

SOMA Nonprofit Facilities Fund RFP and Program Overview

The SOMA Nonprofit Facilities Fund provides real estate support services and funding to nonprofit arts and culture organizations in the SOMA community. This program is funded by developer fees from Brookfield Properties from the 5M development project.

The nonprofit organization will (1) directly provide and coordinate space planning, financial planning and other technical assistance services, and (2) administer grant funds for arts and culture nonprofits based in the SOMA neighborhood on facility-related issues, including professional services and capital needs. Services and grant funds are prioritized for arts and culture organizations with long histories of service to and are deeply rooted in the SOMA community and were negatively impacted by the 5M development at 5th, Mission and Howard streets in San Francisco.

Grant window: January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025, with potential to extend.

The RFP was released on September 1, 2020 with a deadline to apply by September 22, 2020.

Panel Composition

The four-member staff review panel from SFAC, MOHCD, and OEWD convened on September 30, 2020 to discuss and rank applications. The participating staff bring deep expertise and familiarity with arts and culture organizations, real estate, non-profit capacity building, and the SOMA community.

FY20-21 SOMA Nonprofit Facilities Funding Recommendation

We received one application in response to this RFP. The panel discussed the strengths and areas of improvement of this applicant and recommended funding.