

Authorizing grant applications to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for FY 2018

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Background

- The Public Center for Environmental Health (PCEH) was established to protect the environment.
- Local air monitoring is an important public health effort since air quality potentially impacts health.
- PCEH manages two local air monitoring efforts through TCEQ and has been participating in the DHS Whole Air Program for over 10 years.



Background

- Metro Health is requesting approval of three grant applications for a period beginning September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018:
 - Two TCEQ Grants Particulate Matter 2.5 and Lake Calaveras to support, operate and maintain air monitors.
 - One DHS Grant Whole Air Program to support local air monitoring field operations and sample collection activities.



Fiscal Impact

- The acceptance of funds in an amount up to \$658,038.00 will consist of:
 - Two (2) TCEQ grants with funding in an amount up to \$230,521.00
 - One (1) DHS grant in an amount of up to \$427,517.00
- There is no impact to the General Fund.



Recommendation

 Staff recommends approval of the submission of two annual grant renewals to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and one grant submission to the Department of Homeland Security to support air quality activities for public health.