

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - The Governor’s Office of Business and Economic  
2 Development - Cannabis Equity Grants Program for Local Jurisdictions - \$3,324,052.50]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Office of Cannabis to accept and expend a**  
4 **grant award in the amount of \$3,324,052.50 and to expend interest earned or accrued**  
5 **on grant funds for the grant term of April 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026, from the**  
6 **Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development for the Local Equity Grants**  
7 **Program for Local Jurisdictions; to execute the agreement with the Governor’s Office**  
8 **of Business and Economic Development, and any extensions or amendments thereto,**  
9 **on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco; and to indemnify the Governor’s**  
10 **Office of Business and Economic Development for liability arising out of the**  
11 **performance of this contract; and approving the grant agreement pursuant to Charter,**  
12 **Section 9.118(a).**

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14 WHEREAS, The members of the California Legislature have recognized the need for  
15 equity grant funding; and

16 WHEREAS, Funding has been provided to the Governor’s Office of Business and  
17 Economic Development (“GO-Biz”) to provide grant funds to local governments pursuant  
18 to the Business and Professions Code, Section 26240; and

19 WHEREAS, The Office of Cannabis (“Office of Cannabis”) operates a  
20 local equity program for commercial cannabis activity, created by Ordinance No. 230-17,  
21 approved on December 6, 2017, and went into effect on January 5, 2018; and

22 WHEREAS, In December 2024, the Office of Cannabis submitted to GO-Biz an  
23 application for a grant from the Local Equity Grant Funding program to support the San  
24 Francisco Cannabis Equity Program and Equity Program participants; and

1           WHEREAS, In January 2025, GO-Biz awarded the Office of Cannabis a grant of  
2 \$3,324,052.50 in funds to support its Cannabis Equity Program; and

3           WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$332,405.25; and

4           WHEREAS, The GO-Biz grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance  
5 amendment; and

6           WHEREAS, Matching funds are in the amount of \$1,793,767 and are sourced from  
7 eligible personnel costs and equity contributions; and

8           WHEREAS, The Office of Cannabis intends to use GO-Biz grant funds, including any  
9 positive interest accrued on the grant funds, to assist local equity applicants and permittees  
10 through its local equity program as described in its application for grant funds; now, therefore,  
11 be it

12           RESOLVED, That the Office of Cannabis is hereby retroactively authorized under  
13 Administrative Code, Section 10.170-1 to accept and expend up to \$3,324,052.50 of GO-Biz  
14 funds to assist local equity applicants through its local equity program for commercial  
15 cannabis activity; and, be it

16           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby retroactively approves  
17 under Charter, Section 9.118 the grant agreement with GO-Biz included in the official file with  
18 a total not to exceed amount of \$3,324,052.50 for a grant term of April 1, 2025, through  
19 October 31, 2026, for grants to benefit equity cannabis businesses; and, be it

20           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves inclusion of  
21 indirect costs in the amount of \$332,405.25 in the grant budget, and, be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Deputy  
23 City Administrator to execute by electronic signature on behalf of the Office of Cannabis and  
24 the City and County of San Francisco the grant agreement included in the official file, and any  
25 extensions or amendments to the grant agreement; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That any liability arising out of the performance of this  
2 contract, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant  
3 recipient and the authorizing agency; GO-Biz and the State of California disclaims  
4 responsibility for any such liability; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, Within 30 days of the Grant Agreement being fully  
6 executed by all parties, the Director of the Office of Cannabis shall provide a copy to the Clerk  
7 of the Board of Supervisors for inclusion in the official file.

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11 Recommended: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
12 NIKESH PATEL,  
13 Director, Office of Cannabis

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
DANIEL LURIE  
Mayor

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15 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
16 GREG WAGNER  
17 Controller  
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