

**20752**

DATE: August 4, 2011

TO: Honorable Members  
Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 toward the purchase of an explosive detection canine ("EDC") that will be assigned to the Westchester County Department of Public Safety Patrol Services Division

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Public Safety ("Department"), to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ("DHSES") for the period November 22, 2010 through July 13, 2013 to accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 toward the purchase of an Explosive Detection Canine ("EDC"), and related equipment and supplies that will be assigned to the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, Patrol Services Division. Although the contract was to have commenced last November, we only recently received notice from the State of the availability of these funds. Necessary training costs, including overtime and backfill overtime (overtime required to cover an officer's regular assigned post/tour), associated with the Department's use of a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services certified dog trainer and designated assistant is also covered by this grant award.

These Federal funds are made available through the State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program ("SLETPP") to advance the ability of local law enforcement agencies to plan for, prevent and deter terrorist attacks. The \$50,000.00 award will be used in connection with the Department's purchase of a new EDC and related equipment and supplies, and to pay for necessary training costs, in furtherance of the SLETPP goals. No County funds are required for this program.

The public purpose of this grant is to enhance the public safety by procuring and deploying resources to prevent and deter terrorist attacks by proactively conducting explosive sweeps using an EDC. Currently our explosive detection canine (EDC) assets are primarily limited to operations involving the Special Operations Division and are limited to stationary monitoring of facilities or specialized security details. The Patrol Services Division is active 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The deployment of an EDC through the Patrol Services Division will allow for a more expedited and proactive use of EDC resources.

The goals and objectives of this program will be met by purchasing an EDC, related equipment and supplies, and by training and deploying the EDC to the Patrol Services Division. The goals and objectives of this program will be tracked and monitored by monthly reporting of activity by the Patrol Services Division to the Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety through the chain of command.

Based upon the foregoing, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

GNL/fjd  
Attachment

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