

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - USDA Forest Service - Reforestation Projects in 10 Parks in
2 Southeast Quadrant of San Francisco - \$2,000,000]

3 **Resolution authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a**
4 **grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the USDA Forest Service to develop a**
5 **Workforce Development Program and implement Reforestation Projects in at least 10**
6 **parks in the southeast quadrant of San Francisco and approve the associated grant**
7 **contract.**

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9 WHEREAS, The USDA Forest Service’s Urban and Community Forestry Program
10 delivers nature-based solutions to ensure a resilient and equitable tree canopy in cities,
11 towns, and suburbs where more than 84% of Americans live; and

12 WHEREAS, Studies show that communities with access to trees and green spaces are
13 associated with improved health outcomes, reduced crime, lower average temperatures and
14 an influx of other kinds of investments and new economic opportunities; and

15 WHEREAS, Through funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the Forest Service is
16 making historic investments in boosting the nation’s tree cover in urban, suburban and rural
17 communities nationwide; and

18 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department’s (RPD) grant proposal was
19 approved in February to develop a Gardener Pre-Apprenticeship Workforce Development
20 Program and implement Reforestation Projects in at least 10 parks in the southeast quadrant
21 of San Francisco; and

22 WHEREAS, The southeast quadrant of San Francisco is a lower-income area at risk of
23 extreme heat events exacerbated by a lack of trees and limited capacity to mitigate heat, as
24 well as suffering from high population exposure from proximity to high ways and former
25 industrial uses; and

1 WHEREAS, The proposed project seeks to address these concerns by enhancing the
2 tree canopy in at least 10 parks in the southeast quadrant of San Francisco and develop a
3 workforce development program that will recruit and train 18 members of the Community for a
4 career pathway to RPD’s acclaimed and well-paid Gardener Apprenticeship Program; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pre-Apprentices will help plant up to 415 trees lost to dead and
6 downed trees damaged by storms, disease, and age, and help maintain those trees plus an
7 additional 283 new trees being planted at three ongoing capital projects at India Basin
8 Waterfront Park, Herz Playground, and John McLaren Park trails; this project will perform tree
9 maintenance of a total of 698 trees; and

10 WHEREAS, The 10 southeast quadrant parks where trees will be planted include:
11 Adam Rodgers, Bayview KC Jones Playground, Cayuga Playground, Crocker Amazon,
12 Gilman Playground, Hilltop Park, John McLaren Park, Kelloch & Velasco Mini Park, Little
13 Hollywood and Youngblood Coleman; and

14 WHEREAS, On April 18, 2024, the Recreation and Park Commission adopted
15 Resolution No. 2404-004 recommending that the Board of Supervisors authorize RPD to
16 accept the Grant and approved the associated grant contract; and

17 WHEREAS, The Department proposes to maximize use of available grant funds on
18 program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; and

19 WHEREAS, The City recognizes the generosity of the USDA Forest Service with
20 sincere appreciation; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of indirect costs in
22 the grant budget; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the Grant and
24 authorizes the Recreation and Park Department General Manager to accept and expend a
25 grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the USDA Forest Service to develop a Workforce

1 Development Program and implement Reforestation Projects in at least 10 parks in the
2 southeast quadrant of San Francisco and approve the associated grant contract; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That within thirty (30) days of the agreement being fully
4 executed by all parties, the Recreation and Park Department shall provide the final agreement
5 to the Clerk of the Board for inclusion into the official file.

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8 Recommended:

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11 General Manager, Recreation and Park Department

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16 /s/_____ /s/_____

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