

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - U.S. Department of Commerce - Driving Equity
2 Through Downtown Recovery - \$498,869]

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3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Office of Economic and Workforce**
4 **Development to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$498,869 from the U.S.**
5 **Department of Commerce for Driving Equity through Downtown Recovery during the**
6 **grant period of December 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Administrative Code requires City departments to obtain Board of
9 Supervisors' approval to accept or expend any grant funds (Section 10.170 et seq.); and

10 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco's downtown office core has been significantly
11 impacted by the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to show
12 disproportionate economic impact in comparison with both other U.S cities and other San
13 Francisco neighborhoods; and

14 WHEREAS, The City anticipates a long-term shift in the commuting patterns of
15 employees, daily operations, and ongoing space requirements by office uses as a result of
16 COVID-19; and

17 WHEREAS, A sustained decline in the presence of commuters and other daily visitors
18 to the San Francisco downtown office core poses a threat to the economic health of small
19 businesses in downtown and office serving establishments throughout San Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, The current context within San Francisco's downtown offers an opportunity
21 for new businesses, activities, and uses to access the downtown market; and

22 WHEREAS, Matching funds not required by Grantor; and

23 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance amendment; and

24 WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$44,445; now,
25 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Office of Economic and Workforce Development will accept
2 Phase 1 Planning and Technical Assistance Funds from the Department of Commerce
3 Economic Development Administration in order to establish contracts with vendors to conduct
4 an economic impact analysis and primary research efforts to gain insight into the space
5 requirements, operating context, and commuting patterns expected in downtown San
6 Francisco as a result of COVID-19 and to understand the implications these changes will have
7 on the businesses, uses, and labor demands in the downtown core and establish
8 recommendations for policies, programs, and other interventions that serve to preserve the
9 economic health of San Francisco's downtown in the post-pandemic context; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, as
11 the lead organization of a Regional Coalition consisting of the San Francisco Chamber of
12 Commerce Foundation, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Foundation, the Union Square
13 Alliance, the Yerba Buena Community Benefits District, the East Cut Community Benefits
14 District and the downtown Community Benefits District, as well as Bay Area Rapid Transit,
15 and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission ("Regional Coalition members"), will share
16 the outcomes of this research with its regional partners and will sub-grant a portion of the
17 grant award to Regional Coalition members that they may, as required by the granting
18 agency, develop projects aimed at increasing access to San Francisco's downtown by a
19 broad segment of the region's labor force as well as increasing opportunities in the downtown
20 core for diverse and under-represented entrepreneurs, small businesses, arts and other
21 entities; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of Economic and Workforce Development will
23 hire a temporary exempt Regional Coordinator position, as required by the granting agency,
24 who will serve to coordinate the Regional Coalition members and the projects they lead in
25 Phase 2 in order to maximize collaboration, efficiency and impact as well as ensuring the

1 coalition benefits from the best practices and knowledge about effective bottom-up economic
2 development strategies in order to design projects that advance equitable and community
3 driven outcomes; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Commerce Economic Development
5 Administration required proposals for economic development efforts that were regional in
6 scope and required a Regional Coalition consisting of partners whom would lead the
7 development of projects for Phase 2 funding in order to be competitive for consideration for
8 funding; further, the Department of Commerce's Notice of Funding Opportunity indicated that
9 Phase 1 Planning and Technical Assistance Funds were to be used to support the
10 development of Phase 2 Projects by Regional Coalition members, and as such, OEWD will
11 pass through portions of the Phase 1 funding to Regional Coalition members in order to
12 advance their Phase 2 project development efforts without a competitive procurement of these
13 funds; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That OEWD is hereby authorized to submit documentation
15 and certifications that may be requested or required by the EDA and to take additional actions
16 as may be required to apply for, accept and expend Phase 2 funding, if invited to apply by the
17 EDA, in order to advance the goals contained within and consistent with this Resolution; and,
18 be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That OEWD will consult with the City Attorney upon award of
20 this funding and prior to execution and provided that within 30 days of the agreements
21 approved by this Resolution being executed by all parties, such final documents shall be
22 provided to the Clerk of the Board for inclusion in the official file; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That all actions heretofore taken by the officers of the City
24 with the respect the application for, or the acceptance or expenditure of EDA Build Back
25 Better Funding, as consistent with the documents herein and this Resolution are hereby

1 approved confirmed and ratified; and, be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Office of
3 Economic and Workforce Development to accept and expend, on behalf of the City and
4 County of San Francisco, a grant from U.S. Department of Commerce for Driving Equity
5 through Downtown Recovery in the amount of \$498,869; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce
7 Development is authorized to enter into the Agreement on behalf of the City.

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5 Kate Sofis, Director

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12 London N. Breed, Mayor

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Ben Rosenfield, Controller