FILE NO. 150819

RESOLUTION NO.

[Accept and Expend Grant-in-Place - Trust for Public Land - Buchanan Street Mall Park 1 Activation - \$187,600] 2 Resolution retroactively authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and 3 expend a Grant-in-Place from the Trust for Public Land of improvements to Buchanan 4 Street Mall, valued at \$187,600 for the period of April 7, 2015, through October 31, 2015. 5 6 7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department ("RPD") operates and maintains real property owned by the City and County of San Francisco located between 8 9 Grove and Eddy Street (Assessor's Block/Lot Nos. 0748/033, 0757/026, 0772/023, 0781/035, and 0795/028) in San Francisco commonly known as the Buchanan Street Mall ('the 10 Property"); and 11 12 WHEREAS, The Buchanan Street Mall currently includes five consecutive blocks of green space, three playgrounds, a half basketball court, and asphalt paths; and 13 WHEREAS, The Trust for Public Land ("TPL") seeks to build great parks that 14 strengthen communities particularly in areas that are under-served by existing parks and 15 16 recreation facilities and supports the Recreation and Park Department's mission of providing San Franciscans with enriching recreational activities, maintaining beautiful parks, and 17 preserving the environment for the well-being of its diverse community efforts; and 18 WHEREAS, RPD and TPL desire to activate and improve the Buchanan Street Mall 19 through fostering stewardship by nearby community members and encouraging residents to 20 21 actively participate in the design, construction and upkeep of new project structures on the Mall, known as the "Activation Project"; and 22 23 WHEREAS, TPL collaborated with local organizations including Green Streets, Citizen Film and the Exploratorium (Studio for Public Spaces) to establish a community-based design 24 process with park neighbors; and 25

WHEREAS, Beginning in April 2015, Green Streets, Citizen Film, the Exploratorium,
 TPL, and RPD conducted a series of public workshops with a community-based Design Task
 Force to develop conceptual plans for the Activation Project; and

WHEREAS, Through this community process, TPL and the Exploratorium developed a
conceptual plan for installations of non-permanent, mobile and modular structures, including
planters, interpretive signage, and place-making spaces, to be constructed at various
locations along the Mall; and

8 WHEREAS, The concept for the Activation Project includes that each element go 9 through an iterative process of prototyping, where the Exploratorium and Green Streets will 10 fabricate certain elements, solicit community feedback, and continue to adjust and modify 11 designs over a period of several weeks, leading up to final construction; and

WHEREAS, On May 18, 2015, the Planning Department issued a Certificate of
 Determination that the Activation Project is exempt from the requirements of the California
 Environmental Quality Act; and

15 WHEREAS, On July 16, 2015, the Recreation and Park Commission adopted

16 Resolution No.1507-006, approving the conceptual design for the project, approving the Grant

17 Agreement between TPL and RPD for the implementation of the Activation Project, and

18 recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept the Grant-in-Place from TPL valued at

19 \$187,600; and

20 WHEREAS, The terms and conditions for Design and Construction of the project are
21 detailed in the Grant Agreement; and

22 WHEREAS, The Grant Agreement requires that the installation of the elements be 23 completed by September 30, 2015; and

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1	WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department proposes to maximize use of	
2	available grant funds on program expenditures by excluding indirect costs from the grant	
3	budget; now, therefore, be it	
4	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Recreation and Park	
5	Department to accept from TPL a Grant-in-Place valued at \$187,600 for the Buchanan Street	
6	Mall Activation Project; and, be it	
7	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the department to	
8	exclude indirect costs from the grant budget; and, be it	
9	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Recreation and	
10	Park General Manager to enter into any modifications to the grant that the Recreation and	
11	Park General Manager determines, in consultation with the City Attorney, are in the best	
12	interests of the City and do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities of the City, are	
13	necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of the grant or this Resolution, and are in	
14	compliance with all applicable laws, including the City's Charter.	
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18	General Manager, Recreation and Park Department	
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