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**SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
AWARDS \$40.5 MILLION GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF THE NEW SAN BRUNO RECREATION AND AQUATIC CENTER**

SBCF Grants to the City of San Bruno to Fund the New Facility Total \$50 Million

San Bruno, California, June 18, 2021 – At its June 15, 2021, meeting, the Board of Directors of the San Bruno Community Foundation approved a \$40,464,454 strategic grant to the City of San Bruno for the construction of the San Bruno Recreation and Aquatic Center to be built in San Bruno City Park. The construction grant is the eighth and final grant from SBCF funding the Recreation and Aquatic Center project, fulfilling a \$50 million commitment made to the City in 2017.

“When the gas pipeline explosion happened nearly 11 years ago, we said that something good has to come out of this tragedy,” said SBCF Vice President and former San Bruno Mayor Jim Ruane. “The San Bruno Community Foundation is proud to provide \$50 million in grants to fund the construction of a new Recreation and Aquatic Center in San Bruno City Park, a project identified as a top priority by the San Bruno community. Once built, this facility will forever be one of the most significant legacies of the Foundation.”

“Our community clearly voiced its desire for an updated recreation center and community pool, two facilities that were originally built in the 1950s. Without the Foundation’s support, the City would not have the ability to build a new Recreation and Aquatic Center for the 21st century,” said San Bruno City Manager Jovan Grogan. “The City of San Bruno is deeply grateful to the Foundation for supporting the design and construction of this important new center that will serve the San Bruno community for decades to come.”

In the spring of 2015, the Foundation undertook its first Community Listening Campaign to solicit input from the San Bruno community on community needs and how the \$70 million in restitution funds resulting from the 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno’s Crestmoor neighborhood could be used to address those needs. The community identified new community facilities – such as a new library, recreation center, swimming pool, and community center – as the top priority. In January 2016, the SBCF Board approved a strategic grant to the City to enable the City to develop a Community Facilities Vision Plan to define goals and priorities for new or renovated community facilities in San Bruno, including a pre-planning process to develop the scope of work and work plan.

The City engaged with Anderson Brule Architects (ABA) to lead the Community Facilities Vision Planning Process to allow for significant community input in considering and prioritizing the various community facility upgrade projects that were identified in the Foundation’s 2015 Listening Campaign. ABA completed its outreach in mid-December 2016 and presented its findings to and received feedback from a joint meeting of City commissions and boards in January 2017.

In February 2017, ABA presented the San Bruno City Council with the results of the visioning and prioritization process and the top two candidates for a Foundation-funded building project: a new recreation center and swimming pool joint use facility, and a new library and community center joint use facility. The Council ultimately agreed to build a new recreation center and pool joint use facility in San Bruno City Park. By consensus, the Council directed the City

Manager to proceed with selecting a firm to do preliminary conceptual design development and programming and formally request from the Foundation funding of \$50 million to support the project. The City hired Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning as the lead architect.

In March 2017, the SBCF Board approved a resolution supporting the concept of a \$50 million strategic grant to the City of San Bruno for the design and construction of a new recreation and aquatic center and directing the Executive Director to proceed with negotiating such a grant arrangement with the City.

SBCF is funding the project through a series of grants totaling \$50 million that cover specific components of the project:

- The first grant for the conceptual design phase has been completed and, in the end, totaled \$416,109.
- The second grant, for up to \$5,420,388, covers architectural services through the schematic design/construction documents and construction phases.
- The third grant, for up to \$1,079,000, supports project and construction management services for the duration of the project.
- The fourth grant is for up to \$1,061,611 and covers City compliance review.
- The fifth grant, for up to \$375,000, will cover the costs related to moving the City's Recreation staff and programs to temporary facilities during the construction period.
- The sixth grant for the development of a strategic business plan for the new facility totaled \$60,000.
- The seventh grant, for up to \$1,123,438, funds necessary renovations to the Tom Lara Field parking lot in San Bruno City Park.
- The recently approved eighth grant of \$40,464,454 will fund 94% of the construction contract for the new facility.

On June 8, 2021, the City Council approved the design of the Recreation and Aquatic Center project, authorized the City Manager to execute a construction contract, in an amount not to exceed \$43,031,000, with Lathrop Construction, Inc. for the project, and approved a total project budget in the amount of \$59,890,228 (including nearly \$5 million in project contingencies). In addition to the SBCF grants, the City is contributing nearly \$10 million towards the project costs through a variety of sources to fully fund the project. The City's \$10 million contribution is funded without the use general tax revenue and is largely comprised of required payments and negotiated community benefits from development projects, as well as PG&E settlement funds. This includes \$1.7 million in developer contributions that have been made to its Park In-Lieu Fund, a \$4.5 million community benefit payment from YouTube connected to its 1400/1450 Bayhill development project, and \$1.9 million in additional PG&E settlement funds related to the 2010 pipeline explosion and fire in the Crestmoor neighborhood.

The new 48,000 square-foot Recreation and Aquatic Center will feature a full-size gymnasium, fitness center, indoor running track, both indoor and outdoor swimming pools with adjacent party rooms, meeting rooms, and a large community hall. The City's Community Services Department staff will also be housed at the new facility.

Pending final environmental permit approvals for the project, the City expects to hold a groundbreaking ceremony and begin construction of the new facility by the fall. The City anticipates that the new Recreation and Aquatic Center will open to the community in 2023.

"We share in the excitement and anticipation of our community around this monumental investment," said SBCF President Emily Roberts. "By dedicating \$50 million to this project, the San Bruno Community Foundation is fulfilling its purpose to benefit the San Bruno community through enduring and significant investments in community programs and facilities."

The San Bruno Community Foundation is the nonprofit organization created by the City of San Bruno to administer the \$70 million in restitution funds received from PG&E after the devastating 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood. The Foundation serves the San Bruno community by investing in projects, programs, services, and facilities that have significant and lasting benefits. Through making grants, leveraging partnerships, and taking advantage of other resources, SBCF assists and enables the community to maximize shared investments and realize their subsequent enhancements and benefits. For more information, visit www.sbcf.org.

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