[Accept and Expend Grant - San Francisco Healthy Homes Project - $30,000]

Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a grant in the amount of $30,000 from the San Francisco Foundation to support the San Francisco Healthy Homes Project by developing policies and services to improve indoor air quality and reduce toxic pesticides in public housing.

WHEREAS, After a competitive process, the San Francisco Foundation has selected the Department of the Environment for the City and County of San Francisco (SF Environment) to improve indoor air quality by reducing pests and the use of toxic pesticide in public housing sites; and

WHEREAS, The selected project, the San Francisco Healthy Homes Project, focuses on public housing sites in the Bayview Hunters Point community and surrounding Southeast area, which has a high prevalence of asthma relative to the country and San Francisco’s average; and

WHEREAS, The project focuses specifically on the Alice Griffith and Sunnydale Public Housing Development sites; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Healthy Homes Project has directly observed the relationship between substandard housing conditions, the use of toxic cleaning and pest control products, and adverse health effects related to respiratory and other acute reactions; and

WHEREAS, While the City of San Francisco has adopted an Integrated Pest Management ordinance which applies to all municipal operations, the San Francisco Housing Authority is not required to comply with the legislation because it is primarily funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
WHEREAS, The San Francisco Healthy Homes Project will result in the promotion of better policies for pest management and thus improve indoor air quality in public housing in Bayview Hunters Point and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, These policy initiatives and interventions for public housing sites in the Southeast area can be replicated in public housing throughout San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Funding from this grant will provide for Integrated Pest Management assessments and services; tenant outreach and training; and policy development; and

WHEREAS, The length of the grant is from April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The grant includes $2,727 for indirect costs, as allowed by the funding source; and

WHEREAS, This grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance amendment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Department of the Environment to accept and expend funding in the amount of $30,000 from the San Francisco Foundation to support the San Francisco Healthy Homes Project.

Recommended: ________________________________

Approved: ________________________________ Mayor

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Approved: ________________________________

Melanie Nutter, Director, Department of the Environment

Controller, Grant Division

Supervisor Cohen

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