[Authorization to Join the Federal Excess Personal Property Program - Acceptance of Loans of Equipment to the Fire Department]

Resolution authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Excess Personal Property Program under which the Department may receive temporary loans of equipment for fire suppression and pre-suppression use for an initial term of five years.

WHEREAS, Federal law has authorized the creation of the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program as an element of the Cooperative Fire Protection Program (16 U.S.C. § 2106(b)); and

WHEREAS, Under the FEPP Program, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service lends federal excess personal property needed for wildland and rural community fire protection to states and local fire departments for their use; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) has been authorized by the USDA Forest Service to administer the FEPP Program in California; and

WHEREAS, Under the FEPP Program, the USDA Forest Service lends excess personal property to CAL Fire and CAL Fire then lends the property to local fire departments for fire suppression and pre-suppression use; and

WHEREAS, To be eligible to receive federal excess personal property from CAL Fire through the FEPP Program, a fire department must enter into a Cooperative Agreement with CAL Fire; and

WHEREAS, A fire department that receives property under the FEPP Program must primarily use the property for activities directly related to wildland and rural community fire
protection and is responsible for the proper care, maintenance, security, and storage of such property; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department has evaluated the FEPP Program and determined that the Department could significantly benefit from joining as a cooperator so that it would have access to such property for use in the Department’s fire suppression activities; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Department believes that the benefits of having access to the property for fire suppression and pre-suppression purposes outweigh any costs associated with transporting, insuring, maintaining, securing, and storing such property; and

WHEREAS, By entering into the Cooperative Agreement, the Department is not obligated to receive any property, but will have the ability to review and submit requests to obtain property available through the FEPP Program that it believes would be of use to the Department; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Section 10.100-305 generally requires the Board of Supervisors to approve the acceptance and expenditure of any gift of cash or good with a value of $10,000 or more; and the Fire Department anticipates that its participation in the FEPP Program under the Cooperative Agreement could result in the acceptance of loans of equipment valued at $10,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the Fire Department’s participation in the FEPP Program and authorize it to execute the Cooperative Agreement for an initial term of five years; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the Cooperative Agreement is on file in Board of Supervisors File No. 220295; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the Fire Department's participation in the FEPP Program and approves the Department's acceptance and use of equipment as provided under that agreement without further approval by the Board; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That within 30 days of the Cooperative Agreement being fully executed by all parties, the Fire Department shall provide a copy of the final agreement to the Clerk of the Board for inclusion in File No. 220295.
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September 28, 2022 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED

October 18, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 220295

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/18/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed  
Mayor  
10/28/22  
Date Approved