

# Grant Assistance for Floodwater Management

## Grant Requirements and Terms – Supplemental Terms

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Please reference the *Grant Requirements and Terms* as a starting point and use this document as a reference or to receive further information.

For questions about the grant or if you require assistance in completing the application, please email the SFPUC Grant Administrator at [FloodwaterGrants@sfgwater.org](mailto:FloodwaterGrants@sfgwater.org) or call 415-695-7326. Staff are available to assist you throughout the application process.

### Definitions – Supplemental Information

Terms used in the grant application package have the meanings described below in alphabetical order:

**Applicant** – San Francisco property owner with an active SFPUC account for wastewater services who is seeking grant funds from the SFPUC for installation of a project(s) to lower their risk of damage at that property due to flooding caused by rainstorms, as set forth in the instructions and guidelines outlined in this application package.

**Award** – The decision by the SFPUC to provide grant funds, following the review and evaluation of a completed application. An award is made through an executed Grant Agreement.

**Eligible Costs** – Project work directly related to a project that reduces a property owner’s risk of harm due to flooding. Costs incurred could include of supplies/materials, permit fees, engineer/contractor/surveyor work to design, consultation fees and implement projects, and to restore the immediate work area to pre-construction conditions. For any project that is custom designed by a manufacturer, such as a doorway flood barrier, eligible costs are limited to the barrier and installation costs based on the manufacturer’s recommendations and costs associated with restoring the immediate work area to pre-construction conditions.

**Final Payment** – The final reimbursement payment provided to the Grantee for a project. This is supported by proof of payment of completed work and documentation of DBI final inspection (if applicable for project type). Eligible applicants may be able to submit an invoice for the final payment (see below).

**Flood Barrier** – A physical barrier to minimize floodwater intrusion through building openings such as pedestrian doorways and garage or warehouse doorways. See information under *Eligibility Criteria* about acceptable barriers.

**Flood Wall** – Concrete wall, up to 3 feet tall, along the edge of a parcel and next to a public right of way.

**Funding Approval Letter** – A written notice of approved grant funds for a specific project(s).

**Funding Reservation Letter** – A written notice for a provisional reservation, made on a case-by-case basis and subject to availability of funds.

**Grant Agreement** – A written contract between SFPUC and the Applicant that includes the obligations and conditions governing the use of grant funds and the construction, operations and maintenance of the project.

**Hardship Applicant** – Owner-occupied, residential property owners who demonstrate financial hardship and small businesses and non-profit organizations with a maximum of 50 full-time employees with an up-front payment of up to \$1,000 for contractor deposits to secure work. This program also changes the proof of payment and installment payment options for eligible applicants.

**Installment Payment** – A payment provided to Grantee during the project supported by documentation of progress made on the construction of the project (e.g. invoices from contractor/engineer/manufacturer). The number of installment payments allowed is based on the project grant amount.

**San Francisco Department of Building Inspection (DBI)** – San Francisco city agency responsible for enforcement of City and County of San Francisco’s Building, Housing, Plumbing, Electrical, and Mechanical Codes.

**Sewer Backwater Valve or Backflow Prevention Device** – Device used to maintain flow in one direction in a pipeline. When installed to sewer plumbing fixtures, this device protects the fixtures from sewage backing up from the sewer collection system.

**Project** – The project will reduce the property owner’s risk of damage/harm due to flooding caused by overland flow from the public right-of-way during rainstorms. The project will cover eligible costs (see definition above).