

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Crankstart Foundation - Clean Slate Program Grant  
2 - \$250,000]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office to**  
4 **accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the Crankstart Foundation to**  
5 **fund the San Francisco Public Defender’s Clean Slate unit to meet the increased**  
6 **demand for Clean Slate services for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Administrative Code requires City departments to obtain Board of  
9 Supervisors’ approval to accept or expend any grant funds (Section 10.170 et seq.); and

10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Defender’s Office applied to the Crankstart  
11 Foundation to increase the capacity of its Clean Slate Unit in order to meet anticipated  
12 exponentially increased community demand to provide a number of clean slate services,  
13 including having criminal convictions expunged, felonies reduced to misdemeanors,  
14 probationary terms shortened, convictions vacated for non-citizens who were not advised of  
15 the immigration consequences of their case, certificates of Rehabilitation granted, arrest  
16 records sealed, rap sheet errors corrected, and advocacy provided to the courts and  
17 employers; and

18 WHEREAS, The Public Defender was awarded a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from  
19 the Crankstart Foundation to help support staffing needs for the Clean Slate team; and

20 WHEREAS, Clean slate legislation, passed by the California Legislature in from 2020-  
21 2023, became fully effective in 2024.

22 WHEREAS, The Clean Slate legislation potentially provides thousands of people with  
23 opportunities to remove significant barriers to employment and housing by allowing them to  
24 have a fair chance at obtaining a license to work in certain occupations (AB 2147 & AB 2138  
25 enacted in 2020); eliminate payment of restitution as a requirement before expungement

1 (SB 1106 in 2022); eliminate many court fees associated with expungement (most recently  
2 enacted through AB 134 in 2023); allow survivors of human trafficking to have their  
3 convictions removed from their records if the conviction occurred during the time they were  
4 being trafficked (Penal Code, Section 236.14, enacted in 2017 through SB 823 and expanded  
5 in 2024 through AB 1754); allow survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse to have  
6 their conviction removed from their records if the conviction occurred during the time of the  
7 abuse (Penal Code, Section 236.15, enacted through AB 124 in 2022 and expanded in 2024  
8 through AB 1754); the ability to petition the court to expunge all felony convictions with some  
9 exceptions (Penal Code, Section 1203.41, enacted through SB 731 in 2022); and

10 WHEREAS, In order for this new legislation to have its greatest and intended impact in  
11 removing barriers to employment and housing, relief must be provided to as many eligible San  
12 Franciscans as possible; and

13 WHEREAS, To efficiently accomplish this relief, the Public Defender's Clean Slate Unit  
14 will need to maintain their current grant-funded attorney; and

15 WHEREAS, The Clean Slate Unit is partnering with Californians for Safety and Justice,  
16 the Latino Task Force, the Anti-Bullying Hero Initiative, and the A. Phillip Randolph Institute to  
17 reach the widest number of San Francisco residents as possible in communities most  
18 impacted by decades of mass incarceration; and

19 WHEREAS, The grant will monitor and evaluate both the change in client capacity and  
20 the outcomes of the Clean Slate Unit's community clinics, with the additional staffing support;  
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22 WHEREAS, Any interest earned on the grant funds must go to the funded activities;  
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1           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Defender’s Office proposes to maximize use of  
2 available grant funds on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant  
3 budget; and

4           WHEREAS, The grant does not require an amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance  
5 (ASO) Amendment; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the San  
7 Francisco Public Defender’s Office to retroactively accept and expend \$250,000 in grant funds  
8 from the Crankstart Foundation and to expand the capacity of the Clean Slate Unit to meet the  
9 increased demand of Clean Slate services due to the passage of recent clean slate expansion  
10 legislation; and, be it

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Public  
12 Defender’s Office to maximize the use of available grant funds on program expenditures by  
13 not including indirect cost in the grant budget and waiving indirect costs; and, be it

14           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Public  
15 Defender’s Office to expend any interest earned in accordance with the terms under which the  
16 principal is received and expended; and, be it

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office is authorized  
18 on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Grant Agreement with Crankstart  
19 Foundation, including any extensions or amendments thereof; and, be it

20           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office agrees to  
21 abide by the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by Crankstart  
22 Foundation.

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2 London N. Breed  
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5 Manohar Raju Approved:  /s/ Jocelyn Quintos for  
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