

Partnership for the Bay's Future Supports for Policy and System Change

The Partnership for the Bay's Future's grant programs work to advance policy changes that protect residents and improve affordability, a goal that requires robust community and political engagement. The Partnership may be able to provide various lobbying supports to help achieve the passage of equitable housing policy across the Bay Area, which are detailed below.

The San Francisco Foundation is the host institution for the Partnership for the Bay's Future. As such, the Partnership is pleased to be able to offer certain policy supports through SFF.

Lobbying Grants

The San Francisco Foundation has a pool of lobbying dollars that can be allocated annually. Partnership for the Bay's Future grantees can request that SFF designate a portion of their grant funding as lobbying dollars. Grant dollars that are not designated for lobbying cannot be spent on lobbying activities. If a portion of your grant is designated for lobbying, you can spend up to that amount of your total grant on lobbying. These grants support lobbying around policy and systems change. These funds may not be used for electioneering activities (for the election of any candidate for office).

Resource: *Bolder Advocacy* hosts trainings and events that can help organizations better understand what constitutes lobbying, record keeping requirements and other lobbying considerations.

Additional Supports

Apart from lobbying grants, grantee partners can request that the San Francisco Foundation take a stance on policy and advocacy opportunities. Requests for the Foundation to take a stance on a policy position will go through an internal approval process at SFF. Depending on the policy topic, SFF may be able to support lobbying efforts for its highest priorities in the following ways:

- **Provide letters of support** – The San Francisco Foundation, and occasionally the Partnership for the Bay's Future Advisory Board, can submit letters of support for policy initiatives aligned with the PBF and SFF's highest priorities.
- **Activate our networks** – The San Francisco Foundation, Partnership for the Bay's Future and Great Communities Collaborative can share alerts and calls to action on our platforms for our highest priorities, as well as present to our working groups and Advisory Boards to gather support and attention.
- **Provide testimonials** – Partnership for the Bay's Future representatives can attend committee hearings and events to provide support statements for policy initiatives on behalf of the San Francisco Foundation.
- **Promote through communications channels** – The San Francisco Foundation, Partnership for the Bay's Future, and Great Communities Collaborative can share any relevant and important information via our newsletters, social media, and communications efforts.

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