



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Non-Competing Continuation of the Cooperative Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security for the BioWatch Program.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval by the County Administrator of the Non-Competing Continuation of the Cooperative Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the BioWatch Program.

- Action provides \$227,290.00 to continue funding of BioWatch Program through May 31, 2025.
- DHS will reimburse the County 100% of project costs. No County match is required.
- Recipient's signature is not required on the agreement.
- Funding for the continuation of this agreement is included in the FY24 Adopted Budget and the requested FY25 Proposed Budget in the grant portion of the General Fund of the Public Works Department.

County Project No. 003906A; DHS Grant No. 060HBIO00014-19-00; in the amount of \$227,290.00; program period June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025.

### **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 fiscal impact of this action is an additional \$227,290.00 in Federal Financial Assistance, less carryover funding of \$92,000.00, totaling \$135,290.00 in new funding. The Agreement provides the County with \$227,290.00 in support of the existing BioWatch Program. The Grant funding is 100% reimbursable. There is no County match required.

### **Background/Explanation:**

BioWatch program field operations and sample collection activities are conducted by the County's Air Quality Section. This project 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 Agreement should be directed to DHS.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact of this action is \$227,290.00 in Federal Financial Assistance, less carryover funding of \$92,000.00, totaling \$135,290.00 in new funding. The \$92,000.00 of unobligated balance from prior budgets is moved to Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 - 2025. Total federal funds awarded to date for the project period is \$3,108,635.00. This action is consistent with FY 2024 Adopted Budget and FY 2025 Proposed Budget for the Public Works Department, Environmental Management Division.

**Delegated Authority:**

Authority for the County Administrator to approve this Agreement is granted under Code Section 2-62 (a)(1).

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Public Works

**Partners:**

DHS

**Attachments:**

Notice of Award

Prior Awards