Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and expend a grant in the amount of $75,463 from the US Environmental Protection Agency to implement a green cleaning pilot project that will lead to the creation of multi-lingual green cleaning guidelines.

WHEREAS, After a competitive process, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected the Department of the Environment for the City and County of San Francisco (SF Environment) to implement a pilot program that will result in the creation of multi-lingual green cleaning guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, SF Environment will partner with one large commercial scale cleaning company that works with large office buildings or schools and one smaller cleaning company that primarily works in residential properties and small businesses to implement a pilot program to maximize cleaning results while protecting cleaning workers and facility occupants; and,

WHEREAS, The pilot program allows SF Environment to track the number of multi-lingual materials needed and developed, progress with businesses that receive the information, number of custodial workers trained using the material developed and before-after data from pilot program of types and quantities of cleaning chemicals used; and,

WHEREAS, The project prevents pollution by reducing the use of toxic chemicals and achieves significant reductions in the levels of pollutants entering the environment by helping custodial companies make the switch to less toxic cleaning products and practices; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Green Cleaning Initiative supports both the City of San Francisco and the EPA in meeting their toxic reduction and health goals; and,
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WHEREAS, Materials created and project information can be disseminated to all EPA regions thus ensuring that the City of San Francisco is recognized a leader in creating programs and services with measurable environmental impacts; and,

WHEREAS, The term of the grant is from October 1, 2010 to April 30, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, The grant includes provision for indirect costs of $9,843; and,

WHEREAS, The grant budget provides for at least the 5% matching funds required by the funder; and

WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because the Department needed to ensure that all project plans were in compliance with the terms of the grant; and,

WHEREAS, This grant does not require an ASO amendment, 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 $75,463 from the US- EPA.

Recommended:  

Melanie Nutter, Executive Director, Department of the Environment

Approved:  

Mayor

Controller, Grant Division
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January 12, 2011 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED

January 25, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/25/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Edwin Lee
Date Approved