



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life
AGENDA DATE: April 28, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability
EXECUTIVE: M. Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency passed through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) (Contract No. 582-21-22370, CFDA No. 97.091) in an amount not to exceed \$581,027.03 to conduct the Whole Air Monitoring Program for the period May 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$581,027.03 in the TCEQ 21-22 Whole Air Monitoring Program Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$581,027.03 from TCEQ in the TCEQ 21-22 Whole Air Monitoring Program Fund; and **(4)** execution of the contract and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$581,027.03 - Financing: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

Since 1967, the City of Dallas has worked with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and its predecessor agencies, to support clean air monitoring and enforcement of air quality regulations through a set of renewing contracts for services. There are currently three contracts under which TCEQ funds the City's Ambient Air Monitoring Group to monitor local air quality and also purchase and maintain necessary equipment.

This action addresses Contract No. 582-21-22370 which ensures the monitoring of biological contaminants that could be associated with a bioterrorist attack on Dallas County. The TCEQ supports the Department of Homeland Security National Whole Air Monitoring Network which began in February 2003 in Texas. The TCEQ in turn, contracts with the City to operate the Whole Air Monitoring Network of whole air samplers at various locations throughout Dallas County. Authorization of this contract will allow for the City to accept TCEQ funds for the period of May 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022 and enable the City to continue the Whole Air Monitoring Program. TCEQ reimburses the City of Dallas 100 percent of the cost associated to maintain the program.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On August 22, 2018, City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the Whole Air Monitoring Program for the period of September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019, by Resolution No. 18-1135.

On August 28, 2019, City Council authorized the first amendment of grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency passed through TCEQ (Contract No. 582-19-90030, CFDA No 97.091) to conduct the Whole Air Monitoring Program for the period September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020, by Resolution No. 19-1259.

On August 26, 2020, City Council authorized the third amendment of grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency passed through TCEQ (Contract No. 582-19-90030, CFDA No 97.091) to conduct the Whole Air Monitoring Program for the period September 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, by Resolution No. 20-1247.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Grant Funds	\$581,027.03	\$0.00	\$0.00