



Legislation Text

File #: 24-0841, **Version:** 1

Department: Public Health Services

Department Head/Elected Official: Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC – Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Interlocal Agreement

Project ID (if applicable):

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 16

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of an interlocal agreement with the Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 16 to exchange wastewater surveillance data and all related appurtenances for the wastewater based epidemiology (WBE) program.

Background and Discussion:

The purpose of this Agreement is to describe each Party's role for the coordination of wastewater testing, analysis, and subsequent exchange of information between the Parties through the WBE program, a program developed by Harris County Public Health designed to test and analyze wastewater data.

Expected Impact:

Wastewater surveillance provides early detection of emerging diseases to improve public health interventions. When combined with other surveillance data including clinical cases, hospital bed utilization, and laboratory testing, wastewater surveillance data can give a broader scope of disease surveillance to public health departments.

Alternative Options:

No alternative option.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation

- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name					
			Current Fiscal Year Cost		Annual Fiscal Cost
			Labor	Non-Labor	Total
					Recurring Expenses
Funding Sources					
Existing Budget					
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)					
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)					
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: February 27, 2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): February 27, 2024

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Interlocal Agreement, Signature Page