

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - \$2,080,000]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a**
4 **grant in the amount of \$2,080,000 from the California Energy Commission’s State**
5 **Energy Program, to provide financial assistance for GreenFinanceSF, the City’s**
6 **municipal financing program for energy and water retrofits of privately-owned**
7 **buildings.**

8 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;
9 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.
10 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
11 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

12 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco (the “City”) recognizes that it is vital
13 for local, regional, state, and federal agencies to stimulate the economy; create and retain
14 jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; reduce total energy usage; and improve energy and water
15 use efficiency; and

16 WHEREAS, The City has committed to an ongoing, coordinated effort to reduce the
17 emissions that cause global warming, improve air quality, reduce waste, reduce energy use
18 and save money; and

19 WHEREAS, The City is committed to reducing these community-wide greenhouse gas
20 emissions by 20% below its 1990 levels by 2012; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2004, San Francisco’s Department of the Environment (“SFE”) and
22 Public Utilities Commission (“SFPUC”) released a “Climate Action Plan for San Francisco”
23 identifying transportation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and solid waste measures that
24 could achieve significant greenhouse gas reductions; and

25 WHEREAS, The Climate Action Plan called for implementing energy efficiency
programs and projects throughout the City; and

1 WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors further finds and declares that growing
2 population, climate change, and the need to protect and grow the City’s economy while
3 protecting and restoring fish and wildlife habitats makes it essential that the City and County
4 manage its water resources as efficiently as possible; and

5 WHEREAS, Reduced water use through conservation provides significant energy and
6 environmental benefits, and can help protect water quality, improve streamflows, and reduce
7 greenhouse gas emissions; and

8 WHEREAS, The California Energy Commission’s (“CEC”) State Energy Program (the
9 “State Energy Program”) will provide funds to eligible local governments to assist in the
10 development of financing programs to stimulate the implementation cost-effective renewable
11 energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency projects based on a competitive selection
12 process; and

13 WHEREAS, The State Energy Program has been funded as part of the American
14 Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is eligible for funding under the
16 State Energy Program; and

17 WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors has adopted legislation necessary to form an
18 opt-in Mello-Roos special tax district and to establish legal mechanisms and policies to govern
19 the implementation of a municipal financing program for retrofits of privately-owned buildings,
20 known as GreenFinanceSF; and

21 WHEREAS, SFPUC staff, working in conjunction with the Department of the
22 Environment and the Controller’s Office of Public Finance, submitted an application for State
23 Energy Program financial assistance on behalf of the City and GreenFinanceSF; and

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1 WHEREAS, On February 10, 2010, the CEC announced the awards under the State
2 Energy Program, which included an award of up to \$2,080,000 for GreenFinanceSF; and

3 WHEREAS, In its Resolution No. 008-10, this Board of Supervisors identified the
4 Department of the Environment as the administrator of the GreenFinanceSF program on
5 behalf of the City; and

6 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment will collaborate with SFPUC and the
7 Controller's Office of Public Finance to ensure the successful implementation of the
8 GreenFinanceSF program in general and the expenditure of State Energy Program funds in
9 particular; and

10 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has considered the application of
11 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the implementation of the proposed
12 GreenFinanceSF program and the utilization of the State Energy Program grant; and

13 WHEREAS, As described in the GreenFinanceSF application, the program will assist
14 in the financing of energy- and water-saving retrofits of existing structures in conformance with
15 existing building codes; provide incentive payments for qualifying retrofit projects; and monitor
16 and evaluate environmental performance of projects; and

17 WHEREAS, All projects undertaken with this funding are in compliance with the
18 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California Public Resources Code Section
19 21000; and

20 WHEREAS, The term of the State Energy Program grant will be from March 15, 2010
21 through March 31, 2012; now, therefore, be it

22 WHEREAS, the grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Executive Director
24 of the Department of the Environment to accept a State Energy Program grant award on
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1 behalf of the City, and to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements, and amendments
2 thereto, on its behalf to implement and carry out the GreenFinanceSF municipal financing
3 program project as generally described above and as further detailed in the GreenFinanceSF
4 Application; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Executive Director of the Department of the Environment
6 is further authorized to furnish whatever additional information or assurances the funding
7 agency may request in connection with this grant, and to execute any and all agreements
8 necessary to carry out the purpose of the grant.

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10 APPROVED: _____

11 Mayor

10 APPROVED: _____

11 Ben Rosenfield
12 Controller

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14 RECOMMENDED:

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16 By: _____
17 David Assmann, Acting Director
18 Department of the Environment