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June 23, 2011

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth
Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 in State funds for the Department of Public Safety to operate the Firearm Laboratory Backlog Reduction program for the period January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, pursuant to an approved budget

Authority is sought for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety ("Department") to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept funds in an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Hundred Dollars (\$30,000.00) in State funds for the Department to operate the Firearm Laboratory Backlog Reduction program for the period January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, pursuant to an approved budget.

The goals and objectives of this agreement are to enhance the capacities of the Department's Crime Lab to process on a timely basis any firearms or firearms-related evidence submitted by law enforcement agencies serviced by the lab and to minimize the current backlog of firearms and firearm-related evidence being held by the Ballistics Unit. The State funds will enable the Department to offset the overtime costs for firearms examiners and will reduce current and future firearm case backlogs.

This program will promote the public safety of the residents of Westchester by enhancing the capacity of the Department's Crime Lab to process, on a timely basis, any firearms or firearms-related evidence submitted by law enforcement agencies serviced by the lab.

The goals and objectives of this program will support the public health, safety and/or welfare by reducing gun violence, and aid in the timely prosecution of firearms related crimes by reducing investigation backlogs. The goals and objectives of this program will be tracked and monitored as statistics are compiled on a monthly basis, and reports are generated and reviewed to track progress.

This agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) iii which exempts "transactions or contracts with the United States of America, any State ... agency".

Wherefore, authority is respectfully sought for the County to enter into this agreement.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety, he it hereby

RESOLVED, that authority is granted to the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept grant funds in an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to operate the Firearm Laboratory Backlog Reduction program for the period January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, pursuant to an approved budget; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Revenue	Trust Account	Dollars
263	38	786L	9854	T786	\$30,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011-2012 Start Date January 1, 2011 End Date March 31, 2012

Funding Source	Tax Dollars <u>-0-</u>
	State Aid <u>\$30,000</u>
	Federal Aid _____
<u>\$30,000</u> (must match resolution)	Other _____