

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Exhaust Extractor Systems - \$1,485,014]

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3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Fire Department to accept and expend a grant**
4 **in the amount of \$1,485,014 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to**
5 **upgrade its Exhaust Extractor Systems in various fire stations for the period of**
6 **September 21, 2014, through September 20, 2015.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 120,000
9 incidents each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies;
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11 WHEREAS, Exposure to diesel exhaust in fire stations from vehicles is a definite health
12 and safety concern for firefighters; and

13 WHEREAS, Continued exposure to diesel fumes and other contaminants contained in
14 vehicle exhaust can lead to increased risks of cancer in the long term as well as a variety of
15 other adverse health effects; and

16 WHEREAS, Due to funding issues, the Department has not been able to replace or
17 upgrade its exhaust extractor units at various fire houses; and

18 WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Federal Emergency
19 Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of \$1,485,014 to replace exhaust extractors
20 at 37 fire houses; and

21 WHEREAS, The use of these grant funds would allow the Department to replace its
22 outdated extractors with new units that are more efficient and safe; and

23 WHEREAS, The FEMA grant requires SFFD to complete the extractor project by
24 September 20, 2015; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Fire Commission recommended approval of this grant at its meeting
2 on October 23, 2014; and

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

4 WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to provide matching funds worth 10 percent of
5 the total project award, or \$165,001; and

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

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the SFFD to accept and expend
9 grant funds in the amount of \$1,485,014 from FEMA; and, be it

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

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

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Joanne M. Hayes-White
Chief of Department

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Approved: _____
Mayor

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Approved: _____
Controller

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