

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Federal Emergency Management Agency - Fire Equipment and
2 Stress Unit Resources - \$785,762]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Fire Department to accept and expend a grant**
4 **in the amount of \$785,762 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to**
5 **purchase thermal imaging cameras and resources for its Stress Unit for a one-year**
6 **period of performance of May 5, 2017, through May 4, 2018, and waiving indirect costs.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 140,000 incidents each
9 year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department currently uses thermal imaging cameras (TICs) to
11 assist crews in viewing areas of heat in response to an incident; and

12 WHEREAS, The Department's current inventory of TICs are in need of replacement
13 and upgrade given their use and age; and

14 WHEREAS, The Department's Stress Unit is a vital resource for its members
15 to assist with mental and emotional health issues given the highly stressful demands
16 of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services professions; and

17 WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Federal Emergency
18 Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of \$785,762 to procure thermal imaging
19 cameras as well as resources for its Stress Unit; and

20 WHEREAS, The grant proposal and grant agreement for the FEMA grant to purchase
21 equipment were prepared by SFFD and are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
22 in File No. 180119; and

23 WHEREAS, The use of these grant funds would allow the Department to purchase
24 thermal imaging cameras and mental health resources and training; and

25 WHEREAS, FEMA requires the SFFD to complete the grant by May 4, 2018; and

1 WHEREAS, The Fire Commission recommended approval of this grant at its meeting
2 on July 26, 2017; 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 10 percent of
5 the total Federal award, or \$78,576; and

6 WHEREAS, SFFD will provide matching funds worth 10 percent of the total Federal
7 award, or \$78,576; 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 accept and expend
11 grant funds in the amount of \$785,762 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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Joanne M. Hayes-White
23 Chief of Department

Approved: _____
Mayor

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Approved: _____
Controller

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