[Accept and Expend Grant - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - $2,080,000]

Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a grant in the amount of $2,080,000 from the California Energy Commission's State Energy Program, to provide financial assistance for GreenFinanceSF, the City's municipal financing program for energy and water retrofits of privately-owned buildings.

Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*; deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*. Board amendment additions are *double underlined*. Board amendment deletions are *strikethrough normal*.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco (the "City") recognizes that it is vital for local, regional, state, and federal agencies to stimulate the economy; create and retain jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; reduce total energy usage; and improve energy and water use efficiency; and

WHEREAS, The City has committed to an ongoing, coordinated effort to reduce the emissions that cause global warming, improve air quality, reduce waste, reduce energy use and save money; and

WHEREAS, The City is committed to reducing these community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 20% below its 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, San Francisco's Department of the Environment ("SFE") and Public Utilities Commission ("SFPUC") released a "Climate Action Plan for San Francisco" identifying transportation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and solid waste measures that could achieve significant greenhouse gas reductions; and

WHEREAS, The Climate Action Plan called for implementing energy efficiency programs and projects throughout the City; and
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WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors further finds and declares that growing population, climate change, and the need to protect and grow the City’s economy while protecting and restoring fish and wildlife habitats makes it essential that the City and County manage its water resources as efficiently as possible; and

WHEREAS, Reduced water use through conservation provides significant energy and environmental benefits, and can help protect water quality, improve streamflows, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, The California Energy Commission’s (“CEC”) State Energy Program (the “State Energy Program”) will provide funds to eligible local governments to assist in the development of financing programs to stimulate the implementation cost-effective renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency projects based on a competitive selection process; and

WHEREAS, The State Energy Program has been funded as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is eligible for funding under the State Energy Program; and

WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors has adopted legislation necessary to form an opt-in Mello-Roos special tax district and to establish legal mechanisms and policies to govern the implementation of a municipal financing program for retrofits of privately-owned buildings, known as GreenFinanceSF; and
WHEREAS, SFPUC staff, working in conjunction with the Department of the Environment and the Controller's Office of Public Finance, submitted an application for State Energy Program financial assistance on behalf of the City and GreenFinanceSF; and

WHEREAS, On February 10, 2010, the CEC announced the awards under the State Energy Program, which included an award of up to $2,080,000 for GreenFinanceSF; and

WHEREAS, In its Resolution No. 008-10, this Board of Supervisors identified the Department of the Environment as the administrator of the GreenFinanceSF program on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment will collaborate with SFPUC and the Controller’s Office of Public Finance to ensure the successful implementation of the GreenFinanceSF program in general and the expenditure of State Energy Program funds in particular; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the implementation of the proposed GreenFinanceSF program and the utilization of the State Energy Program grant; and

WHEREAS, As described in the GreenFinanceSF application, the program will assist in the financing of energy- and water-saving retrofits of existing structures in conformance with existing building codes; provide incentive payments for qualifying retrofit projects; and monitor and evaluate environmental performance of projects; and

WHEREAS, All projects undertaken with this funding are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California Public Resources Code Section 21000; and

WHEREAS, The term of the State Energy Program grant will be from March 15, 2010 through March 31, 2012; now, therefore, be it

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WHEREAS, the grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Department of the Environment to accept a State Energy Program grant award on behalf of the City, and to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements, and amendments thereto, on its behalf to implement and carry out the GreenFinanceSF municipal financing program project as generally described above and as further detailed in the GreenFinanceSF Application; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Executive Director of the Department of the Environment is further authorized to furnish whatever additional information or assurances the funding agency may request in connection with this grant, and to execute any and all agreements necessary to carry out the purpose of the grant.

APPROVED:  

Mayor

APPROVED:  

Ben Rosenfield
Controller

RECOMMENDED:

By:  David Assmann, Acting Director
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March 09, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Duffy, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

File No. 100209

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/9/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

May 03-12-2010

Date Approved