



Broward County

Legislation Text

File #: 20-494, Version: 1

Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Henry A. Sniezek

Department: Environmental Protection

Division: Environmental Engineering & Permitting

Information

Requested Action

A. MOTION TO APPROVE retroactively U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Cooperative Agreement A-00402620-0 (grant) in the amount of \$1,466,500 of which the County in-kind match is \$586,600, to provide funding for the County's Air Quality Program from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2021, and authorize the County Administrator to execute administrative and budgetary actions to implement the grant and allocate and implement subsequent partial awards under Agreement A-00402620-0, subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney, in a total additional funding not to exceed \$804,900.

ACTION: (T-11:32 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 9-0. Commissioners Bogen, Fisher, Rich and Vice-Mayor Geller voted in the affirmative telephonically.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2020-130 within the US EPA 105 Grant Fund for the Environmental Engineering and Permitting Division in the amount of \$75,000 for the purpose of protecting and improving air quality in Broward County.

ACTION: (T-11:32 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 9-0. Commissioners Bogen, Fisher, Rich and Vice-Mayor Geller voted in the affirmative telephonically.

Why Action is Necessary

Section 125.01(1)p, Florida Statutes authorizes the Board to enter into agreements with other governmental agencies. Board action is required for Agreement approval to accept the grant award, and to recognize the award within the Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department.

What Action Accomplishes

This action provides funding for air quality program support in Broward County from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2021 and allows for the appropriation of this funding.

Is this Action Goal Related

Yes

Previous Action Taken

None

Summary Explanation/Background

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING DIVISION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTIONS.

This item supports the County's value of "Encouraging investments in renewable energy, sustainable practices and environmental protection" and Goal 1: "Seek funding for, implement policies, and pursue projects promoting the use of alternative energies and sustainable practices." The Environmental Engineering and Permitting Division implements a federally and state approved local air pollution control program responsible for protecting and improving air quality in Broward County. The Air Quality Program is funded in large part by the EPA Section 105 grant (Exhibit 2).

Motion A accepts the two-year Cooperative (grant) Agreement from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021. Retroactive approval is being requested because the grant award was not received from EPA until December 12, 2019 and the Office of the County Attorney requested a revision to the Cooperative Agreement during their review.

Motion B adopts a budget Resolution for the first partial award under this agreement in the amount of \$75,000 (Exhibit 3).

The U.S. EPA Cooperative Agreement requires the County in-kind match of \$293,300 annually. The \$293,300 is budgeted during the County's annual budget process in the Air Program General Fund. This action allocates \$661,600 of which \$75,000 is EPA's first allocation and \$586,600 is the County in-kind match (\$293,300 annually).

The County Air Quality program has been supported by the 105 grant for 30 years. The program includes implementation of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, ambient air monitoring, permitting and compliance verification, asbestos inspections, air quality analysis and planning and public outreach.

Because the County is a recipient of funds from a federal agency under this agreement, the County's standard terms are not included. However, this agreement was approved as to form by the Office of the County Attorney.

This agreement was reviewed by Risk Management and has been approved as to form by the Grants Office.

Source of Additional Information

Sermin Turegun, Director, Environmental Engineering and Permitting Division, (954) 519-1460

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

The two-year grant agreement total funding is \$1,466,500, of which the County in-kind match is \$586,600. This action will allocate \$661,600 for activities associated with the EPA 105 grant. Funding

will be provided in part by the EPA in the amount of \$75,000, as well as \$586,600 (\$293,300 annually) by the County as in-kind match.