[Accept and Expend Grant - California Public Utilities Commission - US Department of Treasury - Last Mile Federal Funding Account - \$10,393,500]

Resolution authorizing the Department of Technology to accept and expend a Last Mile Federal Funding Account Grant in the amount of \$10,393,500, for a term extending from the approval of this Resolution to May 30, 2026, from the California Public Utilities Commission, a recipient of the grant award from US Department of Treasury, Capital Projects Fund for expanding broadband internet access to unserved homes and businesses and affordable housing sites in the Bayview, Chinatown, and Tenderloin Neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, The grant will allow the Department of Technology to provide high speed broadband service for the first time to homes and businesses in the Bayview, Chinatown and Tenderloin neighborhoods and expand its existing Fiber to Housing program for providing free service to residents of affordable housing in those neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, In 2021 the State legislature adopted Senate Bill No. 156 (Chapter 112, Statutes of 2021) which, among other things, established a competitive grant program referred to as the "Last Mile Federal Funding Account (FFA)" Grant to connect homes and businesses in areas that do not have access to reliable, high speed broadband internet service and allocated one billion dollars each to urban and rural counties; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 156 established a method for allocating funding to counties based on their proportion of the state's total number of unserved locations according to data available at the time the bill was passed; and

WHEREAS, According to this formula San Francisco County's share of the \$1 billion set aside for urban counties was \$10.4 million; and

WHEREAS, In April 2022 the CPUC issued Decision No. 22-04-055 adopting rules governing the Last Mile FFA Grant program outlining a process for conducting the competitive grant solicitation and establishing administrative guidelines for the program; and

WHEREAS, In July 2023 the CPUC opened the competitive bidding process and established a deadline of September 29, 2023, for submitting grant proposals; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Technology selected three neighborhoods with a high concentrations of unserved homes and businesses and high economic need: the Bayview, Chinatown and the Tenderloin; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Technology submitted an application for a Last Mile FFA Grant for \$10,393,500, AT&T also submitted a grant proposal to serve portions of San Francisco County; and

WHEREAS, On July 11, 2024, the CPUC adopted Resolution No. T-17829, approving DT's grant application for \$10,393,500, virtually all of the funding allocated to San Francisco County; and

WHEREAS, The project must comply with the program rules established by Decision No. 22-04-055, adopting Federal Funding Account Rules, these program rules include:

- Comply with pricing and affordability commitments for five years;
- Offer minimum broadband speeds of 100 megabits per second upstream and downstream;
- Submit required reports and, if requested, cooperate with an audit; and WHEREAS, The project will offer high-speed broadband service to 434 unserved locations; and

WHEREAS, The Fair Shake Internet program proposed to offer free internet service to affordable housing sites and unserved locations served as a result of the grant continuing the practice of the Fiber to Housing program; and

WHEREAS, The grant will not fund construction until after CEQA review is complete; and

WHEREAS, The project was determined to be categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 on August 12, 2024, (Planning Case No. 2024-006555ENV); and

WHEREAS, The project must complete construction within 18 months of authorization to proceed which will occur when this Resolution is enacted and there have been 30 days to appeal the categorical exemption determination; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Technology will apply \$2,078,900 in spending and inkind support from Fiber to Housing program as a match; and

WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance Amendment; and WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$125,700 now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Department of Technology is authorized to accept and expend the Last Mile Federal Funding Account grant in the amount of \$10,393,500 to support the Fair Shake Internet project to provide high speed broadband internet service to residents of affordable housing and unserved locations in the Bayview, Chinatown and Tenerloin neighborhoods; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That within 30 days of the contract being fully executed by all parties, the Director of the Department of Technology shall provide the final contract to the Clerk of the Board for inclusion into the official file.

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October 23, 2024 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED

October 29, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/29/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

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