

1 [Accept-Expend Federal Grant]
2

3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a**
4 **grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Solar**
5 **America Initiative in order to fund technical consultants, the development and**
6 **publication of outreach materials and City staff time over a two-year period for the**
7 **purpose of energy reduction.**
8
9

10 WHEREAS, Based on the evaluation of responses to a request for proposal, the U.S
11 Department of Energy has selected the Department of the Environment’s Energy Program to
12 be the recipient of \$200,000 in funding; and,

13 WHEREAS, In 2001 San Francisco voters overwhelmingly approved a landmark \$100
14 million bond initiative to pay for solar panels, energy efficiency and wind turbines for public
15 facilities; and,

16
17 WHEREAS, In 2002 Mayor Willie Brown and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors
18 passed an ordinance committing the City and County of San Francisco to make significant
19 greenhouse gas reductions, far exceeding the targets in the Kyoto Protocol; and,

20 WHEREAS, In 2004 SF Environment and the San Francisco Public Utilities
21 Commission released a “Climate Action Plan for San Francisco” identifying transportation,
22 energy efficiency, renewable energy, and solid waste measures that could achieve reductions
23 sufficient to meet this target; and,
24
25

1 WHEREAS, The city, as part of the “Climate Action Plan for San Francisco”, wants to
2 make it easier, quicker and cheaper for home and building owners to install solar; and,

3 WHEREAS, This grant would assist in identification of solar providers willing to offer
4 preferential installation rates to aggregated residential and small and medium-sized business
5 customers, and/or third-party solar installers who would finance and install solar power
6 systems on property owned by private-sector customers; and,

7 WHEREAS, This grant will assist in accessing the technical feasibility of solar
8 installations including preliminary sizing, siting and costing of potential PV systems, and would
9 be applied specifically to the interested subgroup of private schools and large commercial
10 potential solar customers; and,

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s targeted commercial outreach program, which endeavors
12 to reach out to the 200 largest commercial potential solar customers in the first two years of
13 the program, will be viewed as the first stage of a broader commercial outreach program to be
14 rolled out to the rest of the sector, with the goal of reaching 10% of all commercial buildings in
15 the City by 2015; and,

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s proposed aggregation program, if successful, will offer a
17 model that can be applied by other jurisdictions interested in helping smaller customers
18 access more attractive solar prices, and therefore attract more solar customers; and,

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

20 WHEREAS, This grant includes \$18,182 for indirect costs, as allowed by the funding
21 source; now, therefore, be it
22
23
24
25

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the
2 Director of the Department of the Environment to accept and expend funding in the amount of
3 \$200,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy in order to fund technical consultants, the
4 development and publication of outreach materials and City staff time over a two-year period
5 for the purpose of energy reduction.
6

7
8 Recommended:

Approved: _____
Mayor

9
10 _____
11 Department Head

Approved: _____
Controller, Grant Division