## FIRE COMMISSION

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## **RESOLUTION 2014-03**

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,485,014 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO UPGRADE ITS EXHAUST EXTRACTOR SYSTEMS IN VARIOUS FIRE HOUSES

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 100,000 incidents each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Exposure to diesel exhaust in fire stations from vehicles is a definite health and safety concern for firefighters; and,

WHEREAS, Continued exposure to diesel fumes and other contaminants contained in vehicle exhaust can lead to increased risks of cancer in the long term as well as a variety of other adverse health effects; and,

WHEREAS, Due to funding issues, the Department has not been able to replace or upgrade its exhaust extractor units at various fire houses; and,

WHEREAS, The use of these grant funds would allow the Department to replace its outdated extractors with new units that are more efficient and safe; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of \$1,485,014 to replace exhaust extractors at 37 fire houses; and,

WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to provide matching funds worth 10 percent of the total project award, or \$165,001; and,

WHEREAS, the FEMA grant requires SFFD to complete the extractor project by September 20, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to accept and expend the grant, to support and promote the health and safety of its members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Fire Department to accept and expend a grant from FEMA in the amount of \$1,485,014 to upgrade its exhaust extractor systems in fire houses.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on October 23, 2014.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Maureen Conefrey, Commission Secretary