



**U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Laboratory Support Grant**

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Item #21**

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Background



- Metro Health's Laboratory Services Branch:
 - Provides analytical support for various public health programs
 - Host to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security BioWatch Program laboratory
 - Comprised of several testing areas designed to serve customers and regulatory agencies in a 29-county region which includes San Antonio and Bexar County

Background



- The laboratory structure is divided into the following regulatory programs and functions:
 - Consumer microbiology and testing
 - Infectious disease surveillance
 - Bioterrorism/influenza surveillance
 - Rabies analysis
 - Food surveillance
- Grant funding provides for direct laboratory infrastructure and operational support for the housing and oversight of BioWatch Program activities

Fiscal Impact



- Authorizing the acceptance of funds provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in an amount up to \$200,000.00 for Laboratory Support
 - Annual Amount: \$100,000.00
 - FY24 Term: through September 26, 2024
 - FY25 Term: September 27, 2024 through September 26, 2025
 - There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund in the form of a cash match

Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval.





Thank You
End of Presentation