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April 6, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Office of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of The House  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker,

United Playaz is honored to have been invited to submit a proposal in response to the FY23 Community Project Funding Request. We have attached the following proposal requesting \$2,000,000 to support the project '1044 Howard Street Purchase.' Additionally, we have provided letters in support of our purchase project, as well as an award letter from Community Vision's Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative in the amount of \$750,000 that will also support the acquisition of the 1044 Howard Street property.

You will find additional information about United Playaz, the 1044 Howard Street project, and our work and services in San Francisco, specifically in the South of Market neighborhood, at the following links:

<https://communityvisionca.org/mayor-london-breed-announces-3-3-million-in-funding-to-support-community-nonprofit-organizations/>

<https://www.ktvu.com/news/victims-families-call-for-community-action-to-stop-violence>

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2022/04/06/mass-shooting-san-francisco-leaders-rally-end-to-gun-violence/>

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2021/12/09/san-franciscos-united-playaz-holding-annual-gun-buyback-program/>

<https://www.ktvu.com/news/san-franciscos-united-playaz-celebrates-silver-anniversary-of-saving-at-risk-youth>

It takes the hood to save the hood!

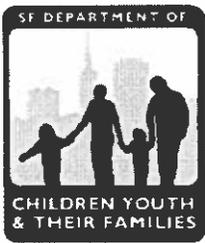
Sincerely,

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Rudy Corpuz, Jr.  
Executive Director

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\* As a 501(c)3 organization, tax id #20-5005815, all contributions to United Playaz are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation.



**Maria Su, Psy.D.**  
Executive Director



**London Breed**  
Mayor

March 30, 2022

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions about this letter. I can be reached at (415) 701-5584 or [brian.cheu@sfgov.org](mailto:brian.cheu@sfgov.org).

Sincerely,

*Brian Cheu*

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March 23, 2022

Rudy Corpuz  
Executive Director  
United Playaz  
1038 Howard Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: NSI Acquisition Grant number: 2-2022

Dear Rudy,

**Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that United Playaz has been awarded a tentative grant, pending successful negotiations, in the amount of \$750,000 from the Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative ("NSI"), a program funded by the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development and administered by Community Vision Capital & Consulting ("Community Vision"), to support the acquisition of the property located at 1044 Howard Street.**

**A selection committee used the criteria for evaluation established in the program guidelines to carefully assess your application alongside others in the pool and approved the award.**

**Grant proceeds are required to be disbursed by February 28, 2023. Please review the enclosure outlining pre- and post-closing conditions that will be included in the grant agreement. Community Vision will administer the grant and will provide you with a formal grant agreement incorporating the grant conditions and reporting requirements before closing. All NSI grants are recoverable to ensure the funds are used to create permanent nonprofit space. Consequently, a deed of trust and use restriction will be required to secure the grant.**

**We are happy that the NSI is able to support United Playaz' exciting project. We wish you success as the project develops and look forward to following your progress. Please do not hesitate to call if we might be of assistance as the project moves forward.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine Howard". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Catherine Howard  
President



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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
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Dear Madam Speaker,

I am writing in support of United Playaz's \$2 million request to purchase and renovate a building located at 1044 Howard Street to expand their violence prevention and youth development programs. As you are aware, United Playaz has provided a safe and positive environment for local youth in San Francisco for more than 25 years. Their team shares similar backgrounds with the community they serve and their programs include academic enrichment and leadership training to prevent kids from entering or re-entering the justice system.

The United Playaz Clubhouse, located nearby at 1038 Howard Street, currently serves more than 75 people each day and is equipped with a library, full-service recording studio, and recreational meeting space for guests and staff. United Playaz requires additional space due to the growing needs of the community. The funds requested will be invested towards an expansion of the current literacy program and will offer a dedicated space to further develop the organization's reentry services for adults. The total cost of the project is \$6 million, with the other \$4 million supporting structural improvements, capital investments, and ADA accessibility.

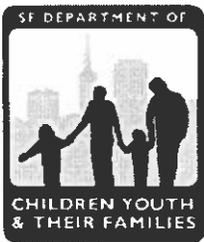
By maintaining a consistent space for kids who lack stability in other facets of their daily lives, United Playaz supports our city's diverse youth population and encourages them to form friendships and develop bonds. United Playaz's community presence across San Francisco has resulted in Back-to-School supply giveaways, coastal clean-up days, removing guns from the streets, and referring kids to job centers for internships and career advancement. Through the organization's work, young San Franciscans gain the knowledge needed to tackle social pressures.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and thank you for your continued partnership in addressing San Francisco's most urgent needs.

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6 April 2022

Speaker Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

My name is Carla Laurel and I am the Executive Director of West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service Center, the oldest Filipino led non profit in Northern California. We have been and continue to serve vulnerable communities in the South of Market neighborhood for the past 50 years. We are an extended family and imperative resource for many recent immigrant families in San Francisco.

I am writing this letter in support of United Playaz and their application for the Community Funding Project to purchase 1044 Howard Street. We work very closely with United Playaz and know firsthand the impact their program has made to thousands of community members over the years.

We have been working more collaboratively together these past couple of years by combining our youth programs together to maximize our resources to serve as many kids and families during the COVID-19 pandemic. They have always been generous with their resources and have continued to be responsive to support not just their organization, but other organizations, including ours as well as the local neighborhood school. United Playaz is one of the only organizations in San Francisco that was able to acquire their current building to bring forth sustainability for their organization and the community. They generously shared the blueprint with our organization so we have been able to acquire a new building, and they also have shared their space with us to address space challenges to serve as many community members as possible.

We know how deeply they need more space to continue their excellent work in the community. They have always had a waitlist in their programs and I am confident that with the support of your funding to help them acquire 1044 Howard, they will be able to serve and save more lives. We appreciate their deep commitment and collaboration with us to help serve the community better.

West Bay is happy to support United Playaz in their expansion and hope you strongly consider them as a recipient of these funds based on their amazing track record, consistent response to the most pressing needs of the community, and their commitment to serving not just their organization but help support others and the community as a whole.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carla Laurel".

Carla Laurel  
Executive Director

To whom it may concern I. EVERETT BUTLER would like to express appreciation for the Platform, the love and support that I received from UNITED PLAYAZ in being there and providing a space for GUNS like myself who has come from incarceration, an Afters back to give back. When one has the needed space to both Vibe & Flow with each other about the tides of life it helps one to remain focused so that as REAL PHYNAS we can continue be of service to people.

As I facilitate the Restorative Justice + CGJA classes the court grows with the number of GUNS & women that show up to share and learn of other. An we are all so very thankful for the support "U.P." shows us as we continue to move down the path of righteousness your assistance with helping us help the ppl. will be all means be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,  
Everett B.  
Greets Butler