

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 23TCEQ WHOLE AIR MONITORING CONTRACT FY22

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Federally Funded Grant Agreement in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000.00 for Whole Air Monitoring Operations and Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Funded Grant Agreement for whole air monitoring operations in the amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for a sixteen month term starting May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022; and
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in the amount of \$500,000.00.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth operates a comprehensive air quality program under four separate-but-related contracts with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). This overall program benefits the City by ensuring facilities are in compliance with air quality regulations and by supporting reliable data collection for air pollutants. Of the four contracts, this contract is fully funded by the Department of Homeland Security and administered by TCEQ. The grant specifically supports air monitoring operations for bioterrorism attacks within the City of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

If executed, this contract will require the City of Fort Worth to operate local air pollution monitors to include retrieving the sampling filters and data, sending filters and data for analysis, and performing regular audit and maintenance activities on the equipment under the terms of the contract. The Department of Homeland Security provides all air monitoring equipment, parts, and supplies for the proper operation of the air monitoring samplers and will be contracted with the City of Fort Worth for the operation and maintenance of these monitoring stations. The contract period will start May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, with a maximum amount of \$500,000.00 for reimbursement of expenses to the City. This contract may be renewed for four additional one-year periods in accordance with the contract.

There are no local matching funds required for this grant contract.

DOCUMENT	M&C No.	Approval Date	Grant Amount	Total
Initial Contract	PENDING	PENDING	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
			TOTAL:	\$500,000.00

No City funds will be expended before the contract amendment is approved. Upon approval and acceptance of the grant and execution of the contract, City funds will be expended prior to receipt of grant funds. Indirect costs will be recovered under this grant.

This agreement will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: TCEQ

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Code Compliance Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to making any expenditure, the Code Compliance Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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