



"Community Challenge Grants promote innovative, sustainable and neighborhood-led projects that improve our quality of life and make our City even more green" said San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee. "By leveraging public and private dollars and the volunteer hours that accompany these projects, our communities are becoming more and more empowered and are transforming their neighborhoods." - Mayor Edwin Lee



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"The Community Challenge Grant Program works best when community groups are empowered to take charge to improve and green their neighborhoods," said City Administrator Naomi Kelly. "Clean and green neighborhoods are essential to our quality of life, economic development and the environmental health of all San Franciscans."

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A division within the City Administrators Office, the Community Challenge Grant Program (CCG) formerly known as the Neighborhood Beautification Fund was founded in 1991. CCG provides resources to community groups, businesses and non-profit organizations to make physical improvements in their neighborhoods. Funds are granted to neighborhood-generated projects that directly engage residents and businesses in creating green spaces, community gathering places, public art, and other neighborhood. The program is an important tool that enables communities to take the lead in conducting small-scale improvements in their own communities.

Purpose

The Community Challenge Grant (CCG) Program provides funding that build strong San Francisco neighborhoods and facilitates community participation, stewardship and responsibility.

CCG helps facilitate community-led transformation efforts that enhance beautification projects and build community.

The Goals of CCG are to do the following:

- To promote vibrant physical improvements and greening of public spaces.
- To engage residents and businesses in creating welcoming places for community building
- To feature ecologically friendly amenities and practices.

Eligibility

You should apply for CCG Funding if you are one of the following entities. All entities must either possess 501(c) 3 status or secure a fiscal sponsor.

- Non-profit organization
- Community or neighborhood group
- Merchant Association
- Community Benefit District (CBD)
- School

CCG funds are awarded for projects at three levels.

	Small Projects	Medium Projects	Large Projects
Award Size	Up to \$15,000	\$15,001 to \$30,000	\$30,001 to \$100,000
Project Duration	9 Months	9 Months	1 year
Other Requirements	50% match requirement	35% match requirement	25% match requirement

The Market Octavia and Eastern Neighborhoods Stewardship Pilot Program (MOENS)

The Community Challenge Grant Program (CCG) has partnered with the San Francisco Planning Department to provide resources to community groups, businesses and non-profit organizations to make physical improvements to their neighborhoods. The new CCG Area Plan category is geographically focused on projects that directly engage residents and businesses in creating green spaces, gathering places, public art, and other neighborhood amenities that enhance recreation and open space needs. Two specific areas Market Octavia and Eastern Neighborhoods are the focus of this pilot program. This pilot is an important tool for leveraging existing efforts within these target neighborhoods.

The Urban Watershed Stewardship Grant Program (WSG)

The Urban Watershed Stewardship Grant Program is a subset of the larger CCG program. The WSG Program was developed specifically for community-based projects which help manage stormwater using ecologically based strategies known as green infrastructure. The WSG Program funds projects which harvest rainwater, remove impervious surfaces, or implement other green infrastructure like bioswales and rain gardens. The WSG program is a partnership between the Community Challenge Grant Program and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. Note, that there are separate grant applications for the general CCG Program and the WSG Program. *Both applications can be found under the “Documents” section of the website at: www.sfgov.org/*