

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Defibrillator and Training - \$1,771,421]

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3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Fire Department to accept and expend a grant**  
4 **in the amount of \$1,771,421 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to**  
5 **upgrade and replace its Defibrillator inventory for the period of March 8, 2013, through**  
6 **March 7, 2014, and conduct regional training for the period of May 1, 2013, through**  
7 **April 30, 2014.**

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9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 120,000  
10 incidents each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies;  
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12 WHEREAS, SFFD employees use Defibrillators as life-saving medical equipment in  
13 their emergency medical response; and

14 WHEREAS, The Department has the need for specialized training in its response to the  
15 wide variety of incidents that occur in San Francisco as well as regionally; and

16 WHEREAS, Due to funding issues, the Department has not been able to replace or  
17 upgrade its Defibrillators nor provide specialized training on a regular basis with any funds out  
18 of its operating budget; and

19 WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Federal Emergency  
20 Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of \$1,771,421 to purchase 41 Defibrillator  
21 units and conduct regional training; and

22 WHEREAS, The use of these grant funds would allow the Department to replace its  
23 outdated Defibrillators with units that have new health and safety features; and

24 WHEREAS, The use of these grant funds would also allow the Department to host  
25 much needed specialized trainings and invite its regional partners; and

1           WHEREAS, The FEMA grant requires SFFD to purchase 41 Defibrillators by March 7,  
2 2014 and conduct the training by April 30, 2014; and

3           WHEREAS, The Fire Commission recommended approval of this grant at its meeting  
4 on August 8, 2013; and

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

6           WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to provide matching funds worth 20 percent of  
7 the total award, or \$442,855; and

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

10          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the SFFD to accept and expend  
11 grant funds in the amount of \$1,771,421 from FEMA; and, be it

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

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

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20 Recommended:

21 See File for Signature  
22 Joanne M. Hayes-White  
Chief of Department

Approved: See File for Signature  
Mayor

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24 Approved: See File for Signature  
Controller

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