

## **SF PARKS ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES TEN RECIPIENTS OF \$5,000 ACTION AWARDS GRANTS TO LAUNCH FREE OUTDOOR EVENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO**

*The awardees – with events ranging from a plus-size flea market to beach cleanups – each receive \$5,000 cash and technical and staffing assistance*

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA (August 8, 2023)** – Today, San Francisco Parks Alliance announces a new cohort of ten Action Awards grant recipients. The Action Awards support projects that bring free, recurring community events to public spaces in San Francisco. All grantees receive \$5,000 cash to bring their event series to life. In addition, SF Parks Alliance provides grantees with expertise in public programming, permitting, and other technical support.

The new cohort of Action Award grantees have plans to host events like a plus size flea market, beach cleanups, pro skateboard events, and more. The Action Awards give resources to help people or organizations care for a public space that matters to them. Previous awardees have hosted events like clean-up days, movie nights, mural paintings, and movement classes, all in service of bringing a sense of community to public spaces. Between a pilot round and an inaugural round of Action Awards grants, SF Parks Alliance has previously distributed \$88,000 to 18 awardees. This second round brings the total to \$138,000.

“The Action Awards recognize that community members are the best stewards of their public spaces. Previous awardees have hosted the most welcoming and enlivening events, and we can’t wait to help our new awardees make their ideas real,” said Sarah Katz-Hyman, Senior Project Manager at SF Parks Alliance.

The Action Awards are funded by the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) as part of their economic recovery programs.

“San Francisco’s economic recovery starts and ends with our neighborhoods,” said Sarah Dennis Phillips, Executive Director of OEWD. “From SoMa to the Outer Sunset, to the Mission, we have passionate residents thinking innovatively about space, resources and making our community thrive. As we look towards the future prosperity that our city holds, the Action Awards help us celebrate our inspiring community partners and neighborhoods that are fueling our city’s continued revitalization.”

For a full list of grantees and their planned events, visit the [SF Parks Alliance blog post here](#).

Keep an eye out for these upcoming events by signing up for the SF Parks Alliance monthly newsletter at [sfparksalliance.org](https://sfparksalliance.org), and following @sfparksalliance on Instagram, Facebook,

Twitter, and Threads. You can learn more about the Action Awards at [sfparksalliance.org/action-awards](https://sfparksalliance.org/action-awards).

### **About San Francisco Parks Alliance**

SF Parks Alliance is San Francisco's only citywide parks nonprofit. For over 50 years, we've been partnering closely with communities and public agencies to create, sustain, and advocate for parks and public spaces across the city. We believe that everyone deserves access to safe and welcoming community spaces, regardless of where they live in San Francisco.

### **About the Office of Economic and Workforce Development**

The Office of Economic and Workforce Development advances equitable and shared prosperity for San Franciscans by growing sustainable jobs, supporting businesses of all sizes, creating great places to live and work, and helping everyone achieve economic self-sufficiency. For more information, please visit [www.oewd.org](http://www.oewd.org).

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**Grantee List:** [sfparksalliance.org/2023/08/summer-2023-action-award-grantees](https://sfparksalliance.org/2023/08/summer-2023-action-award-grantees)

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