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**San Francisco Department on the Status of Women Awards ACCESS
Reproductive Justice Emergency Funds in Anticipation of Influx of Out-of-State
Patients Seeking Abortion Care**

This financial award will help ensure that wraparound services are affordable and accessible for all people seeking abortion care in San Francisco and beyond.

San Francisco, CA – The Department on the Status of Women announces the awarding of \$250,000 to ACCESS Reproductive Justice, the only statewide abortion fund in California that provides practical wraparound support services. This “Health & Safety” grant assists by ensuring wraparound services are affordable and accessible to all women and people of reproductive age seeking abortion care in San Francisco and beyond, as well as support for organizational capacity building.

“Abortion is healthcare and this ruling leaves millions of women and people of reproductive age without access to essential healthcare. Forced birth in a country that does not provide federally mandated parental leave, access to healthcare, or even ensures that a child does not go hungry, is not only unjust, but it’s cruel. San Francisco and our Department are committed to doing everything possible to support those who are seeking reproductive health care in our city,” said Kimberly Ellis, Director of San Francisco’s Department on the Status of Women.

These emergency funds are part of a multi-pronged coordinated response that the City is taking to prepare for the local impacts of the Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade*. This grant is a demonstration of San Francisco’s commitment to serve as a beacon of hope for the rest of the country and underscores our belief that every person should have access to full reproductive healthcare, including access to abortion and contraception.

Since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, 11 states have already implemented abortion bans, and experts estimate that up to 26 states will most likely implement a ban or severely restrict access to abortion in the coming weeks and months.

The Guttmacher Institute reports an estimated 3,000 percent increase in out-of-state patients seeking abortion care in California, and since the ruling was announced, ACCESS Reproductive Justice has experienced a dramatic uptick in calls to their “healthline” with requests for both abortion care and wraparound services.

History shows that the people who will be most impacted by this court ruling are those who already live at the intersections of multiple marginalized communities, including women of color, low-income, people with disabilities, and trans people. Research also shows that three out of four women who had abortions are mothers.

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