, call Jennifer Elmore at (415) 217-6578.

A corporate surety bond or certified check for ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must accompany each bid. SFAC Sec. 6.22(A) requires all construction greater than \$25,000 to include performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract award.

Class "B" license required to bid.

In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 6, no bid is accepted and no contract in excess of \$400,000 is awarded by the City and County of San Francisco until such time as the Mayor or the Mayor's designee approves the contract for award, and the Director of Public Works then issues an order of award. Pursuant to Charter Section 3.105, all contract awards are subject to certification by the Controller as to the availability of funds.

Minimum wage rates for this project must comply with the current General Prevailing Wage as determined by the State Department of Industrial Relations. Minimum wage rates other than applicable to General Prevailing Wage must comply with SFAC Chapter 12P, Minimum Compensation Ordinance.

This Project is subject to the requirements of the San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction ("Policy") as set forth in Section 6.22(G) of the SFAC. Bidders are hereby advised that the requirements of the Policy will be incorporated as a material term of any contract awarded for the Project. Refer to Section 00 73 30 of the Project Manual for more information.

Right reserved to reject any or all bids and waive any minor irregularities.

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