FILE NO. 051729

RESOLUTION NO.

786-05

[Accept-Expend Federal Grant]

Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency Aging Initiative to reduce seniors' exposure to environmental hazards, increase senior participation in free and low cost toxic reduction programs currently being offered by the City and to work with seniors and senior networks to conduct outreach and education efforts to seniors by seniors.

WHEREAS, Based upon evaluation of responses to an Environmental Protection Agency request for proposals in the area of Environmental Health of Seniors, the Department of the Environment's Toxics Program was selected to be the recipient of \$25,000 in funding to reduce seniors' exposure to environmental hazards, increase senior participation in free and low cost toxic reduction programs currently being offered by the City and to work with seniors and senior networks to conduct outreach and education efforts to seniors by seniors; and,

WHEREAS, On average, about 100 pounds of hazardous waste are collected from each senior household (significantly higher than the national average for all households calculated by the Environmental Protection Agency); and,

WHEREAS, For the past five years, SFE has operated a free home collection service for senior and disabled San Francisco residents, it annually only serves about 500 senior households of the 78,800 households in San Francisco with residents over the age of 65; and,

WHEREAS, While 30% of the waste in homes with seniors is left over paint, much of it also includes toxic pesticides and solvents that have been stored in cabinets and garages for years, including products that can no longer be legally sold due to toxicity and persistence issues; and,

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WHEREAS, The combination of a weakened immune system, impaired visual and physical capabilities, and the presence of some of the most toxic home products leftover from years ago, means that seniors are particularly vulnerable to harm from toxics and are in need of these collection and education service; and,

WHEREAS, There is obviously a need to publicize the free services offered by the Department of the Environment and to educate seniors on what is toxic, why it cannot go in the trash, and how to dispose of it properly; and,

WHEREAS, The project aims to reach a significant percentage of the more than 75,000 seniors in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Participating seniors will have a reduced risk of exposure to toxic products and will benefit from the free services and educational aspects of the program; and,

WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$2273.00 now; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Department of the Environment to accept and expend funding in the amount of \$25,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency to provide outreach, education and services to San Francisco's seniors to reduce their exposure to toxins.

Recommended:

Department Head

Approved: Mayor

Approved:

Controller



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October 25, 2005 Board of Supervisors --- ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 25, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: November 4, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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