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RESOLUTION 2016-08

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE
SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$8,533,872 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO
HIRE THIRTY-SIX FIREFIGHTERS**

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 130,000 incidents each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Having sufficient numbers of operational personnel in order to respond to these incidents is of high priority for the Department; and,

WHEREAS, Due to funding issues, the Department has not been able to replace all of its members that have been lost due to retirement, attrition or separation; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department applied for a 2015 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant; and,

WHEREAS, The goal of the SAFER grant program is to enhance Fire Departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards; and,

WHEREAS, In August 2016, the SFFD was awarded a SAFER grant in the amount of \$8,533,872 to hire 36 new firefighters; and,

WHEREAS, These grant funds will pay for the personnel costs of these thirty-six new firefighters for two years; and,

WHEREAS, The grant does not require the City to provide any matching funds; and,

WHEREAS, The performance period of this SAFER grant is from February 20, 2017 to February 19, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to accept and expend the grant, to support its operational needs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Fire Department to accept and expend a SAFER grant from FEMA in the amount of \$8,533,872 for the hiring of thirty-six new firefighters.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on September 28, 2016.

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0



Maureen Conefrey, Fire Commission Secretary