RESOLUTION 2016-06

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $134,858 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO PURCHASE FIRE INVESTIGATION EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 130,000 incidents each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, The Department’s Bureau of Fire Investigation is responsible for determining the cause and origin of all greater alarms, suspicious fires and other incidents it is called to respond to; and,

WHEREAS, After budget reductions in previous years, restoring resources to the Investigations unit is of high priority for the Department; and,

WHEREAS, The use of these grant funds would allow the Department to purchase air monitors, accelerant detectors and 3-D modeling equipment for the Investigations unit; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of $134,858 to procure equipment for its Fire Investigation Unit; and,

WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to provide matching funds worth 5 percent of the total Federal award, or $6,742; and,

WHEREAS, the FEMA grant requires SFFD to complete the grant project by July 28, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to accept and expend the grant, to support its Bureau of Fire Prevention and Investigation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Fire Department to accept and expend a grant from FEMA in the amount of $134,858 for the purchase of fire investigation equipment.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on August 24, 2016.

Ayes: 4 (Covington, Cleaveland, Nakajo, Hardeman)
Nays: 0

Maureen Conefrey, Fire Commission Secretary