RESOLUTION 2020-01

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO
RETROACTIVELY ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
$883,145.45 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
TO PURCHASE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT RELATED TO ITS
COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 150,000 incidents
each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, rescues, and medical and other emergencies;
and,

WHEREAS, The Department’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic has stressed many of
its resources, along with all of its City partners; and,

WHEREAS, The need for personal protective equipment (PPE) has dramatically increased in
order to ensure a safe environment for emergency response for both patients and Department
members; and,

WHEREAS, There have also been a number of local, state, and national health
recommendations calling for enhanced PPE to slow the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Federal Emergency Management
Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of $883,145.45 to purchase PPE related to its COVID
response; and,

WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to provide matching funds worth 10 percent of
the total FEMA award, or $88,314.55; and,

WHEREAS, the SFFD is prepared to provide the matching funds required by the terms of
the FEMA grant from the SFFD’s approved budget; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA grant requires the SFFD to complete the grant project by June 25, 2021;
and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to accept and expend the grant, to support its members and the
overall City response to the COVID-19 emergency; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Fire Department to retroactively accept and expend a grant from FEMA in the amount of $883,145.45 for the purchase of PPE related to its COVID response.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on September 23, 2020.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

Maureen Conefrey, Fire Commission Secretary