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RESOLUTION 2024-05

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARD VALUED AT \$198,975.00 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO PURCHASE WATER RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND WATER TRAINING FOR MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 150,000 incidents each year, including but not limited to fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies, and

WHEREAS, Due to San Francisco's geographic and topographic features, as well as other environmental factors, the SFFD is confronted with unique challenges in responding to these incidents; and

WHEREAS, One of these unique challenges consists of the SFFD's responsibilities for the protection of the Port of San Francisco and the San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Fiscal Year 2024 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) award from FEMA in the amount of \$198,975.00 for Port Emergency Response and Protection through the acquisition of Water Rescue Equipment and Operations Training to ensure the port and surrounding waterways have trained and qualified staff available to ensure rapid response in the event of any port or water-based emergency; and

WHEREAS, The grant required the City to supply matching funds worth 25 percent of the total award, or \$66,325.00; and

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to retroactively accept and expend the grant to support marine operations and enhance its protection of the San Francisco Bay and Port of San Francisco: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors retroactively approve and authorize the Chief of the Fire Department to accept the grant award of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Port Security Grant Program Award valued at a total of \$198,975.00 from FEMA for use by the SFFD's Department of Homeland

Security Division to strengthen and support the SFFD's water response capabilities and increase Port protection; and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission and SFFD extend their gratitude to FEMA for the gift to the City and County of San Francisco in support of the SFFD and public safety.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on December 11, 2024.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

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Katherine Aguas-Aclan, Commission Secretary