
Legislative Review: BOS File #240470 Exempting Legacy Business Assistance Program from City Grant Requirements
Sponsor: Office of Small Business
Date Introduced: 5/14/24
Scheduled for BOS Committee: Rules Committee

Legislative Overview: This legislation exempts grants and financial assistance from the Legacy Business Assistance Program from certain provisions of Chapter 21G of the Administrative Code.

Amendments to Current Law

The Office of Small Business provides grants and financial assistance to certain Legacy Businesses and landlords of Legacy Businesses. Under the provisions of Chapter 21G of the Administrative Code, these grants and financial assistance are subject to the City's grant making requirements, which include open and competitive review processes, and various levels of review to ensure a fair and equitable process.

The Legacy Business Assistance Program is structured differently than most other City grant programs. Unlike other City grants where multiple entities may be bidding for one grant, the Legacy Business Assistance Program provides grants and financial services to all Legacy Businesses and their landlords who apply and qualify for the grant, as long as there are sufficient funds.

The Legacy Business Assistance Program also has a rigorous review process already established, which requires all nominations for the Legacy Business Registry to be nominated by a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor, and requires review by the Historic Preservation Commission and approval from the Small Business Commission.

Background, Issues, and Considerations

Who benefits from or will be burdened by your proposal (geographically, ethnically, linguistically)?
What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?

- This legislation provides financial support for all Legacy Businesses who meet certain requirements. It's a citywide program and open to all qualified applicants.

What was the development process of this proposal? Whose input have you sought out? What feedback did you hear and did you incorporate it into this proposal? If not, why not?

- This legislation replicates and expands an existing program to better serve the needs of Legacy Businesses.

Is this proposal punitive or enforcement based? What are the other alternatives for proactive compliance? This proposal is not punitive.

Given the diversity of San Francisco, how would this policy play out in different cultural settings? How does it accommodate cultural norms? N/A