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RESOLUTION NO. 186-15

[Accept and Expend Grant -Solar Energy with Energy Storage- \$1,286,200]

Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$1,286,200 from the U.S. Department of Energy to develop plans in multiple neighborhoods to develop Solar Energy with Energy Storage for Post-Disaster Preparedness for the term of December 15, 2014, through December 31, 2016.

WHEREAS, The City highly values disaster preparedness activities; and WHEREAS, Solar power, in conjunction with energy storage can provide long term secure power for critical electric loads without the need for liquid fuels; and

WHEREAS, Multiple critical loads can be linked together to create a 'micro-grid' that improves stability and allows the loads to balance the use of available power; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Environment worked with Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to incorporate solar with energy storage and micro-grids into the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan and into the City's proposed Energy Assurance Plan; and

WHEREAS, With a previously approved grant from the California Energy Commission, the Department of the Environment has already completed a report on integrating renewable resources into neighborhood electric distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Energy has granted the City, through the Department of Environment, \$1,286,200 to develop a plan for at least twelve solar powered micro-grids in the City along with other tools that will assist other local government across the United States; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Energy has also granted \$35,000 of assistance from two National Laboratories to assist in the project; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Environment has partnered with DEM, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and Pacific Gas & Electric in this project; and

WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment will engage neighborhoods in this project; and

WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance (ASO) amendment and partially reimburses the Department of the Environment for one existing position; and

WHEREAS, The term of this grant is from December 15, 2014 to December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because the Department of the Environment needed time to process this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, The budget includes indirect costs of \$34,256; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and expend a grant in the amount of up to \$1,286,200 for the development of plans for solar, energy storage, and micro-grids to improve disaster preparedness in the City and County of San Francisco.

RECOMMENDED:

Department of the Environment

Mayor Lee BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED:

Office of the Mayor

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May 13, 2015 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - RECOMMENDED

May 19, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee Excused: 1 - Kim

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/19/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Date Approved