

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - United States Department of Justice’s Office of Violence Against
2 Women - Domestic Violence High Lethality Risk Team - \$750,000]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department on the Status of Women to accept**
4 **and expend a grant in the amount of \$750,000 from the United States Department of**
5 **Justice’s Office of Violence Against Women for the Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence**
6 **High Lethality Risk Team Pilot Project, for grant period October 1, 2015, through**
7 **September 30, 2018.**

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9 WHEREAS, Women in the United States are murdered by an intimate partner or former
10 partner more often than by an acquaintance or stranger; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2000, roughly 40% of the female homicides in San Francisco were
12 linked to domestic violence; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 2000, San Francisco has been engaged in a broad-based reform of
14 our domestic violence response system with support through a prior Grant to Encourage
15 Arrest Policies award from the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW); and

16 WHEREAS, The 4 recent intimate partner homicides and suicide that have occurred in
17 San Francisco since January 2014, after an unprecedented 44 months without a domestic
18 violence homicide, illustrate that there is a continued need to improve San Francisco’s
19 criminal justice systems’ responses to domestic violence; and

20 WHEREAS, While the Bayview District stands out for its exceptionally high rates of
21 family violence, at over 1.7 times the average rate citywide, there is no domestic violence
22 provider located within this isolated community’s geographic boundaries; and

23 WHEREAS, This project aims to pilot a High Lethality Risk Team (HRT) model in the
24 Bayview District to enable San Francisco to better serve victims who are considered to be at
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1 high risk of lethality in relationships and improve law enforcement’s ability to bring batterers to
2 justice; and

3 WHEREAS, The Department on the Status of Women partnered with the Office of the
4 District Attorney, the Police Department, and three community-based nonprofit organizations
5 – Bayview Hunters Point YMCA, the Glide Foundation Women’s Center, and La Casa de las
6 Madres - for the “Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence High Lethality Risk Team Pilot Project”
7 and was awarded Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars (\$750,000) by the United
8 States; and

9 WHEREAS, The Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence High Lethality Risk Team Pilot
10 Project will maintain centralized prosecution and victim support services for domestic violence
11 survivors, develop policies and data collection systems to improve the tracking of cases and
12 classification of complaints involving domestic violence, enhance direct services for domestic
13 violence victims with high risk of lethality in relationships, and develop and implement a
14 domestic violence high lethality risk team pilot project in San Francisco’s Bayview District; and

15 WHEREAS, The Department on the Status of Women proposes to maximize use of
16 available grant funds on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant
17 budget; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the
19 Department on the Status of Women to retroactively accept and expend, on behalf of the City
20 and County of San Francisco, OVW grant funds in the amount of \$750,000 to enable the
21 Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence High Lethality Risk Team Pilot Project; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby waive
23 inclusion of indirect costs in the grant budget; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Director of the DOSW is authorized to
25 execute, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, the necessary grant agreements

1 for the implementation and operation purposes, including any extensions, augmentations or
2 amendments thereof; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the DOSW is authorized and empowered to execute,
4 deliver and perform, in the name of the City and County of San Francisco, all applications,
5 contracts, agreements, amendments and payment requests necessary for the purpose of
6 securing Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence High Lethality Risk Team Pilot Project grant
7 funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the applicable grant
8 application; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That any liability arising out of the performance of the grant
10 award agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the
11 grant recipient and the authorizing agency; and that the grant recipient and the authorizing
12 agency will hold the OVW harmless from any claims that may arise from the use of grant
13 funds.

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5 Department on the Status of Women

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