

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Sidney E. Frank Foundation Renewable Energy - \$250,000]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and**
4 **expend a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the Sidney E. Frank Foundation to plan**
5 **and implement specific projects to source 100% of San Francisco’s electrical demand**
6 **from renewable energy sources from July 15, 2012, through June 15, 2013.**

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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco has set ambitious goals of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG)
9 emissions to 20% below 1990 levels by 2012, 25% by 2017, and 40% by 2025; and

10 WHEREAS, The City has made significant progress to date, including: reducing
11 emissions by 14.5% below 1990 levels as of 2010, increasing the amount of renewable
12 energy for electricity generation (now 41% of the citywide power profile), expanding in-city
13 renewables (primarily solar systems) to 21 megawatts, and requiring commercial buildings to
14 report on their energy use and conduct regular energy audits; and

15 WHEREAS, The City closed the Hunter’s Point (2006) and Potrero (2011) power
16 plants, the oldest and dirtiest of plants located in San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, Continuing to achieve the City’s aggressive GHG and sustainability targets
18 will require unprecedented policy actions, partnerships, incentives and investments; and

19 WHEREAS, Making San Francisco a 100% renewably powered city will substantially
20 support the City’s attainment of climate and sustainability goals; and

21 WHEREAS, With the financial support of the Sidney E. Frank Foundation, the San
22 Francisco Department of the Environment will develop plans to make San Francisco’s
23 electricity supply completely carbon-free, in the least amount of time technically and
24 economically possible; and

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1 WHEREAS, This project supports California’s aggressive goals of reducing
2 greenhouse gas emissions under the AB 32, the state’s clean energy and climate law, and the
3 Governor’s 12 gigawatt (GW) localized renewable generation goal; and

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco will be among the first major cities in the United States to
5 pursue achieving 100% renewable power and will have aspects which can be replicated by
6 other municipalities, thus ensuring San Francisco’s continued reputation as an international
7 leader on environmental issues; and

8 WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$50,000; and

9 WHEREAS, The term of the Sidney E. Frank Foundation grant is from July 15, 2012
10 through June 15, 2013; and

11 WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because the Department
12 of the Environment needed time to accurately assign staff time to the grant implementation;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of the
15 Environment to retroactively accept and expend \$250,000 from the Sidney E. Frank
16 Foundation for the planning and implementation of projects to help make San Francisco 100%
17 renewably powered; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of the Environment is authorized to
19 furnish whatever additional information or assurances the funding agency may request in
20 connection with this grant, and to execute any and all agreements necessary to carry out the
21 purpose of the grant.

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Recommended:

Department Head

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Mayor

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Controller, Grant Division