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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kunjlata Ashar, M.D.
Acting Pathologist/Medical Examiner
Department of Labs & Research

DATE: October 7, 2010

RE: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York, acting through its Division of Criminal Justice Services, for the County's Department of Laboratories and Research's Division of Toxicology to participate in the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act, for a term commencing on October 1, 2010 and expiring September 30, 2011, in an amount not to exceed Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty (\$65,680) Dollars**

The attached resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the State of New York, acting through its Division of Criminal Justice Services (the "State"), for the County's Department of Laboratories and Research's (the "Department") Division of Toxicology to participate in the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act, for a term commencing on October 1, 2010 and expiring September 30, 2011, in an amount not to exceed Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty (\$65,680) Dollars.

The public purpose of this Agreement is the public safety and security of the residents of Westchester County through the Toxicology lab's ability to provide timely results from evidence submissions, thereby expediting criminal case processing.

The objective of this resolution is to accept federal and state funding to provide the Westchester County Medical Examiner, Law Enforcement and Hospital community with timely and quality scientific results from the evidence submitted to the Division of Forensic Toxicology. The analyses include Postmortem, Human Performance (DWI/DWAI), Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault (DFSA) and Hospital casework. Timely analyses are extremely important for prosecution. The Human Performance results for DWI/DWAI cases provide the citizens of Westchester County with a higher degree of public safety. For Medical Examiner cases, toxicological results are important in determining the cause of death and impact on various criminal and liability cases affecting the community as well as relatives of the deceased. The Department will monitor and report the progress of this Agreement in quarterly progress reports provided to the granting authority.

Accordingly, I recommend and urge your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed Resolution authorizing the County to enter into this grant agreement with the State.

KA:jpi
Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Pathologist/Medical Examiner, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting through its Division of Criminal Justice Services (the "State"), for the County's Department of Laboratories and Research's (the "Department") Division of Toxicology to participate in the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act, for a term commencing on October 1, 2010 and expiring September 30, 2011, in an amount not to exceed Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty (\$65,680) Dollars; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	31	894K	9853	T894	\$65,680

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010/2011 Start Date 10/01/10 End Date 9/30/11
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____

\$65,680
(must match resolution) Federal Aid \$65,680, Federal Funds channeled
Through the NYS Division of Criminal
Justice Services – Revenue #9853

Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 11-09-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY