

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Medical Examiner Accreditation Support - \$116,589]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to accept and expend a**
4 **grant in the amount of \$116,589.00 from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science**
5 **Improvement Grants Program of the California Emergency Management Association**
6 **for accreditation support.**

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8 WHEREAS, In order to ensure the highest standards of medico-legal services be
9 provided to the citizens of San Francisco, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City
10 and County of San Francisco (OCME) is required to meet and maintain accreditation by the
11 National Association of Medical Examiner's and the American Board of Forensic Toxicology;
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, In order to meet these accreditation standards, the OCME requires new
14 equipment, computer hardware and software and temporary staffing to perform validation
15 studies and train/certify current employees in the Forensic Laboratory Division of the OCME;
16 and,

17 WHEREAS, The OCME participated in a competitive process for and was selected to
18 receive a grant from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Program to acquire and install Local
19 Access Network (LAN) Interfaces and upgrade kits, a redundant nitrogen generator, a digital
20 x-ray server, upgraded computer hardware and software, as well as staffing for validation
21 studies and training/certification for personnel; and,

22 WHEREAS, The resolution does not require an ASO Amendment; and,

23 WHEREAS, The OCME proposes to maximize use of available grant funds on program
24 expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; now, therefore, be it

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

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chief Medical
4 Examiner to accept and expend funding in the amount of \$116,589.00 from the Paul Coverdell
5 Forensic Science Improvement Program.

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Recommended:

Department Head