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RESOLUTION 2023-05

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,325,133.81 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO PURCHASE PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT (PPE)

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

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

WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Fiscal Year 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$2,325,133.81 for Personal Protection Equipment; and,

WHEREAS, The use of these grant funds will allow the Department to procure new compliant Personal Protection Equipment of Turnout Coats and Pants designed to protect firefighters from serious injuries or illness resulting from contact with fire, as well as Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) hazards and more; and

WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to supply matching funds worth 10 percent of the total award, or \$232,513.39; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to accept and expend the grant, to support and promote strengthening the Department's ability to ensure the safety and health of its members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Fire Department to accept and expend AFG funding from FEMA in the amount of \$2,325,133.81 to purchase

Personal Protection Equipment to support the Department's fire suppression response capabilities and increase member safety and the protection of members' health.

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

Ayes:

Nays:

Maureen Conefrey, Fire Commission Secretary