**RESOLUTION NO.** 

1	[Accept-Expend Regional Grant]	
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3	Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a	
4	grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand	
5	recycling and lunchroom composting programs at schools in San Francisco.	
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7	WHEREAS, Based on evaluation of responses to an Altamont Education Advisory	
8	Board request for proposals in the area of Waste Reduction and Environmental Education, the	
9	Department of the Environment's School Education Program was selected to be the recipient	
10	of \$10,000.00 in funding to support the San Francisco Unified School District and San	
11	Francisco private schools in diverting 50% of its waste by the end of 2010 by providing	
12	compostable bags to schools and stipends to custodians; and,	
13	WHEREAS, While the City achieved 63% city-wide waste diversion in 2002, San	
14	Francisco Unified School District only diverted approximately 30% of its waste; and,	
15	WHEREAS, On December 9, 2003, the San Francisco Board of Education adopted	
16	landfill diversion goals of 50% by 2006, 75% by 2015 and 85% by 2025; and,	
17	WHEREAS, A school's waste stream is generally comprised of 41% paper,	
18	2% glass, 4% metal, 12% plastic, and 32% organic matter such as food scraps, yard	
19	trimmings, and soiled paper, which means schools with comprehensive recycling and	
20	composting programs could potentially divert up to 97% of their waste; and,	
21	WHEREAS, For seventeen years, San Francisco's public and private schools have	
22	sought the assistance of the Department of the Environment to teach environmental concepts,	
23	implement successful resource conservation and waste diversion programs, and create	
24	positive behavior changes towards the environment; and,	
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1	WHEREAS, The Depa	artment of the Environment operates one of the most progressive	
2	waste diversion programs in the country and is ideally positioned to apply its recycling and		
3	recovery knowledge to schools; and,		
4	WHEREAS, Many schools struggle to implement waste diversion programs without		
5	adequate classroom recycling bins, compostable bags, and the on-going participation of		
6	custodians; and,		
7	WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment's School Education Program has		
8	partnered with the San Francisco Unified School District and Norcal Waste Systems Company		
9	to address the challenges faced by schools; and,		
10	WHEREAS, Funding from this grant will help provide compostable bags and stipends		
11	for custodians to assist in implementing waste diversion programs; and,		
12	WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$910; and,		
13	WHEREAS, This grant does not require an ASO amendment; now, therefore, be it		
14	RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of		
15	the Department of the Environment to accept and expend funding in the amount of		
16	\$10,000.00 from the Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand recycling and lunchroom		
17	composting programs at schools in San Francisco.		
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19	Recommended:	Approved: Mayor	
20		Mayor	
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22	Department Head	Controller, Grant Division	
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