

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Marci Henson, Director, Department of Environment and Sustainability

Recommendation:

Approve and authorize the Department of Environment and Sustainability to submit applications to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Clean Air Act Sections 103, 105, and 103 Inflation Reduction Act grants, not to exceed \$2.5 million, to fund air quality projects and programs through June 30, 2026; authorize acceptance of grant funds awarded; and authorize the Director to execute any necessary documents relating to the application or award, including an EPA Assistance Amendment to extend the budget/project period. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	2271.000	Fund Name:	Air Quality Mgmt–Grants
Fund Center:	1300210010	Funded PGM/Grant:	1300.AIR105.XXXX, 1300.AIR103PM.XXXX, and 1300.AIR103 (IRA 60103a & b)
Amount:	Not to exceed \$2.5 million		
Description:	EPA 103, PM2.5 Air Monitoring; EPA 105, Air Pollution Control Program Grants		
Additional Comments:	Awards from Section 103 of the Clean Air Act are specifically used to operate the PM2.5 monitoring network. These awards do not require local matches, but “in-kind” funds are withheld to pay for laboratory analyses necessary for chemical speciation of collected samples. Awards from Section 103 of the IRA are specifically used to monitor pollutants specific to wildfire smoke; these awards do not require local matches. Awards from Section 105 of the Clean Air Act do require local matches, which have been approximately 45% of the federal award over the last three grant cycles. DES will match Section 105 awards as required per the grant agreement. The local matches are met by applying a portion of the department's non-federally funded activities to meet the program's maintenance-of-effort requirement.		

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) anticipates receiving notice from EPA over the next few months inviting applications for continued Clean Air Act funding for Clark County’s PM2.5 Air Monitoring and Air Pollution Control programs. DES receives these reimbursement grant funds annually to help defray costs directly associated with PM2.5 research and development, as well as with the administration of projects and programs designed to prevent and control air pollution and maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards. This ongoing effort is consistent with the County’s strategic priority to implement measures to control sources of air pollution and meet national health standards.

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