



Office of the District Attorney
County of Westchester

MEMORANDUM

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To: HONORABLE MEMBERS
BOARD OF ACQUISITION AND CONTRACT

Date: 3/15/11

From: JANET DiFIORE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Re: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES ("DCJS") TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,161 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO OPERATE THE VIDEO RECORDING OF STATEMENTS PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012, AND TO SUBCONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY, VILLAGE/TOWN OF MOUNT KISCO, TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE, VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW, TOWN OF MAMARONECK, VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK, VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, TOWN OF YORKTOWN, and TOWN/VILLAGE OF HARRISON, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE POLICE DEPARTMENTS, PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY WILL REIMBURSE EACH POLICE DEPARTMENT AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY DCJS FOR THE COST OF PURCHASING VIDEO RECORDING EQUIPMENT TO BE USED TO RECORD INTERROGATIONS OF SUSPECTS WHO ARE IN POLICE CUSTODY, NOT TO EXCEED THE AGGREGATE SUM OF \$45,161**

Authority is sought for the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Office of the District Attorney (the "County"), to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ("DCJS") to accept a grant in the amount of \$45,161 in federal funds to operate the Video Recording of Statements program, for the period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, and to subcontract with the Town of Eastchester, Village of Dobbs Ferry, Village/Town of Mount Kisco, Town of North Castle, Village of Sleepy Hollow, Village of Mamaroneck, Town of Mamaroneck, Village of Bronxville, Town of Yorktown, and Town/Village of Harrison, acting by and through their respective police departments (hereinafter collectively the "Police Departments"), pursuant to which the County will reimburse each Police Department an amount to be determined by DCJS for the cost of purchasing video recording equipment to be used to record interrogations of suspects who are in police custody, not to exceed the aggregate sum of \$45,161.

The goals and objectives of this program are to enhance the technological capabilities of the law enforcement agencies noted above and allow them to purchase equipment to be utilized during investigations, interrogations, and debriefings to improve prosecution outcomes and law enforcement efforts. It is also anticipated that the utilization of the video recording equipment will diminish the secondary victimization of many victims, especially young victims, who are traumatized by needless repetition of the circumstances of the crimes committed against them. The proceeds of this grant will be divided among the aforementioned law enforcement agencies following receipt of written approval from DCJS.

The requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy were followed. The procurement with DCJS and with the various municipal subcontractors are exempt under Section 3(a) iii of the County Procurement Policy.

It should be noted that since the County is merely acting as a pass-through of federal funds and not on a cooperative or joint basis with the Police Departments, the proposed contracts do not constitute intermunicipal agreements and, as such, do not require approval by the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

Wherefore, authority is respectfully sought for the County to enter into these agreements.

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RESOLUTION

Upon communication from Janet DiFiore, District Attorney, be it hereby,

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept a grant in the amount of \$45,161 in federal funds for the District Attorney to operate the Video Recording of Statements Program for the period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, and to subcontract with the Town of Eastchester, Village of Dobbs Ferry, Village/Town of Mount Kisco, Town of North Castle, Village of Sleepy Hollow, Village of Mamaroneck, Town of Mamaroneck, Village of Bronxville, Town of Yorktown, and Town/Village of Harrison, acting by and through their respective police departments, pursuant to which the County will reimburse each Police Department an amount to be determined by DCJS for the cost of purchasing video recording equipment to be used to record interrogations of suspects who are in police custody, not to exceed the aggregate sum of \$45,161; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the District Attorney or her duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into this agreement for the County of Westchester.

Agreement #

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	37	843L	9853	T-843	\$45,161

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011 Start Date 4/1/11 End Date 3/31/12
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____ \$
 State Aid _____ \$
\$45,161 Federal Aid \$45,161
 (must match resolution) Other _____

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