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### Redevelopment Agency Offers Grants in the Fillmore Jazz Preservation District

San Francisco—The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency announced the creation of a Community Benefits Fund Grants Program (CBF) to provide start-up or expansion capital in the form of “micro grants” not to exceed \$25,000 to existing nonprofit organizations, for-profit businesses and startup businesses. The grants are designed to benefit the Fillmore Jazz Preservation District. The goal of the CBF Grants Program is to attract new businesses and to encourage retail within the District and to support a viable commercial corridor.

The CBF Grants Program will be limited to residents and businesses within the Western Addition A-2 Project Area. Urban Solutions, the facilitators of the program, will hold a series of workshops that applicants must attend in order to qualify for a grant award.

“We are excited about offering these grants to a group of people that may not have had the opportunity to qualify for these types of funds in the past.” said Fred Blackwell, Executive Director of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, “It has been proven that micro-enterprise grants like these can make a big difference for aspiring entrepreneurs.”

The three public orientation workshops will take place on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12 noon, and October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am -12 noon. All orientations will be held at the Westbay Conference Center at 1290 Fillmore Street. Attendance at one of these workshops is mandatory for anyone planning to apply for a CBF grant.

“The desire is to help small businesses and non-profits grow and prosper” said Francee Covington, President of the San Francisco Redevelopment Commission., “we hope this funding will spark new ventures and add to our already successful Jazz Preservation District.”

For more information about the Community Benefits Fund Grants Program, please contact Andrea Baker of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency at (415) 749-2496 or Urban Solutions at (415) 553-4433 ext.112.

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