

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Bayview Hunters Point Healthy Homes Project - \$249,555]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to retroactively**
4 **accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$249,555 from the United States**
5 **Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and**
6 **Prevention to support the Bayview Hunters Point Healthy Homes Project by**
7 **developing policies and services to improve indoor air quality in public housing.**

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9 WHEREAS, After a competitive process, the United States Department of
10 Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Centers for
11 Disease Control) has selected the Department of the Environment for the City and
12 County of San Francisco (SF Environment) to implement a REACH for Community
13 Organizations to Respond and Evaluate (CORE) project to identify ways to improve
14 public housing conditions and policies in order to reduce new asthma cases and
15 asthma episodes among tenants; and,

16 WHEREAS, The selected project, the Bayview Hunters Point Healthy Homes
17 Project, focuses on the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood, which has both a high
18 prevalence of asthma relative to the country and an age-adjusted Adult and Pediatric
19 Asthma Hospitalization Rate over five times higher than San Francisco's average; and,

20 WHEREAS, The project focuses specifically on the community's Alice Griffith
21 Public Housing Development, in which 25% of residents have asthma; and,

22 WHEREAS, In-home assessments in Alice Griffith public housing conducted by
23 SF Environment in 2008-2009 discovered that 38% of the homes had mold, 44% had
24 cockroaches, and 18% had rodents; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The Healthy Homes Project has directly observed the relationship
2 between substandard housing conditions, the use of toxic cleaning and pest control
3 products and adverse health effects related to respiratory and other acute reactions;
4 and,

5 WHEREAS, While the City of San Francisco has adopted an Integrated Pest
6 Management ordinance which applies to all municipal operations, the San Francisco
7 Housing Authority is not required to comply with the legislation because it is partially
8 funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development ; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Healthy Homes Project will result in the creation and
10 promotion of better policies for pest management and thus improve indoor air quality in
11 public housing in Bayview Hunters Point; and,

12 WHEREAS, These policy initiatives and interventions developed for Bayview
13 Hunters Point public housing can be replicated in public housing throughout San
14 Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, Funding from this grant will provide for outreach, community and
16 stakeholder training in asthma triggers and control issues and policy development; and,

17 WHEREAS, The length of the grant is from September 30, 2010 – September
18 29, 2011; and,

19 WHEREAS, Additional funding may be provided for the project subject to
20 availability of funds and satisfactory project performance; and,

21 WHEREAS, The grant includes \$32,551 for indirect costs, as allowed by the
22 funding source; and,

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1 WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because the
2 Department of the Environment did not receive the award until September 29, 2010;
3 and,

4 WHEREAS, This grant does not require an ASO amendment; now, therefore, be
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6 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the
7 Director of the Department of the Environment to accept and expend funding in the
8 amount of \$249,555.00 from the Centers for Disease Control to support the Bayview
9 Hunters Point Healthy Homes Project.

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Recommended:

Approved: _____
Mayor

Melanie Nutter, Executive Director,
Department of the Environment

Approved: _____
Controller, Grant Division