



Middle Ground Fulton Street Plaza

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Middle Ground

Reconsidering ourselves
and others



Middle Ground Practitioners Promote

- Interactions with strangers
- Empathy for others
- Metacognitive self-reflection about how we engage others
- A deeper understanding of societies and the relationships among individuals within those societies.



In coordination with museum leadership
and staff, Urban Alchemy:

- Provides an inclusive, safe, and welcoming environment
- Facilitates learning and encourages dialogue
- Supports Exploratorium staff and program activities including day to day exhibit upkeep



Middle Ground

Respect

- **86%** of Middle Ground visitors said the experience brought up feelings of respect for people who were different from them

Connection

- **84%** of Middle Ground visitors said the experience brought up feelings of connection for people who were different from them

Compassion

- **80%** of Middle Ground visitors said the experience brought up feelings of compassion for people who were different from them



Chapter 21 G

Chapter 21 G governs grants made by a City Department to a private entity and details our requirement. Chapter 21G.8(a) in part now reads:

For Granting Agencies under the jurisdiction of a commission or a board, the Granting Agency shall not award a Grant without conducting an open and competitive process unless the commission or board approves the Granting Agency's recommendation that the Grant be awarded as a sole source. Before awarding such a Grant, the Granting Agency shall recommend to the commission or board concerned the approval and award of a Grant pursuant to this subsection (a) and such commission or board may then adopt a resolution approving the justification of the sole source and awarding the Grant.



Sole Source Recommendation

Competitive Solicitation Infeasible/Impractical

- Grant is to support an ongoing pilot program
- Grant will support the established relationship between Exploratorium and Urban Alchemy
- Changing partners now would be impractical

Staff recommends approval of the resolution to approve the award of this grant to

- Grantee: Urban Alchemy
- Amount: \$111,831
- Anticipated Dates: 3/1/2024 – 6/30/2024





Thank You

