

Association of Bay Area Governments
Executive Board

July 21, 2022

Agenda Item 6.e.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Authorization to accept and to execute an agreement for grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan implementation, between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed to \$750,000; and authorization to negotiate and execute a subrecipient agreement with the Regents of the University of California in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 for the services of two Sea Grant Fellows to the San Francisco Estuary Partnership.

Background:

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) is one of 28 programs mandated under Section 320 of the Clean Water Act, the National Estuary Program (NEP). The U.S. Congress appropriates funds each year for the NEP to be distributed through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Each program must apply annually for the NEP funds. For the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, SFEP will receive \$750,000 to implement the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, also known as the San Francisco Estuary Blueprint.

The Sea Grant Fellowship program offers graduate students the opportunity to broaden experience in natural resource management. SFEP's Sea Grant Fellows are expected to work on the biennial State of the San Francisco Estuary Conference and Blueprint Implementation.

Issues:

None

Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, to accept and negotiate and execute a funding agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan implementation for the period from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$750,000; and to negotiate and execute a subrecipient agreement with the Regents of the University of California in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 for the services of two Sea Grant Fellows .

Attachments:

Summary Approval

Reviewed:



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