

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Federal Emergency Management Agency - Staffing for Adequate
2 Fire and Emergency Response - \$8,221,860]

3 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Fire Department to accept and expend**
4 **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant in the amount of**
5 **\$8,221,860 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to hire thirty-six new**
6 **firefighters for the period of January 23, 2016, through January 22, 2018.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 120,000
9 incidents each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies;
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11 WHEREAS, Having sufficient numbers of operational personnel in order to respond to
12 these incidents is of high priority for the Department; and

13 WHEREAS, Due to funding issues, the Department has not been able to replace all of
14 its members that have been lost due to retirement, attrition or separation; and

15 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department applied for a 2014 Federal
16 Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency
17 Response (SAFER) grant; and

18 WHEREAS, The goal of the SAFER grant program is to enhance Fire Departments'
19 abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards; and

20 WHEREAS, In August 2015, the SFFD was awarded a SAFER grant in the amount of
21 \$8,221,860 to hire 36 new firefighters; and

22 WHEREAS, The grant proposal and grant agreement for the SAFER grant to hire these
23 individuals were prepared by the SFFD and are on file with the Clerk of the Board of
24 Supervisors in File No. 151146; and

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1 WHEREAS, The use of these grant funds would allow the Department to pay for the
2 personnel costs of these 36 new members for two years; and

3 WHEREAS, The performance period for this grant is from January 23, 2016, to January
4 22, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, The Fire Commission recommended approval of this grant at its meeting
6 on October 8, 2015; and

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

8 WHEREAS, The grant does not require the City to provide any matching funds; and

9 WHEREAS, The SFFD proposes to maximize the use of the grant funds on program
10 expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the SFFD to retroactively apply
12 for, accept and expend grant funds in the amount of \$8,221,860 from FEMA; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of
14 indirect costs in the grant budget; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief of the SFFD is hereby authorized and
16 empowered to execute, deliver, and perform, in the name of the City and County of San
17 Francisco, all applications, contracts, agreements, amendments, and payment requests
18 necessary to secure the SAFER grant funds from FEMA and implement and carry out the
19 purposes specified in the applicable grant application.

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Joanne M. Hayes-White
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Mayor

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Controller

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