

1 [Accept-Expend Federal Grant]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to accept and expend a**  
4 **grant in the amount of \$74,300.00 from the Office of Justice Programs of the**  
5 **Department of Justice for Forensic Science improvement.**  
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7 WHEREAS, In order to improve the quality and timeliness of the forensic services of  
8 the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City and County of San Francisco, we propose  
9 to procure equipment and train personnel in the use of technologies including electronic field  
10 recording, electronic fingerprint identification, and processing and storage of DNA sensitive  
11 evidence; and,

12 WHEREAS, Currently no electronic field data entry is available at the Office of the  
13 Chief Medical Examiner. Electronic field data entry will allow investigators in the field to  
14 electronically record and communicate their investigative information with central databases  
15 and provide real time updates to the internet based patient tracking system of the San  
16 Francisco Department of Public Health. This can be used on a daily basis as well as at  
17 prolonged or mass fatality incidences. Our expected outcome is to increase efficiency and  
18 turnaround of electronic information transfer to our databases on prolonged or mass fatality  
19 incidences and to improve communication with the internet based patient tracking system of  
20 the San Francisco Department of Public Health; and,

21 WHEREAS, Currently no electronic fingerprint identification is available at the Office of  
22 the Chief Medical Examiner. The expected outcome of the implementation of an electronic  
23 fingerprint identification is that there will be more rapid turnaround time for scientific  
24 identification of decedents through the local, state, and federal electronic fingerprint  
25 databases; and,

1           WHEREAS, No dedicated forensic evidence drying lockers are available at the Office  
2 of the Chief Medical Examiner. Only one non frost-free freezer is available for storage of  
3 forensic evidence preserved for potential DNA recovery. Currently this one non frost-free  
4 freezer is at maximum capacity. Purchasing forensic evidence drying lockers and frost-free  
5 freezers will improve the quality of processing of DNA sensitive specimens and allow for the  
6 continued storage of forensic specimens in compliance with the recommended procedures of  
7 the San Francisco Police Department Crime Lab; and,

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

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

13           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
14 Francisco recognizes the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City and County of San  
15 Francisco provides vital services to the citizens of the City and County of San Francisco; and  
16 be it

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, That to improve the aforementioned services the Board of  
18 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco gives the Office of the Chief Medical  
19 Examiner the authority to accept and expend \$74,300.00 from the Office of Justice Programs  
20 of the Department of Justice; and be it

21           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the \$74,300.00 be used to purchase the following items:  
22 Two "rugged" laptop computers, one Live Scan fingerprinter, two laboratory freezers, and two  
23 forensic evidence drying cabinets.

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4 Department Head

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