

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - California Energy Commission - California
2 Automated Permit Processing Program - \$100,000]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Building Inspection to accept**
4 **and expend a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the California Energy Commission**
5 **for participation in the California Automated Permit Processing Program and for costs**
6 **associated directly with the adoption and maintenance of SolarAPP+, an online,**
7 **automated solar permitting platform, for the period of September 1, 2023, through**
8 **May 31, 2027.**

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10 WHEREAS, The California Energy Commission has agreed to fund the Department of
11 Building Inspection in the amount of \$100,000 for costs associated directly with the adoption
12 and maintenance of an online, automated solar permitting platform, to include costs besides
13 labor costs; and

14 WHEREAS, Increased access and adoption of residential solar and residential energy
15 storage projects through streamlined permitting will help the State of California meet its clean
16 energy goals; and

17 WHEREAS, The Department of Building Inspection has chosen to adopt SolarAPP+,
18 an online application developed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory that performs
19 automated plan review for residential solar energy systems through automatic code
20 compliance checks and issues permits instantly when the project is confirmed as code
21 compliant, without the need for human review; and

22 WHEREAS, The grant funding from the California Energy Commission will support
23 ongoing staff training and education specific to SolarAPP+, essential hardware or equipment
24 necessary to support adoption of SolarAPP+, as well as platform maintenance; and

25 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance Amendment; and

