



**SAN FRANCISCO BAY**  
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

**Resolution No. 97**

**Process for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's  
2022 Grant Round**

**Whereas**, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (“Authority”) was established by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, California Government Code Section 66700 et seq. (“Act”) as a regional entity to generate and allocate resources for the protection and enhancement of tidal wetlands and wildlife habitat in San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline; and

**Whereas**, the Act requires the Authority to convene a Bay Restoration Advisory Committee (AC) to advise the Governing Board of the Authority in carrying out its functions; and

**Whereas**, The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (“Measure AA”), which passed in June of 2016 with over a two-thirds majority in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, authorized the Authority to collect a special parcel tax that is expected to raise approximately \$25 million annually for twenty years; and

**Whereas**, the Authority may grant Measure AA funds only for projects that satisfy the Act and Measure AA funding criteria; and

**Whereas**, at its July 18, 2021, meeting, the Authority adopted the *2021 Measure AA Request for Proposals (RFP)*, the *2021 Grant Pre-Application Form*, and the *2021 Grant Application Form*, which were then released to the public for the Authority’s fifth grant program solicitation; and

**Whereas**, the response to the *2021 Measure AA RFP* included an unusually large total funding request of approximately \$56 million for 18 projects; and

**Whereas**, after the total funding amount proposed for the Grant Round 5 projects is subtracted, there will be a remaining need of over \$46 million; and

**Whereas**, the Authority’s available funds are expected to be approximately \$11.5 million in FY22-23; and

**Whereas**, in preparation for the Authority’s 2022 grant round, staff has proposed a more efficient process for the Authority’s Grant Round 6, in which, instead of issuing an RFP for Grant Round 6, staff, with input from Advisory Committee (AC) reviewers, would rely on the Round 5 list of projects when developing a list of projects to recommend in the coming fiscal year (FY 22-23); and

**Whereas**, this approach would increase efficiency by enabling staff to develop a list of proposed projects earlier in the fiscal year and begin bringing staff recommendations for individual projects earlier in the year, and would save time for both applicants and reviewers by reducing the application preparation and review time; and

**Whereas**, this approach would enable the Authority to continue to make progress on its equity goals because all sixteen projects still in need of funding would benefit economically disadvantaged communities (EDCs) either by proximity to EDCs or through engagement with residents of EDCs, and six projects are located in or very close to an EDC;

**Whereas**, the Community Grants Program, which is open only to community-based organizations in EDCs, will continue to operate on a rolling basis; and

**Whereas**, several other state and federal agencies will have higher than average amounts of funding available for San Francisco Bay restoration in the coming year, and staff would provide that information in response to inquiries from potential applicants;

**Whereas**, the process would direct project proponents to focus their attention on grant programs in 2022 that have larger amounts of available funding and greater chances of success;

**Whereas**, project proponents can apply for Authority funds again in 2023, when the available funding will be greater; and

**Whereas**, the process is consistent with the Act and Measure AA.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the Executive Officer to implement the following process described in this Resolution 97:

1. Staff will ask applicants with unfunded or partially funded applications from Grant Round 5 to submit any relevant project updates in summer of 2022.
2. AC members who served as reviewers for Round 5 will be invited to review updates to projects they previously reviewed and attend a meeting with staff to provide input on which projects to prioritize.
3. Staff will then review the full list of Round 5 projects, considering the scores and qualitative evaluations, information provided in the applicants' updates, and AC members input, to develop a list of recommended projects for Round 6 (FY 22-23) in fall 2022.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting on April 22, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Governing Board Members Pine, Holman, Peskin, Lieber, Gorin, Hahn

NOES: Governing Board Members \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Governing Board Members Gioia

ABSTAIN: Governing Board Members

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*Dave Pine*

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Dave Pine, Chair

I, Anulika White, Clerk of the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting of April 22, 2022, which Resolution is on file in the office of this regional governmental entity.

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*Anulika White*

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Anulika White, Clerk