RESOLUTION NO. 132-2001  
Adopted July 17, 2001

AUTHORIZING A REVISION TO THE BASEMENT AND SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO SIXTH STREET PROPERTY OWNERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR IMPROVED SIDEWALKS ALONG SIXTH STREET, SOUTH OF MARKET EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. The South of Market Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Plan was adopted "to repair, restore, and/or replace buildings and physical infrastructure damaged by the October 17, 1989 earthquake". Sidewalk replacement is part of the overall improvement efforts on Sixth Street.

2. To implement the sidewalk replacement program, the Department of Public Works ("DPW") inspected the sidewalks on Sixth Street and has identified needed repairs. Furthermore, DPW had previously determined that many of the 29 basements located directly beneath the sidewalks along Sixth Street have deteriorated to the extent that they may not be able to provide adequate support for the installation of the new sidewalk. On June 8, 1999, by Resolution Number 48-99, the Commission approved a $1,000,000 Basement and Sidewalk Enhancement Program ("Loan Program") for loans to assist the affected property owners along Sixth Street to undertake the work necessary to abandon or reinforce their sub-sidewalk basements.

3. To assist the affected Sixth Street property owners to engage engineering services to undertake the work necessary to abandon or reinforce their sub-sidewalk basements, the Agency has worked with the South of Market Foundation to design a grant program ("Grant Program") for engineering services.

4. It is therefore appropriate and consistent with the Agency's Loan Program for the South of Market Project to create the Grant Program generally as described in the memorandum to the Commission.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco:

1. Authorizing a revision to the Basement and Sidewalk Enhancement Program to provide grants to Sixth Street property owners for engineering services for improved sidewalks along Sixth Street, South of Market Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area as described in the Commission Memorandum dated June 26, 2001; and
2. Authorizes the Executive Director to approve Basement and Sidewalk Enhancement Program grants to eligible property owners and to execute related grant documentation in a form to be approved by Agency General Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Agency General Counsel