

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 22TCEQ WHOLE AIR MONITORING CONTRACT FY26 AMENDMENT 4

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of the Fourth Amendment to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Federally Funded Reimbursement Grant Agreement in an Amount Up to \$380,000.00 for Whole Air Monitoring Operations and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of the fourth amendment to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality federally funded reimbursement grant agreement (City Secretary Contract Number 55747) in an amount up to \$380,000.00 for the purpose of whole air monitoring operations for a twelve-month term beginning on June 1, 2025 and expiring on May 31, 2026; 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 an amount up to \$380,000.00, for the purpose of whole air monitoring operations.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth operates a comprehensive air quality program with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under four separate, but related, contracts. 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.

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) addresses the Whole Air Monitoring Operations contract between the City and TCEQ (City Secretary Contract Number 55747) ("Contract"). The Whole Air Monitoring Operations contract specifically supports air monitoring operations for early detection of bioterrorism attacks within the City of Fort Worth ("City") and Tarrant County. Upon approval, this amendment to the Contract will require the City to operate local air pollution monitors. Grant activities with this award include retrieving the sampling filters and data, sending filters and data for analysis, and performing regular audit and maintenance activities on the equipment. The Department of Homeland Security provides all air monitoring equipment, parts and supplies for the proper operation of the air monitoring samplers.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) fully funds the Whole Air Monitoring Operations grant program. TCEQ administers funding for this grant program in Texas. There are no local matching funds required for this grant contract. The City annually receives DHS Funds for its Whole Air Monitoring Program in cooperation with TCEQ to maintain and operate various whole air monitoring stations.

Approval of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) will amend the Contract to increase the total amount reimbursable to the City to a maximum amount up to \$380,000.00 for the City's expenditures. The City will also renew the agreement for its fourth and final renewal term, which will begin on June 1, 2025.

DOCUMENT	M&C No.	Approval Date	Grant Amount	Total
Initial Contract: Project #103407 (FY21-22)	21-0314	05/04/2021	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Amendment 1 (FY23)	22-0506	06/28/2022	\$380,006.00	\$380,006.00
Amendment 2 (FY24)	23-0486	06/13/2023	\$380,006.00	\$380,006.00
Amendment 3 (FY25)	24-0590	06/25/2024	\$284,729.50	\$284,729.50
Amendment 4	Pending	Pending	\$380,000.00	\$380,000.00

(FY26) This Amendment				
			TOTAL:	\$1,924,741.50

This grant includes three authorized positions in the Environmental Services Department for air quality monitoring. Salary and Fringe will be funded in an estimated amount up to \$291,726.40. Indirect costs will be recovered under this grant at a rate of ten percent and estimated amount up to \$19,600.00.

If these funds become unavailable the Environmental Services Department would determine a transition plan to discuss where funding would come from for this program.

No City funds will be expended before the contract amendment is approved. Because this is a reimbursement grant, upon approval and acceptance of the grant and execution of the amendment to the contract, City funds will be spent before it receives grant funds. There is no grant application repository number, as the Environmental Services Department does not apply for these funds. Funding is based on the Contract between the City and TCEQ to operate the air quality program as stated above.

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: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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 operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Environmental Services Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Environmental Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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