

[Funding support for DCYF CBOs]

Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to support funding for youth programs hosted by the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families.

WHEREAS, In the most recent 2024-2029 Department of Children, Youth, and their Families (DCYF) Request For Proposal (RFP) Cycle, CBOs requested \$414,713,817, and only \$92,017,300 was granted to 231 out of the 698 proposals submitted. 66.9% of CBOs that requested funding did not receive any funds at all¹; and

WHEREAS, 36,808 youth and 2,572 transitional aged youth in 2023 relied on programs funded by CBOs as a source of income during the summer time or school year, such as Opportunities for All (OFA), MYEEP, Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC), Community Youth Center (CYC), District 7 Youth Council, City Youth Now, etc.²; and,

WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2023-2024, 78% of DCYF funded programs meet or exceed annual goals for the number of youth served³; and,

WHEREAS, youth-serving community based organizations are critical spaces for recognizing and responding to socioeconomic stressors that youth face including poverty, housing instability, and food insecurity which significantly impact the physical and mental health of youth, especially for youth living in single-parent, BIPOC, homeless, etc. communities, thus underscoring CBO's vitality to youth lives⁴; and

¹ "DCYF Request for Proposals | SF.gov," n.d.

² "Proposed Budget Fiscal Years 2025-2026 & 2026-2027," Daniel Lurie and Mayor's Office of Public Policy and Finance, May 31, 2025

³ "Proposed Budget Fiscal Years 2025-2026 & 2026-2027," Daniel Lurie and Mayor's Office of Public Policy and Finance, May 31, 2025

⁴ "Community Needs Assessment," Department of Children Youth and Families, January 2022

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Lurie's proposed budget for fiscal years 2025-2026/2026-
2 2027 includes a 0.3% projected decrease (equating to roughly \$0.92 million) than fiscal
3 year 2024-2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Mayor Lurie's proposed budget for fiscal years 2025-2026/2026-
5 2027 includes a slight increase to the sources and uses total budget – from
6 \$348,519,980 (2025-2026) to \$355,479,268 (2026-2027) indicating that DCYF will retain
7 similar funding levels for the next two fiscal years; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Lurie's proposed budget for fiscal years 2025-2026/2026-
9 2027 includes a slight decrease by Full-time Equivalents (FTEs) in funded positions
10 from 69.03 FTEs in 2025-2026 to 69.01 FTEs in 2026-2027, demonstrating a slight
11 reduction in staffing for DCYF; and

12 WHEREAS, the Human Rights Commission funds OFA, serving 2,500 youth
13 annually through workforce programs such as YouthWorks, Community Safety Initiative
14 (CSI), and Black 2 San Francisco (B2SF); and

15 WHEREAS, In the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 Proposed
16 Budget, the Human Rights Commission is projected to have a \$37.5 million reduction
17 (equating to \$16,803,083) from FY 2024-2025 to FY 2025-2026; and

18 WHEREAS, In the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 Proposed
19 Budget, OFA falls under the Human Rights Commission's Operating Expenditures for
20 Programmatic Projects, which is expected to have \$16,125,176 decrease from FY
21 2024-2025 to 2025-2026, thus hindering the OFA's grants; programming such as job
22 placements, mentorship, community outreach, etc.; and program supplies and
23 materials; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lurie recommitted to OFA and Black2SF in February 2025,
recognizing these program's instrumental impact and investment towards San
Francisco's Black community⁵; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission has consistently advocated for greater
support towards Community Based organizations and afterschool programs,
recognizing their vital roles in supporting the physical, mental, and social health of youth
in the 24-25 Budget Policy Priorities Report and RESOLUTION NO.2425-AL-20; and

WHEREAS, in the Youth Commission 2024-2025 Budget Policies Priorities
Report, the Youth Commission has advocated for greater support and equity for Youth
Workforce Development and Employment Programs; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board
of Supervisors to continually fund CBOs by the Department of Children Youth and
Families and OFA from the Human Rights Commission for youth to maintain access to
vital programs for their development, economic security, and wellbeing; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor
and Board of Supervisors to ensure accountability for this budget and revise metrics to
access CBOs in their effectiveness, equity, and transparency in the RFP process, in
addition to DCYF's existing Results Based Accountability Metrics.

⁵ Mayor Lurie renews City's commitment to programs connecting Black youth to employment opportunities," Office of the Mayor, February 7, 2025