

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - PolicyLink - Financial Justice Project - \$250,000]

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3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector to**  
4 **accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from PolicyLink for the purpose of**  
5 **designing and implementing a national initiative to reform fines and fees from December**  
6 **1, 2019, through July 31, 2021.**

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8 WHEREAS, Fines, fees and tickets that are beyond a person’s ability to pay can push  
9 low-income people deeper into poverty, result in a cascade of unintended consequences for  
10 low-income residents, and are counterproductive sources of revenue; and

11 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is the first city in the nation to  
12 launch a Financial Justice Project to assess and reform fines and fees that have a  
13 disproportionate and adverse impact on low-income residents and communities of color; and

14 WHEREAS, PolicyLink awarded the Financial Justice Project with \$250,000 in funding  
15 to design and implement a national initiative to reform fines and fees and create replicable  
16 policy interventions in local jurisdictions across the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, The grant period is from December 1, 2019, through July 31, 2021; and

18 WHEREAS, The grant does not create any new positions, and will not require an  
19 amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance; and

20 WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because the Office of  
21 the Treasurer & Tax Collector received the final award agreement on December 30, 2019, for a  
22 project start of December 1, 2019; and

23 WHEREAS, The Office proposes to maximize use of available grant funds on program  
24 expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; now, therefore, be it  
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Office of the  
2 Treasurer and Tax Collector to accept and expend the grant in the amount of \$250,000 from  
3 PolicyLink on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

4 FURTER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of  
5 indirect costs in the grant budget; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Treasurer, or his  
7 designee, to enter into the agreement on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco; and,  
8 be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That within thirty (30) days of the agreement being fully  
10 executed by all parties, the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector shall provide the final  
11 contract to the Clerk of the Board for inclusion into the official file.

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14 Recommended: Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

15 Mayor

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17 Department Head

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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