

Division of Air Quality

Department of Homeland Security BioWatch  
Executive Summary

**Background/Purpose:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Health to apply for and accept a federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security as a direct grantee for financial assistance for the operation of the Division of Air Quality.

To perform air pollution control activities throughout Cleveland and Cuyahoga County as delegated by the Department of Homeland Security and to comply with all its contractual obligations. These activities fall within the Field Monitoring Section.

**Field Monitoring Section:** The Cleveland Department of Public Health, Division of Air Quality (DAQ) Monitoring section currently operates fifteen (15) BioWatch sampling sites in Cuyahoga and Lake counties (the Cleveland jurisdiction) utilizing Portable Sampling Units (PSU). Cleveland DAQ collects exposed filters and replenishes the collectors with new filters daily. The exposed filters are delivered via courier to the designated LRN laboratory.

This ordinance would allow the Director of the Cleveland Department of Public Health, on behalf of the Division of Air Quality to enter into all contracts and all amendments with the Department of Homeland Security and to:

1. Perform the air pollution control monitoring activities throughout Cleveland and Cuyahoga County as a direct grantee to the Department of Homeland Security and fulfill all contractual obligations stated in the contract agreement.

**Grant Amount:** \$ 353,195.00

**Grant Term:** June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022

**Funding Source:** Department of Homeland Security