

Ordinance No. 746-2026

By Council Members Conwell and Griffin
(by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Health to apply for and accept a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security for the BioWatch Program; and authorizing the Director to enter into various written standard purchase and requirement contracts for courier services needed to transport BioWatch samples to the Ohio Department of Health for testing.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Health is authorized to apply for and accept a grant in the approximate amount of \$466,300.00 and any other funds that become available during the grant term, from the United States Department of Homeland Security to conduct the BioWatch Program in accordance with the purposes set forth in the executive summary; that the Director of Public Health is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grant; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes in the executive summary for the grant.

Section 2. That the executive summary for the grant, File No. 746-2026-A, made a part of this ordinance as if fully rewritten, is approved in all respects and shall not be changed without additional legislative authority.

Section 3. That the Director of Public Health shall have the authority to extend the term of the grant during the grant term.

Section 4. That the Director of Public Health shall deposit the grant accepted under this ordinance into a fund or funds designated by the Director of Finance to implement the program as described in the file and appropriated for that purpose.

Section 5. That the Director of Public Health is authorized to make one or more written standard purchase contracts and written requirement contracts under the Charter and the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, the period of requirements to be determined by the director, for the necessary items of courier services needed to transport BioWatch samples to the Ohio Department of Health for testing, to be purchased by the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies on a unit basis

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for the Division of Air Quality, Department of Public Health. Bids shall be taken in a manner that permits an award to be made for all items as a single contract, or by separate contract for each or any combination of the items as the Board of Control determines.

Section 6. That under Section 108(b) of the Charter, the purchases authorized by this ordinance may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Public Health may sign all documents that are necessary to make the purchases, and may enter into one or more contracts with the vendors selected through that cooperative process.

Section 7. That the costs of the standard and requirement contract or contracts shall be charged against the proper appropriation accounts and the Director of Finance shall certify the amount of any purchase under the contracts, each of which purchases shall be made on order of the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies by a delivery order issued against the contract or contracts and certified by the Director of Finance. (RQS 5007, RLA 2026-76)

Section 8. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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FOR: Director Margolius

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