

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Existing Commercial Buildings Energy Performance Policy
2 Implementation - \$180,000]

3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and**
4 **expend a grant in the amount of \$180,000 from the Kresge Foundation to implement the**
5 **Existing Commercial Buildings Energy Performance Ordinance (San Francisco**
6 **Environment Code Chapter 20).**

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8 WHEREAS, After a competitive process, the Kresge Foundation has selected the
9 Department of the Environment to receive funding to implement the Existing Commercial
10 Buildings Energy Performance Ordinance (San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 20);
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12 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco has
13 directed the Department of the Environment to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions within
14 the City and County of San Francisco to 20% below 1990 levels by the year 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, Annually, the building sector accounts for more than half of all greenhouse
16 gas emissions in San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, Building energy performance labeling and disclosure policies are emerging
18 tools intended to motivate investment in energy efficiency by highlighting the value of energy
19 savings for building owners, tenants, and energy service providers; and

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco recently adopted the Existing Commercial Buildings Energy
21 Performance Ordinance (Environmental Code Chapter 20) calling for the use of energy
22 performance labeling and disclosure; and

23 WHEREAS, Energy performance labeling and disclosure policy requires each
24 commercial building of 10,000 square feet or greater to publicly report its energy performance
25 annually and undertake a comprehensive energy audit at least once every 5 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Energy performance labels for commercial buildings are powerful
2 motivators for energy efficiency improvement when disclosed to the market; and

3 WHEREAS, This innovative approach is cost effective for both local government and
4 building owners; and

5 WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because the Department
6 of the Environment needed to determine the staffing and budgetary requirements to
7 administer the grant; and

8 WHEREAS, No grant funds will be expended until the San Francisco Board of
9 Supervisors has approved acceptance of the funds; and

10 WHEREAS, The grant budget includes \$31,934 for indirect costs; and

11 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an ASO amendment; and

12 WHEREAS, The term of the grant is from January 1, 2012 through December 31,
13 2013; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director of the
15 Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and expend \$180,000 from the Kresge
16 Foundation to support the implementation of the Existing Commercial Buildings Energy
17 Performance Ordinance.

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19 Recommended:
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Approved: _____
Mayor

22 Department Head

Approved: _____
Controller

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