

RESOLUTION NO. 75-2008

Tabled July 10, 2008

**AUTHORIZING A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH
RENAISSANCE ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER, A
CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION,
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000 TO PROVIDE
OUTREACH, WORKSHOP TRAINING AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE RELATED TO THE FILLMORE JAZZ
PRESERVATION DISTRICT COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUND
GRANT PROGRAM; WESTERN ADDITION REDEVELOPMENT
PROJECT AREA A-2**

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. The Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") established the Fillmore Jazz Preservation District - the area bound by McAllister, Post, Steiner and Webster Streets ("District") to revitalize Fillmore Street in the Western Addition Redevelopment Project Area A-2 ("Project Area"). The primary focus of the District is to highlight the significant role that jazz music played in the District and to continue the legacy of jazz by creating an entertainment district comprised of dining, jazz music and shopping venues and activities.
2. The Agency and Fillmore Center Developers, a California corporation ("Developer"), entered into an Agreement for Disposition of Land for Private Development ("LDA") dated December 16, 1985 which authorized the purchase and development of land located in the District.
3. On December 14, 2004, by Resolution No. 151-2004, the Agency Commission approved an eleventh amendment to the LDA ("Eleventh Amendment") which, among other things, required the Developer to pay the Agency a one-time lump sum amount of \$312,424, related to additional commercial space in the complex.
4. The Eleventh Amendment requires the funds be used exclusively for expenditures and programs that support the District. Pursuant to the terms of the Eleventh Amendment, the funds must be spent by January 9, 2009. The Agency placed these funds in an interest bearing account which now totals \$360,000 ("Grant Funds").
5. In early 2005, the Agency Commission directed staff to begin discussions with the Western Addition Citizens Advisory Committee ("CAC") on establishing a policy recommendation for use of the Grant Funds. In 2006, the full CAC voted to refer the item to its Budget and Finance Subcommittee ("Subcommittee"). After hosting several meetings on this issue, the Subcommittee created an ad-hoc committee consisting of some of its members and other community members. On January 22, 2008, the ad-hoc committee presented a one page proposal to the

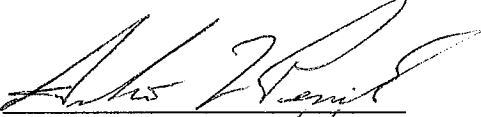
Subcommittee which was not supported by its members. There has been no resolution on this issue at the CAC level.

6. In February of 2008, the Agency Commission's President and Vice President, taking a special interest in moving the proposed grant program forward, convened a committee with staff to develop a program for the use and disbursement of the Grant Fund. The committee presented the proposed Community Benefits Fund Grant Program ("CBF Grant Program" or "Grant Program"), at an Agency Commission workshop on June 17, 2008.
7. The purpose of the CBF Grant Program is to expand business opportunities and employment in the Western Addition. The Grant Funds will be used to fund individual grants, not to exceed \$15,000. In addition, Agency Commission directed staff to make certain changes to the CBF Grant Program eligibility criteria to make it easier for Project Area residents and businesses to apply. In addition, the Agency Commission requested that the timeline of the Grant Program be extended to provide for at least two application cycles and to make job creation for Western Addition residents a priority.
8. The Agency desires to employ the services of Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, on a sole source basis, to provide outreach, workshop training and technical assistance to potential applicants and to assist Agency staff in administering the Grant Program.
9. The personal services contract for the administration of the Grant Program is not a "project" pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") definition of a project contained in CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5). Funding and implementation of administrative activities related to the Grant Program will not independently result in a physical change in the environment.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into a personal services contract with Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, on a sole source basis, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 to provide outreach, workshop training and technical assistance to potential applicants and to assist Agency staff in administering the Grant Program.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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