

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 for Clean Air Act Sections 103 and 105 grants, not to exceed \$1.5 million, to fund air quality projects and programs through January 31, 2023; 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 Management - Grants
Fund Center:	1300210010	Funded PGM/Grant:	1300.AIR105.2022 and 1300.AIR103PM.2022
Amount:	Not to exceed \$1.5 million		
Description:	EPA PM-2.5 Air Monitoring and Air Pollution Control Program Grants		
Additional Comments:	Awards from Section 103 of the Act are specifically used to operate the PM-2.5 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 105 of the Act require local matches, which have been 45% of the federal award over the last three grant cycles. DES will match Section 105 awards as required by the grant agreement. These local matches are met by applying a portion of DES's non-federally funded activities to meet the program's maintenance-of-effort requirement.		

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) expects a notice from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the next few months inviting DES to apply for continued Clean Air Act funding for Clark County's PM-2.5 Air Monitoring and Air Pollution Control programs. DES receives these reimbursement grant funds annually to help defray costs directly associated with PM-2.5 research and development, as well as with the administration of projects and programs designed to prevent and control air pollution and maintain the 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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