

1 [Accept-Expend Federal Grant]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a**
4 **grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency Aging**
5 **Initiative to reduce seniors' exposure to environmental hazards, increase senior**
6 **participation in free and low cost toxic reduction programs currently being offered by**
7 **the City and to work with seniors and senior networks to conduct outreach and**
8 **education efforts to seniors by seniors.**

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10 WHEREAS, Based upon evaluation of responses to an Environmental Protection
11 Agency request for proposals in the area of Environmental Health of Seniors, the Department
12 of the Environment's Toxics Program was selected to be the recipient of \$25,000 in funding to
13 reduce seniors' exposure to environmental hazards, increase senior participation in free and
14 low cost toxic reduction programs currently being offered by the City and to work with seniors
15 and senior networks to conduct outreach and education efforts to seniors by seniors; and,

16 WHEREAS, On average, about 100 pounds of hazardous waste are collected
17 from each senior household (significantly higher than the national average for all households
18 calculated by the Environmental Protection Agency); and,

19 WHEREAS, For the past five years, SFE has operated a free home collection service
20 for senior and disabled San Francisco residents, it annually only serves about 500 senior
21 households of the 78,800 households in San Francisco with residents over the age of 65; and,

22 WHEREAS, While 30% of the waste in homes with seniors is left over paint, much of it
23 also includes toxic pesticides and solvents that have been stored in cabinets and garages for
24 years, including products that can no longer be legally sold due to toxicity and persistence
25 issues; and,

1 WHEREAS, The combination of a weakened immune system, impaired visual and
2 physical capabilities, and the presence of some of the most toxic home products leftover from
3 years ago, means that seniors are particularly vulnerable to harm from toxics and are in need
4 of these collection and education service; and,

5 WHEREAS, There is obviously a need to publicize the free services offered by the
6 Department of the Environment and to educate seniors on what is toxic, why it cannot go in
7 the trash, and how to dispose of it properly; and,

8 WHEREAS, The project aims to reach a significant percentage of the more than
9 75,000 seniors in San Francisco; and

10 WHEREAS, Participating seniors will have a reduced risk of exposure to toxic products
11 and will benefit from the free services and educational aspects of the program; and,

12 WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$2273.00 now;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the
15 Director of the Department of the Environment to accept and expend funding in the amount of
16 \$25,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency to provide outreach, education and
17 services to San Francisco’s seniors to reduce their exposure to toxins.

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19 Recommended:
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Approved: _____
Mayor

22 Department Head

Approved: _____
Controller

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