

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

Resolution approving the San Francisco Public Library Commission's recommendation to award a sole source grant of \$113,831 to Urban Alchemy.

WHEREAS, Urban Alchemy (UA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2018 that practices the process of spiritual and social transformation through interaction with a focus on job creation for formerly incarcerated people; and

WHEREAS, Middle Ground Exhibition started in July 2023 at Fulton & Larkin Streets intending to run through February 2024, as an all ages exhibition about how people interact with one another created by the Exploratorium, in partnership with the San Francisco Public Library and UA; and,

WHEREAS, the Middle Ground Installation was an activation by the Exploratorium, which the Library did not contribute to financially; the Exploratorium sought its own funding via a grant they received; and,

WHEREAS, in developing the installation UA was a partner for development; and

WHEREAS, via a partnership with UA and the Exploratorium, San Francisco Public Library is committed to extending the exhibition from March to June 2024; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Library is willing to support up to 2.6 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions at Urban Alchemy as well as the necessary materials needed to support the exhibition, at a cost of up to \$111,831; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 21G of the San Francisco 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 Sections 21G.8 and 21G.9 of Chapter 21G, the Library Commission may approve a waiver of the open and competitive process when a competitive process is infeasible or impracticable, or when public purpose may reasonably be accomplished by one particular grantee; and,

WHEREAS, the Middle Ground Exhibition advances the important public purpose of supporting the interaction of all ages and social status and the Library's commitment to furthering the connection all residents and visitors of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, UA has been providing services for the Middle Ground Exhibit since its inception, and a new competitive process is infeasible or impracticable given the limited duration of this extension and UA's experience and involvement in providing these services; and

WHEREAS, a new competitive process for the services UA is already providing would disrupt the ongoing Middle Ground Exhibit and disrupt the activation of Fulton Street; and,

WHEREAS, the staff of the San Francisco Public Library has brought a recommendation to award a sole source grant to the Library Commission; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Library Commission approves the sole source grant justification and the Library's award of the grant to Urban Alchemy.

Approved on:

DATE

By a vote of: (-) AYES: NAYS: