

# A COMMUNITY VISION OF THE SF BUDGET

Budget ideas from the July 2020 Abolition in Action Workshop



## ABOUT THE NNSFJ COALITION



The No New SF Jail Coalition is a group of local organizations & community members who advocate for access to life-affirming resources. We have been committed to fighting for strong, healthy communities & fighting against the expansion of imprisonment & criminalization in San Francisco for over seven years. Our coalition's organizational members include the Coalition on Homelessness, Community United Against Violence (CUAV), GLIDE, TGI Justice Project (TGIJP), San Francisco Taxpayers for Public Safety, and the San Francisco Chapter of Democratic Socialists of America. Over 80 SF organizations have led & endorsed our campaigns.

## ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

On July 25th, the Coalition held an interactive visioning session, co-hosted by Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, to learn about community budget demands and brainstorm what programs would keep us safe and successful. Over 50 organization and community members reflected on the issues that we struggle with and envisioned what could help us and our neighbors thrive. This list presents solutions to problems that keep us from realizing our potential and investments that would lead to a secure future for all San Franciscans.

## HOUSING & HOUSING ASSISTANCE

### HOUSING FOR ALL

Safe, deeply affordable housing should be available for all, with a focus on providing for people who are system-involved, low-income, BIPOC, queer and trans. Develop more supportive housing (housing coordinated with services) and stability for those who lose income.

### INNOVATIVE IDEAS

Consider evidence-based or innovative solutions for long-term and short-term action, such as supporting models of shared ownership, offering stipends, creating supportive housing with live-in care and responders, and using school dorms during the crisis.

### GREEN & SUSTAINABLE

Discover mechanisms for creating more green, sustainable buildings (for instance, passive housing).

## AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE CENTERS & OPTIONS

### MONEY TO PEOPLE

Offer people basic income to help them thrive, learning from the Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration which is the country's first-ever city-led Guaranteed Income initiative to test a simple, yet innovative, solution to poverty and inequality.

### LOCAL BUSINESSES & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Support local or aspiring business owners, especially in BIPOC communities and people impacted by the war on drugs, offering incubators and community-based economic development. Increase business to recruit locally and equitably by setting up job fairs.

### SCHOOL RESOURCES

In areas with less generational wealth, provide the resources that help youth succeed, such as healthy food choices, computers and computer training. Set up behavioral health and conflict resolution interventions that respond with health or social workers rather than criminalization.

### SKILL BUILDING & CAREER EDUCATION

Provide trainings that meet different learning needs, enhance career skills, grow life skills, engage disconnected youth, and promote mentorship. Explore how college credits can be a free and open opportunity for all. Provide more afterschool programs.

### EQUITY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD & ELDER RESOURCES

Make sure that our low-income neighbors have the same opportunity for high-quality early childhood education by fully funding. Also include elder and parents groups as resources.

## COMMUNITY SPACE, EVENTS & SOLUTIONS

### CENTERS & EVENTS THAT PROMOTE COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY & AID

Community members WANT to be a support to their housed and unhoused neighbors, and they need response training and strong connections to make this a reality. Community spaces, entertainment, and events can promote connectivity and mutual aid projects.

### EQUITY IN ART & PLAY INVESTMENT

Invest in areas and people where the city typically has underinvested. Create gardens and playgrounds in neighborhoods without them. Fund art projects by BIPOC artists.

### HEALTHY FOOD

Some communities struggle to get the healthy food they need to thrive. Convert streets to accessible farms, gardens and markets. Build knowledge and allow for knowledge sharing with nutrition and herbalism classes.

### TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE RESPONSES TO HARM

Responses to harm should build up our communities rather than extract people or money. Develop models for justice that involve community members with lived experience, community dialogue, healing, mediation, and de-escalation training and do not involve carceral systems.

### FREE TRANSIT

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### COMMUNITY EXPERTISE

Provide mechanisms and forums for bringing community members to the table, including youth. Apply their expertise to understand the root causes of inequity or harm and how to make services more accessible and effective.



## HEALTH & THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

### AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE CENTERS & OPTIONS

Build and expand upon full service, affordable wellness centers that are accessible to low-income communities and undocumented people, as well as respite care options. Expanded services should include Safe Consumption Sites that decriminalize substance use and ensure that people have the tools they need to keep themselves safe and healthy. Develop infrastructure for public baths and toilets, potentially through business partnerships.

### SERVICES THAT ARE WELCOMING & CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE

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### MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSES THAT ARE VOLUNTARY & NOT PUNITIVE

Expand mental health options with drop-in spaces and non-police responders, similar to MH First in Sacramento. Fund more urgent care centers that do not force hospitalization, such as Dore.

## CARCERAL SYSTEMS

### LEGAL ADVOCACY

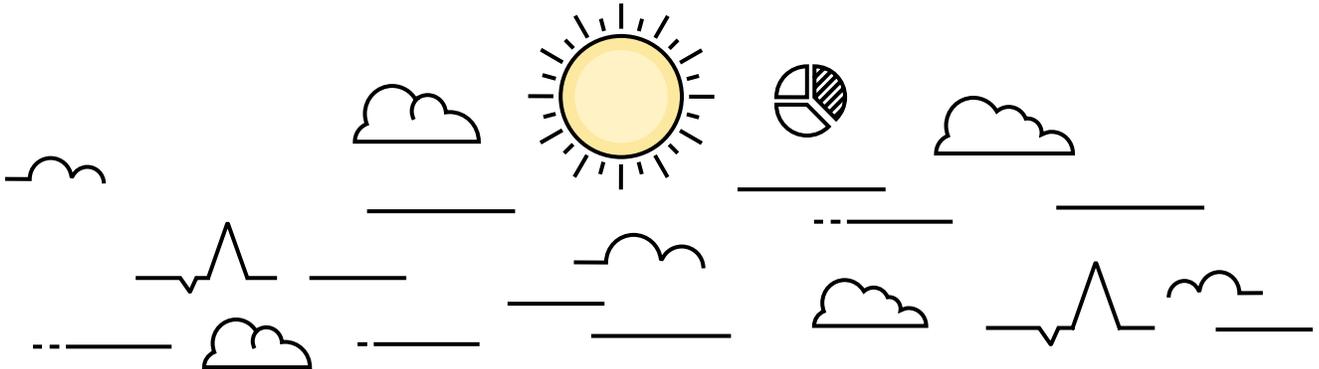
Residents deserve legal support that is well-funded and accessible, including multilingual immigrant defense and participatory defense.

### DECRIMINALIZE. DEMILITARIZE.

Decriminalize drugs and sex work. Demilitarize and cut police jobs. These are taking resources from our communities and not adequately responding to our needs.

### OPEN DATA ON CRIMINALIZATION

Collect, analyze, and share back performance and outcomes data on police and sheriff activities. These will better help us understand the impact of funding allocations.



# INVEST IN CARE, NOT CAGES

