

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - National Institutes of Health - Brief Longitudinal
2 Incident Sentinel Surveillance (BLISS) to End the HIV Epidemic Among Persons Who Inject
3 Drugs (PWID) - \$178,137]

4 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Public Health to accept and**
5 **expend a grant in the amount of \$178,137 from the National Institutes of Health for**
6 **participation in a program, entitled “Brief Longitudinal Incident Sentinel Surveillance**
7 **(BLISS) to End the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Epidemic among Persons**
8 **Who Inject Drugs (PWID),” for the period of August 15, 2022, through July 31, 2023.**

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10 WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has agreed to fund the Department
11 of Public Health (DPH) in the amount of \$178,137 for participation in a program, entitled
12 ““Brief Longitudinal Incident Sentinel Surveillance (BLISS) to End the Human
13 Immunodeficiency Virus Epidemic among Persons Who Inject Drugs (PWID),” for the period
14 of August 15, 2022, through July 31, 2023; and

15 WHEREAS, Although San Francisco appears on track to achieve zero new Human
16 Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections within the next few years, the trajectory among
17 people who inject drugs (PWID) lags behind; and

18 WHEREAS, To end the HIV epidemic and mitigate other health disparities for PWID,
19 data collection systems need to be more rapid, representative, and responsive to this
20 population at high risk; and

21 WHEREAS, We therefore propose to create a new epidemiological data collection
22 system for PWID in Alameda and San Francisco counties called Brief Longitudinal Incident
23 Sentinel Surveillance (BLISS); and

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1 WHEREAS, We will recruit 600 PWID (300 each in county) using a novel venue-
2 based/peer-referral hybrid method called Starfish Sampling to accrue a cohort and follow
3 them longitudinally; and

4 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance Amendment; and

5 WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because DPH received
6 the award letter on August 22, 2022, for a project start date of August 15, 2022; and

7 WHEREAS, The grant budget includes a provision for indirect costs in the amount of
8 \$3,363; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That DPH is hereby authorized to retroactively accept and expend a grant
10 in the amount of \$178,137 from the NIH; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That DPH is hereby authorized to retroactively accept and
12 expend the grant funds pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 10.170-1; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of Health is authorized to enter into the
14 Agreement on behalf of the City.

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Approved: /s/_____

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Mayor

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4 Dr. Grant Colfax

Approved: /s/_____

5 Director of Health

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