

1 [Apply for, Accept, and Expend Federal Grant - Bureau of Justice Assistance - Justice and
2 Mental Health Collaboration Grant Program - \$300,000]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Sheriff’s Department to apply for, accept, and**
4 **expend \$300,000 of Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant Program funds**
5 **administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the period of October 1, 2017,**
6 **through September 30, 2019.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Department desires to retroactively apply for, accept, and
9 expend a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration grant (hereafter referred to as “JMHCP”)
10 administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (hereafter referred to as “BJA”); and

11 WHEREAS, The JMHCP program is authorized by the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment
12 and Crime Reduction Act of 2004, the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction
13 Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2008, and the 21st Century Cures Act of
14 December 2016; and

15 WHEREAS, The grant proposal and grant agreement for the JMHCP grant program
16 were prepared by the Sheriff’s Department and are on file with the Clerk of the Board of
17 Supervisors in File No. 180194; and

18 WHEREAS, The purpose of the JMHCP grant program is to support innovative cross-
19 system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and
20 substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system; the grant program
21 is a collaborative project between criminal justice and mental health partners to plan,
22 implement, or expand a justice and mental health collaboration program, while continuing to
23 protect public safety; and

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1 WHEREAS, The grant requires the Sheriff’s Department to match a minimum of 20% of
2 the total project costs; as such, the Sheriff’s Department will provide an in-kind match
3 of \$95,232; and

4 WHEREAS, The grant includes an eligible “de minimis” indirect cost rate of 10%; and

5 WHEREAS, The requested JMHCP funding addresses two key needs: 1) the need to
6 expand behavioral health services for pretrial clients, and 2) the need for increased housing
7 for persons with mental illness in the pretrial system; and

8 WHEREAS, The grant funds will be utilized to hire and evaluate the impact of a new,
9 full-time Masters-level Clinical Social Worker (CSW) who will provide in-depth behavioral
10 health assessments for mentally ill persons released pretrial, along with ongoing counseling,
11 support, referral, and placement advocacy services; and

12 WHEREAS, The project will also identify, adopt, and provide training on the use of a
13 practical behavioral health screening tool to help non-professionals identify pretrial clients in
14 need of mental health services and will create a small-scale Emergency Housing Fund for
15 mentally ill clients in the pretrial system who require short-term housing support to preserve
16 stability and maintain their course of treatment; and

17 WHEREAS, As part of this project, the Sheriff’s Department will collaborate with San
18 Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project and the UCSF Citywide Forensics Program to increase
19 pretrial success and increase public safety; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Sheriff’s Department is hereby directed to retroactively apply for,
21 accept and expend \$300,000 JMHCP grant funds from the BJA; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Sheriff’s Department is authorized on behalf of the
23 Board of Supervisors to retroactively execute the JMHCP agreement on file with the Clerk of
24 the Board of Supervisors in File No. 180194; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to
2 supplant any expenditures that the Sheriff's Department already is obligated to pay; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Sheriff's Department agrees to provide all matching
4 funds required for said project and abide by the general and special terms and conditions of
5 the Grant agreement as set forth by the BJA.

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12 Sheriff Vicki Hennessey

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18 Mayor

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