[Cooperative Agreement - California State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) - Firefighter Property Program - Acceptance of Loans of Equipment - Fire Department]

Resolution authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for the Firefighter Property Program with the California State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) under which the Department may receive temporary loans of property in providing fire and emergency medical services, including disaster relief activities, for an initial term of three years, effective upon execution of the Cooperative Agreement.

WHEREAS, Title 10, United States Code, Section 257b authorizes the United States Secretary of Defense to transfer to firefighting agencies personal property that is no longer needed by the Department of Defense that may be suitable for use in fire protection, emergency medical services, and disaster relief activities; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to this authority, the Department of Defense has established the Firefighter Property Program ("FFP Program") to effectuate the transfer of excess Department of Defense property to state and local firefighting agencies for use in fire suppression or presuppression activities, providing emergency medical services, or supporting disaster relief activities; and

WHEREAS, The property available through the FFP Program may include items such as vehicles and other fixed assets; fabricating materials; warehouse equipment; tools; and other items needed to distribute, maintain, and prepare the property to be used in fire suppression or emergency services; and

WHEREAS, A local firefighting agency that acquires property through the FFP Program takes custody of, or in some cases title to, the property free of charge, but is responsible for

costs associated with picking up and transporting the property, preparing the property for use; maintenance, and insurance; and

WHEREAS, A local firefighting agency that receives property through the FFP Program must place the property into service and use the property for firefighting or emergency needs for at least one year before the property may be disposed of, or returned to the FFP Program, depending on the classification of the property; and

WHEREAS, The State of California, through the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire), has been approved by the federal government to administer the FFP Program in California; and

WHEREAS, As the administrator of the FFP Program in California, CAL Fire enlists local firefighting and emergency service cooperators and assists them in acquiring property through the FFP Program; and

WHEREAS, To be eligible to receive property and equipment from CAL Fire through the FFP Program, a firefighting agency must enter into a Local Cooperator Agreement with CAL Fire and the agency's governing board or council must approve of its participation in the FFP Program by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, the San Francisco Fire Department evaluated the FFP Program and determined that the Department could significantly benefit from joining as a local cooperator so that it would have access to such property for use in the Department's fire suppression and pre-suppression activities, emergency medical services, and disaster relief preparedness; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, The Fire Department determined that the benefits of having access to and acquiring ownership of the property for these purposes outweigh any costs associated with transporting, remediating, and insuring the property; 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 anticipated that its participation in the FFP Program under a Cooperative Agreement could result in the acceptance of loans of equipment valued at \$10,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, On October 18, 2022, through Resolution No. 428-22 (File No. 220297), the Board of Supervisors approved the Fire Department's participation in the FFP Program, approved the Department's acceptance and use of equipment as provided under a Cooperative Agreement, an executed copy of which is on file in File No. 220297; and

WHEREAS, CAL Fire requires the parties to enter into a new Cooperative Agreement whenever the primary contacts of the parties change; and

WHEREAS, The October 18, 2022 Cooperative Agreement is set to expire on October 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the Fire Department's continued participation in the FFP Program and authorize it to execute the new Cooperative Agreement for an initial term of three years, effective upon execution of the Cooperative Agreement; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the new Cooperative Agreement is on file in Board of Supervisors File No. 250907; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the Fire Department's continued participation in the FFP 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. 250907.



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Resolution

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October 22, 2025 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED

October 28, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

File No. 250907

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/28/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie Mayor Date Approved