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Subject: Re: Board File No. 250598 - Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Immigration Defense Unit – Crankstart Foundation - Amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance for FYs 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 - \$3,400,000
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Hi Brent, thanks for your email.

Please feel free to distribute the below description, explaining why this item is retroactive.

Jennifer Friedman (Acting Manager of the SF PDR Immigration Unit) and I will attend the Board meeting tomorrow in case there are any remaining questions.

[Memo from SF Public Defender's Office re: Retroactivity of File No. 250598](#)

The SF Public Defender's Office (PDR) received a grant for a total of \$3,400,000, for its immigration unit, to be spent over 4 years. The grant will support the hiring of 3 immigration unit attorneys and 1 immigration unit paralegal, to help the office build the capacity of our immigration unit at this critical time. The grant is restricted and can only be used to increase the capacity of PDR's Immigration Unit to meet the increased need for immigration representation.

Due to the timing of this grant, this A&E ordinance has been incorporated into trailing legislation accompanying the budget. **It is considered a retroactive ordinance as PDR received the grant in March. PDR has not spent down any of the funds and will not do so until this A&E process is complete.**

Best wishes,
Carolyn

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Good afternoon,

The following item was heard at the Budget & Appropriations Committee on June 13, 2025, as trailing legislation submitted with the Mayor’s proposed budget and forwarded to the full Board for July 8 first appearance:

- **File No. 250598** - Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Immigration Defense Unit – Crankstart Foundation - Amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance for FYs 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 - \$3,400,000

This legislation authorizes “retroactive” approval. Due to the full Board’s concerns regarding “retroactive” approvals, please make sure you – or a department representative - will be in attendance to answer any questions or concerns when the full Board considers these matters.

If you would like to provide a formal memo with information regarding the “retroactive” approval to the full Board of Supervisors, please forward to me and I will disseminate to the members.

Thank you for your continued collaboration on the legislative process.

Regards,

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(VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS) To schedule a “virtual” meeting with me (on Microsoft Teams), please ask and I can answer your questions in real time.