Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend grant funds from the Association of Bay Area Governments in the amount of $609,258 to perform various activities as part of a Bay Area Regional Energy Network program, an energy efficiency program for the term of July 31, 2015, through December 31, 2016.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco (City) is a member of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG); and

WHEREAS, ABAG was awarded up to $13,283,875 by decision of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in Decision 15-10-028 to operate the Bay Area Regional Energy Network program (BayREN) in all of its member counties for the calendar year of 2016; and

WHEREAS, The CPUC recognized that this structure can provide greater opportunity for the participating counties to develop more innovative programs that better serve the ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, The CPUC, in Decision 15-10-028, approved a BayREN Program Implementation Plan for 2016 (2016 PIP) and budget to fund implementation of the 2016 PIP (2016 Budget); and

WHEREAS, For 2016, ABAG will continue receiving the ratepayer funds of $13,283,875 through a contract with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) where PG&E is acting only as a fiscal manager and the CPUC provides oversight of the program content; and

WHEREAS, BayREN will continue programs to provide technical assistance and financing in the residential sector and education and training for construction contractors and building code officials; and
WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted goals for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment continues to play a key role in the development of the concepts and plans for all the elements of the BayREN program; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Environment is already performing energy efficiency programs for greenhouse gas reductions providing assistance in the residential sector and creating local jobs; and

WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment has built upon its experience with building codes to play the lead role in the development of the Codes and Standards component of the BayREN; and

WHEREAS, A successful BayREN program in 2013 through 2015 has led to continued funding in future years; and

WHEREAS, ABAG awarded grant funds of $371,258 to the City for the 2015 BayREN programs and that grant was approved by the Board of Supervisors under Resolution No. 75-15; and

WHEREAS, ABAG has increased the amount of the 2015 calendar year BayREN funding by $200,000; and

WHEREAS, ABAG has made an additional award to the City for the BayREN programs for 2016 in the amount of $409,258; and

WHEREAS, The term of this grant is from July 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, A request for retroactive approval is being sought because the Department of the Environment did not receive the 2016 award notice until January 11, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The grant allows for Indirect costs of $158,299 included in the budget; and
WHEREAS, The Department of Environment will utilize existing staff hired under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act that continued working under the 2013-15 BayREN contract; and

WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance (ASO) amendment; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and expend a grant in the amount of $609,258 from ABAG to implement BayREN activities in San Francisco.

Recommended:

Department Head

Mayor

Approved: Mayor

Controller, Grant Division
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May 04, 2016 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - RECOMMENDED

May 10, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

File No. 160327

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/10/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

Date Approved