Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department on the Status of Women to accept and expend a grant in the amount of $750,000 from the United States Department of Justice’s Office of Violence Against Women for the Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence High Lethality Risk Team Pilot Project, for grant period October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2018.

WHEREAS, Women in the United States are murdered by an intimate partner or former partner more often than by an acquaintance or stranger; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, roughly 40% of the female homicides in San Francisco were linked to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Since 2000, San Francisco has been engaged in a broad-based reform of our domestic violence response system with support through a prior Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies award from the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW); and

WHEREAS, The 4 recent intimate partner homicides and suicide that have occurred in San Francisco since January 2014, after an unprecedented 44 months without a domestic violence homicide, illustrate that there is a continued need to improve San Francisco’s criminal justice systems’ responses to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, While the Bayview District stands out for its exceptionally high rates of family violence, at over 1.7 times the average rate citywide, there is no domestic violence provider located within this isolated community’s geographic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, This project aims to pilot a High Lethality Risk Team (HRT) model in the Bayview District to enable San Francisco to better serve victims who are considered to be at
high risk of lethality in relationships and improve law enforcement’s ability to bring batterers to justice; and

WHEREAS, The Department on the Status of Women partnered with the Office of the District Attorney, the Police Department, and three community-based nonprofit organizations – Bayview Hunters Point YMCA, the Glide Foundation Women’s Center, and La Casa de las Madres - for the “Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence High Lethality Risk Team Pilot Project” and was awarded Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars ($750,000) by the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence High Lethality Risk Team Pilot Project will maintain centralized prosecution and victim support services for domestic violence survivors, develop policies and data collection systems to improve the tracking of cases and classification of complaints involving domestic violence, enhance direct services for domestic violence victims with high risk of lethality in relationships, and develop and implement a domestic violence high lethality risk team pilot project in San Francisco’s Bayview District; and

WHEREAS, The Department on the Status of Women proposes to maximize use of available grant funds on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department on the Status of Women to retroactively accept and expend, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, OVW grant funds in the amount of $750,000 to enable the Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence High Lethality Risk Team Pilot Project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby waive inclusion of indirect costs in the grant budget; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Director of the DOSW is authorized to execute, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, the necessary grant agreements
for the implementation and operation purposes, including any extensions, augmentations or amendments thereof; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the DOSW is authorized and empowered to execute, deliver and perform, in the name of the City and County of San Francisco, all applications, contracts, agreements, amendments and payment requests necessary for the purpose of securing Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence High Lethality Risk Team Pilot Project grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the applicable grant application; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any liability arising out of the performance of the grant award agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency; and that the grant recipient and the authorizing agency will hold the OVW harmless from any claims that may arise from the use of grant funds.
RECOMMENDED:

Emily Murase
Department on the Status of Women

APPROVED: 

Mayor

Controller
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March 09, 2016 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - RECOMMENDED

March 15, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 160157

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/15/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

3/25/2016
Date Approved