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Woodard & Curran Foundation Announces 2017 Track 2 Grant Recipient

Woodard & Curran Foundation announces awardee of the 2017 Track 2 Impact Grant of \$100,000 for an innovative 3-year project focused on addressing water issues related to climate change.

PORTLAND, Maine (December 4, 2017) – Woodard & Curran Foundation announces its 2017 Track 2 grant recipient, awarding \$100,000 over 3 years for an innovative project applying or advancing technology to address water issues relating to climate change. “We are thrilled to offer this large Impact Grant,” states Barry Sheff, President of the Foundation. “This is the second year of our Track 2 program. Our generous donor base enables us to fund two major multi-year projects simultaneously and extend the Foundation’s ability to support such worthy – and essential – environmental programs.”

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Water Harvesting for Climate-Smart Landscaping, San Francisco, CA**

\$100,000 | 3 YEARS

The project will complete a water-harvesting/storage/distribution system that includes a climate-smart native plant garden, interpretive signage, and educational programming at California’s first urban state park (Candlestick Point Park) serving the adjacent low-income Bayview/Hunters Point community. 16,000 gallons of water/year will be harvested to grow native plants. A community garden will also use some of the harvested water. The project provides employment for low-income youth, who will work to produce and install habitat restoration and climate-smart landscaping. A half-acre of impermeable surfaces will also be removed, allowing for 124,000 gallons/year less water treatment and greater groundwater recharge. The Project has all permits, 80% or better technical drawings, 3/4 of required funding, and support of many high-profile entities and the community. Implementation will rely on the local community, schools, and service groups to provide project crews and other volunteer services.

For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.woodardcurranfoundation.org. Woodard & Curran Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contact: Elizabeth Robinson, Board of Directors; press@woodardcurranfoundation.org.

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