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RESOLUTION 2023-07

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023 GRANT AWARD VALUED AT \$125,000 FROM THE CARESTAR FOUNDATION TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT THE STAFF OF THE SFFD TO PRODUCE AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) DATA EQUITY CONFERENCE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The SFFD's EMS and Community Paramedicine divisions respond to hundreds of calls per day, and due to the City's geographic and topographic layout, as well as other environmental, social and economic factors, the SFFD is confronted with unique challenges in responding to such calls; and

WHEREAS, One of these unique challenges consists of the SFFD's responsibilities for the provision of EMS and community paramedicine to traditionally underserved populations of the City; and

WHEREAS, The SFFD's intent for the use of this grant award is to provide a professional EMS conference to elevate industry standards, collaborative training efforts, highlight supportive tools, options and resources for its members and those working in the EMS field throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, and throughout California; and

WHEREAS, CARESTAR Foundation has gifted the SFFD with a FY 2023 grant award for a total of \$125,000 to allow the SFFD to facilitate an EMS Data Equity Conference in collaboration with San Jose State University (SJSU) to be held in person at the college campus on Friday January 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The EMS Data Equity Conference is a pioneering initiative that seeks to unify California EMS agencies to address and improve equitable delivery of emergency services. It focuses on refining data collection practices and harmonizing their application across agencies, thereby enhancing understanding and intervention in health disparities. Ultimately, this conference aims to cultivate a community of practice that pursues equity in the provision of EMS, directly supporting efforts to reduce disparities in care delivered to

under-resourced and marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to accept and expend the grant to support its members and partners in gaining the skills, knowledge and resources to strengthen the SFFD's intent and ability to meet the EMS needs of underserved populations of this City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the grant and authorize the Chief of the SFFD to accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 CARESTAR Foundation Grant Award valued at a total of \$125,000 for use by the SFFD; and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission and the SFFD extend their gratitude to the CARESTAR Foundation for the gift to the City and County of San Francisco in support of the SFFD and its EMS and Community Paramedicine divisions.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on November 8, 2023.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0



Maureen Conefrey, Fire Commission Secretary