

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Federal Emergency Management Agency - Fire Investigation
2 Equipment Grant - \$134,858]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Fire Department to accept and expend a grant**
4 **in the amount of \$134,858 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to**
5 **purchase equipment for its Fire Investigations unit, for the grant term of July 29, 2016,**
6 **through July 28, 2017.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 130,000
9 incidents each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies;
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11 WHEREAS, The Department's Bureau of Fire Investigation is responsible for
12 determining the cause and origin of all greater alarm fires, suspicious fires and other
13 incidents it is called to respond to; and

14 WHEREAS, After budget reductions in previous years, restoring resources to the
15 Investigations unit is of high priority for the Department; and

16 WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Federal Emergency
17 Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of \$134,858 to procure equipment for its
18 Fire Investigation Unit; and

19 WHEREAS, The grant proposal and grant agreement for the FEMA grant to purchase
20 equipment were prepared by SFFD and are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
21 in File No. 170101; and

22 WHEREAS, The use of these grant funds would allow the Department to purchase air
23 monitors, accelerant detectors and 3-D modeling equipment for the Investigations unit; and

24 WHEREAS, FEMA requires the SFFD to complete the project by July 28, 2017; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Fire Commission recommended approval of this grant at its meeting
2 on August 24, 2016; and

3 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance amendment; and

4 WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to provide matching funds worth 5 percent of
5 the total Federal award, or \$6,742; and

6 WHEREAS, SFFD will provide matching funds worth 5 percent of the total Federal
7 award, or \$6,742; and

8 WHEREAS, The SFFD proposes to maximize the use of the grant funds on program
9 expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the SFFD to retroactively apply
11 for, accept and expend grant funds in the amount of \$134,858 from FEMA; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of
13 indirect costs in the grant budget; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief of the SFFD is hereby authorized and
15 empowered to execute, deliver, and perform, in the name of the City and County of San
16 Francisco, all applications, contracts, agreements, amendments, and payment requests
17 necessary to secure the FEMA grant funds and implement and carry out the purposes
18 specified in the applicable grant application.

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20 Recommended:

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23 Joanne M. Hayes-White
24 Chief of Department

Approved: _____
Mayor

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Approved: _____
Controller

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