

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Inventory - \$1,514,584]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Fire Department to retroactively accept and**
4 **expend a grant in the amount of \$1,514,584 from the Federal Emergency Management**
5 **Agency to upgrade and replace its Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus inventory.**

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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 100,000
8 incidents each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies;
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10 WHEREAS, SFFD employees use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) to
11 provide breathable air in contaminated environments; and

12 WHEREAS, At fires and other emergency scenes, SFFD employees' safety is
13 dependent on the functions of the SCBA; and

14 WHEREAS, Due to funding issues, the Department has not been able to replace or
15 upgrade its SCBAs on a regular basis with any funds out of its operating budget; and

16 WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Federal Emergency
17 Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of \$1,514,184 for the purchase of 275
18 SCBA units; and

19 WHEREAS, The use of these grant funds would allow the Department to replace its
20 outdated SCBAs with units that meet the latest National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
21 standards; and

22 WHEREAS, the FEMA grant requires SFFD to purchase 275 SCBAs by February 16,
23 2013; and

24 WHEREAS, The Fire Commission recommended approval of this grant at its meeting
25 on June 28, 2012; and

1 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an ASO amendment; and

2 WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to provide matching funds worth 20 percent of
3 the total award, or \$378,545; and

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

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the SFFD to accept and expend
7 grant funds in the amount of \$1,514,584 from FEMA; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of
9 indirect costs in the grant budget; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief of the SFFD is hereby authorized and
11 empowered to execute, deliver, and perform, in the name of the City and County of San
12 Francisco, all applications, contracts, agreements, amendments, and payment requests
13 necessary for the purpose to secure the FEMA grant funds and implement and carry out the
14 purposes specified in the applicable grant application.

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Joanne M. Hayes-White
Chief of Department

Approved: _____
Mayor

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Approved: _____
Controller

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