



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Grant Application with the United States Department of Homeland Security for the BioWatch program.

Recommended Action:

Approval by the Public Works Director of the grant application with the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the BioWatch program.

- The purpose of this grant application is for continued DHS funding of the County's BioWatch Program.
- Grant Application requests \$253,256.00 to support the County's existing BioWatch program from June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024.
- DHS agrees to cost share one hundred percent (100%) of approved costs; no County match is required.
- Funding is derived from the Public Works Air Quality general fund operating budgets.
- Grant Application is not attached due to security requirements.
- No signature required as part this Legistar approval process.

County Project No. 003906A; DHS Grant No. 060HBIO00014-17-01; in the amount of \$253,256.00; program period June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protection services to ensure a safe and secure community

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

3.3 Protect and improve the quality of our water, air and other natural resources

Summary:

The purpose of this grant application is for continued DHS funding of the County's BioWatch Program. BioWatch program field operations and sample collection activities are conducted by the County's Air Quality Section. Work under this award involves access to sensitive information from the federal government which must be protected and safeguarded from public disclosure in compliance with local, state, or federal laws. The continuation application package requires final submittal via grantsolutions.gov by April 25, 2023.

Background/Explanation:

This program has been ongoing since 2003 and is subject to certain information security restrictions

per DHS. All information is considered "Sensitive but Unclassified," "For Official Use Only," and is not for public disclosure. Any public records requests made relating to this Application should be directed to DHS.

Fiscal Impact:

The Grant Application Funding request is for \$253,256.00. An amount of \$145,111.00 is new funding and \$108,145.00 is carryover funds from Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/2023 for project period June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024. The grant provides 100% reimbursement of eligible costs. No County match is required.

The funding source is the PW Environmental Management Division, Air Quality general fund operating budgets for FY 2023 and proposed FY 2024.

Delegated Authority:

Authority for the Director of Public Works to approve this Grant Application is granted under Code Chapter II, Article III, Section 2-62(a)(4) as further delegated per Administrative Memo dated March 28, 2016.

Staff Member Responsible:

Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Public Works

Partners:

DHS

Attachments:

Public Works Approval Memo
OMB Approval Email - Intent to Apply
Prior Award History
Delegation of Authority Memo