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**To:** Recreation and Park Commission  
Operations Committee

**Through:** Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager  
Lisa Bransten, Director of Partnerships

**From:** Nathan Tinclair, Assistant Director of Partnerships

**Subject:** Crab Fest Scholarships Grant

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### **Agenda Wording**

**Crab Fest Scholarships:** Discussion and possible action to recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a cash grant from the San Francisco Parks Alliance of approximately \$110,000, generated by the annual Crab Fest fundraiser event in February, to support the scholarship program.

### **Strategic Plan**

**Strategy 2: Inspire Play:** Promote active living, well-being and community for San Francisco's diverse and growing population.

**Objective: 2.1.:** Strengthen and the quality, responsiveness and accessibility of recreation programs.

**Strategy 3: Inspire Investment:** Through community engagement, advocacy, and partnerships, cultivate more financial resources to keep San Francisco's parks and programs accessible for all.

**Objective: 3.3.:** Cultivate increased philanthropic support.

### **Background**

This grant from the San Francisco Parks Alliance of \$110,000 is to support the Department's scholarship program. These funds were raised from the annual Crab Fest fundraiser event held this year on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. First started a decade ago, since 2013, Crab Fest has provided important support each year for the scholarship program which helps ensure that all San Franciscans have access to the Department's recreation programs, regardless of ability to pay. Last fiscal year, the Department awarded 8,400 scholarships worth over \$1 million. The San Francisco Parks Alliance serves as the fiscal sponsor of Crab Fest.



**Financial Impact**

\$110,000

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Commission recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a cash grant from the San Francisco Parks Alliance of approximately \$110,000, generated by the annual Crab Fest fundraiser event in February, to support the scholarship program.

**Supported By:**

Recreation and Park Department Staff

San Francisco Parks Alliance

**Opposed By:**

No known opposition