

1 [Accept and Expend Grant – Arts Education Grant – \$18,000]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Arts Commission to retroactively accept and**
4 **expend a grant in the amount of \$18,000 from the MetLife Foundation Partners in Arts**
5 **Education Grant Program for the WritersCorps Program.**

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7 WHEREAS, WritersCorps, a project of the San Francisco Arts Commission and San
8 Francisco Public Library, places professional writers in community settings to teach creative
9 writing to youth; and

10 WHEREAS, Since WritersCorps' inception in 1994, the program has helped nearly
11 17,000 young people from neighborhoods throughout San Francisco improve their literacy
12 and increase their desire to learn; and

13 WHEREAS, In recognition of the high-quality learning experience WritersCorps
14 provides, was presented with the National Arts & Humanities Youth Program Award by First
15 Lady Michelle Obama in 2010; and

16 WHEREAS, The Arts Commission's WritersCorps program, as an exemplary awardee
17 of MetLife Foundation's Partners in Arts Education grant program, will place professional
18 writers at Aptos Middle School, Downtown High School, International Studies Academy and
19 Mission High School to integrates language arts and creative writing into the standard-based
20 curriculum at these sites, underscoring the critical role the arts play in shaping a student's
21 overall well-being and academic achievement; and

22 WHEREAS, WritersCorps will serve 500 6th – 12th grade students over 12 – 16 weeks
23 per semester at these sites, and will also provide professional development to 17 classroom
24 teachers; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Arts Commission proposes to maximize use of available grant funds
2 on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; and

3 WHEREAS, The Arts Commission will meet the MetLife Foundation's 1:1 match
4 requirement with \$18,000 of awarded Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
5 funds, now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of indirect costs in
7 the grant budget; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors allows for retroactively
9 accepting and expending this awarded MetLife Foundation Partners in Arts Education grant to
10 the Arts Commission, with a grant cycle of 9/1/11-6/30/12; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Arts Commission's request, which has been funded
12 and involves no ASO amendments, be carried out in accordance with all grant requirements
13 and may be spent and reported on accordingly.

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15 Recommended: _____

16 Department Head: Tom DeCaigny, Director of Cultural Affairs

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18 Approved: _____

19 Mayor Edwin M. Lee

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21 Approved: _____

22 Controller

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