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RESOLUTION 2023-04

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARD VALUED AT \$485,610 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO PURCHASE WATER RESCUE EQUIPMENT, DEVELOP A MARITIME OPERATION COMMAND CENTER, AND CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENTS.

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 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 2023 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) award from the DHS and FEMA in the amount of \$458,610 for Port Emergency Response and Protection through the acquisition of Mass Water Rescue Equipment, the development of a Maritime Operation Command Center and Cybersecurity Reinforcement to ensure rapid and strategic responses in the event of any port or water-based emergency event.; and

WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to supply matching funds worth 25 percent of the total award, or \$161,870; and

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to 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 approve the grant and authorize the Chief of the Fire Department to accept the gift of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Port Security Grant Program Award valued at a total of \$458,610 from DHS and FEMA for use by SFFD's Department of Homeland Security Division to strengthen and support SFFD's water response capabilities and increase Port protection; and, be it

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

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on October 11, 2023.

Ayes:

Nays:

Maureen Conefrey, Fire Commission Secretary