

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - San Francisco Arts Commission's WritersCorps Program -  
2 \$70,000]

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4 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Arts Commission to retroactively accept and**  
5 **expend a grant in the amount of \$70,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts**  
6 **Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth Program for general operating support for**  
7 **WritersCorps, with a grant cycle of July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.**

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9 WHEREAS, In 2011, WritersCorps celebrates its 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary teaching creative  
10 writing to more than 700 San Francisco at-risk youth each year by placing professional  
11 writers in community settings including public schools, detention facilities, libraries and  
12 after-school programs; and

13 WHEREAS, WritersCorps is considered one of the most effective youth arts  
14 programs in the nation, as was evidenced by being selected as one of 15 organizations  
15 across the country to receive the 2010 President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities'  
16 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, the highest national honor bestowed  
17 on youth development programs in the United States, and

18 WHEREAS, WritersCorps staff and students were invited to the White House twice  
19 last fiscal year, first to receive the award from First Lady Michelle Obama in a special  
20 ceremony, and subsequently to participate in a national poetry workshop and performance  
21 event; and

22 WHEREAS, WritersCorps publications have received the New York Public Library's  
23 Best of Teen Books award and was featured in the *New York Times Review of Books*; and

24 WHEREAS, WritersCorps has received this grant award from the National Endowment  
25 for the Arts to help support the Corps of teaching artists; and

1           WHEREAS, This WritersCorps grant from the NEA does not require an ASO  
2 amendment; and

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

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

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Arts Commission's request, which has been funded,  
8 be carried out in accordance with all grant requirements and may be spent and reported upon  
9 accordingly.

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11 Recommended: \_\_\_\_\_

12 Department Head: JD Beltran, Interim Director of Cultural Affairs

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

15 Mayor Edwin M. Lee

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

18 Controller

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