

1 [Accept-Expend Federal Grant]

2

3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a**  
4 **grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency Aging**  
5 **Initiative to reduce seniors' exposure to environmental hazards, increase senior**  
6 **participation in free and low cost toxic reduction programs currently being offered by**  
7 **the City and to work with seniors and senior networks to conduct outreach and**  
8 **education efforts to seniors by seniors.**

9 WHEREAS, Based upon evaluation of responses to an Environmental Protection  
10 Agency request for proposals in the area of Environmental Health of Seniors, the Department  
11 of the Environment's Toxics Program was selected to be the recipient of \$25,000 in funding to  
12 reduce seniors' exposure to environmental hazards, increase senior participation in free and  
13 low cost toxic reduction programs currently being offered by the City and to work with seniors  
14 and senior networks to conduct outreach and education efforts to seniors by seniors; and,

15 WHEREAS, On average, about 100 pounds of hazardous waste are collected  
16 from each senior household (significantly higher than the national average for all households  
17 calculated by the Environmental Protection Agency); and,

18 WHEREAS, For the past five years, SFE has operated a free home collection service  
19 for senior and disabled San Francisco residents, it annually only serves about 500 senior  
20 households of the 78,800 households in San Francisco with residents over the age of 65; and,

21 WHEREAS, While 30% of the waste in homes with seniors is left over paint, much of it  
22 also includes toxic pesticides and solvents that have been stored in cabinets and garages for  
23 years, including products that can no longer be legally sold due to toxicity and persistence  
24 issues; and,

25

1           WHEREAS, The combination of a weakened immune system, impaired visual and  
2 physical capabilities, and the presence of some of the most toxic home products leftover from  
3 years ago, means that seniors are particularly vulnerable to harm from toxics and are in need  
4 of these collection and education service; and,

5           WHEREAS, There is obviously a need to publicize the free services offered by the  
6 Department of the Environment and to educate seniors on what is toxic, why it cannot go in  
7 the trash, and how to dispose of it properly; and,

8           WHEREAS, The project aims to reach a significant percentage of the more than  
9 75,000 seniors in San Francisco; and

10          WHEREAS, Participating seniors will have a reduced risk of exposure to toxic products  
11 and will benefit from the free services and educational aspects of the program; and,

12          WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$2273.00 now;  
13 therefore, be it

14                 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the  
15 Director of the Department of the Environment to accept and expend funding in the amount of  
16 \$25,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency to provide outreach, education and  
17 services to San Francisco's seniors to reduce their exposure to toxins.

18  
19 Recommended:

20   
21 \_\_\_\_\_

22 Department Head

Approved:   
\_\_\_\_\_

23 Mayor 

24 Approved:   
\_\_\_\_\_

25 Controller



# City and County of San Francisco

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

## Tails Resolution

---

**File Number:** 051729

**Date Passed:**

Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency Aging Initiative to reduce seniors' exposure to environmental hazards, increase senior participation in free and low cost toxic reduction programs currently being offered by the City and to work with seniors and senior networks to conduct outreach and education efforts to seniors by seniors.

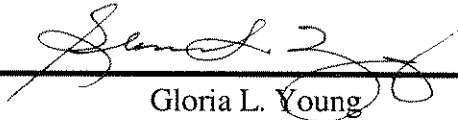
---

October 25, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

File No. 051729

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 25, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

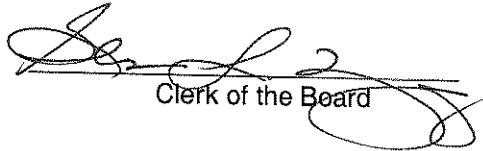
OCT 27 2005

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Approved

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: November 4, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

  
Clerk of the Board

File No.  
051729