

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Sustainable Neighborhoods Technical Assistance and Planning -  
2 \$49,000]

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4 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a**  
5 **grant of \$49,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network to administrate**  
6 **technical assistance for planning for environmentally sustainable neighborhoods**  
7 **(EcoDistricts) and to develop a plan for a national technical assistance program for**  
8 **local governments.**

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10 WHEREAS, After a competitive process, the City and County of San Francisco (City)  
11 was selected to receive a grant from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) to  
12 develop a plan for a national technical assistance program for the development of  
13 environmentally sustainable neighborhoods (EcoDistricts); and

14 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted goals for greenhouse gas emissions  
15 reductions; and

16 WHEREAS, Several City departments (Planning, Environment, and Public Utilities  
17 Commission) are already cooperating to study and plan for greenhouse gas reductions  
18 through neighborhood scale energy systems in the Transit District Area and the Central  
19 Corridor Area; and

20 WHEREAS, The City departments also see other opportunities for neighborhood scale  
21 infrastructure in water, wastewater, and transportation systems that can create further  
22 greenhouse gas reductions, create more sustainable neighborhoods, improve the livability of  
23 those neighborhoods, and reduce operating costs to the City; and

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1 WHEREAS, The City submitted a proposal to USDN in collaboration with ten other  
2 U.S. cities for the purpose of assisting the participating cities to develop plans for sustainable  
3 neighborhoods; and

4 WHEREAS, The USDN is interested in projects that will have national application; and

5 WHEREAS, The City's application included the development of a plan for a national  
6 technical assistance program using the eleven participating cities as pilot projects; and

7 WHEREAS, Participating in this process will support the City's continued reputation as  
8 a national leader in municipal sustainability; and

9 WHEREAS, The term of this grant is from May 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, The grant allows for Indirect costs of \$985; and

11 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance (ASO)  
12 amendment; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Department  
14 of the Environment to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$49,000 from the Urban  
15 Sustainability Directors Network to administrate technical assistance for planning for  
16 sustainable neighborhoods and to develop a plan for a national technical assistance program  
17 for local governments.

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Mayor

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Department Head

Controller, Grant Division