RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,733,591 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO PURCHASE DEFIBRILLATORS AND RESCUE TOOLS

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 currently uses defibrillator monitors on front-line emergency apparatus in responding to medical calls; and,

WHEREAS, The Department’s current inventory of defibrillators need replacement and upgrade given their use and age; and,

WHEREAS, The Department uses a variety of heavy-duty hydraulic tools on its vehicles to assist in extrication and heavy rescue; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of $2,733,591 to replace defibrillators and rescue tools; and,

WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to provide matching funds worth 10 percent of the total Federal award, or $273,359; and,

WHEREAS, the FEMA grant requires the SFFD to complete the grant project by September 13, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to accept and expend the grant, to support its Bureau of Equipment and front-line apparatus; 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 $2,733,591 for the purchase of defibrillators and rescue tools.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on October 24, 2018

Ayes: 4 (Cleaveland, Hardeman, Covington, Alioto-Veronese)
Nays: 0

Maureen Conefrey, Fire Commission Secretary