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DATE: July 25, 2012

TO: Honorable Members  
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi  
Commissioner of Probation

George Longworth  
Commissioner 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 \$145,250 IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROBATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION IMPACT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013, PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET**

Authority is sought for 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 \$145,250 in State funds for the Departments of Public Safety and Probation to participate in Operation Impact for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, pursuant to an approved budget.

The \$145,250 in State funds will support field intelligence officer/analyst positions in the Departments of Public Safety and Probation as well as participation in state-sponsored events. No County funds are required for the operation of this program.

Operation Impact is a statewide initiative to reduce violent crime in local jurisdictions through improved coordination among federal, state and local criminal justice agencies using data driven strategies. The program would therefore meet the County's security super measure and serve a public purpose by promoting public safety to the residents of Westchester County by reducing violent crime in the targeted jurisdictions of Yonkers and Mount Vernon, municipalities with the highest crime rates in the county.

The performance measures for Operation Impact for the 2012/2013 contract are as follows:

- To attend meetings of the Westchester County IMPACT Partnership in order to evaluate crime data for patterns and trends and assess the IMPACT IX strategy for crime reduction.

- To continue the enhancement of the crime Field Intelligence Officer within the Westchester County Department of Public Safety and crime analysis capabilities within the Westchester County Probation Department.
- To implement the joint agency initiative as outlined in the IMPACT IX strategy to directly combat violent crime in Westchester County with support and assistance from the other law enforcement partners.

In the previous term, Public Safety and Probation were represented at all monthly Impact Partnership meetings, as well as the weekly Field Information Officer (FIO) meetings. Please note that the numbers have decreased from the last term, due to the extended medical leave of two Probation Officers that were involved in a car accident while on duty. The two officers injured have since returned to work, but are on light duty.

Probation conducted 72 residential checks in collaboration with the Yonkers and Mt.Vernon Police Departments. The residence checks completed were targeted towards probationers living in areas known for drug abuse, high-risk offenders, and/or young offenders who were considered to be involved in gang activity.

Public Safety's FIO coordinated and attended 47 weekly intelligence sharing IMPACT FIO meetings, and generated 47 IMPACT FIO Intelligence Briefing bulletins from the information gathered at the FIO weekly meetings. These Briefing bulletins were disseminated by the Department of Public Safety IMPACT FIO to the Westchester County IMPACT partnership agencies' FIOs and management. The Department of Public Safety FIO also directly assisted partnership agencies in 9 specialized reports.

Approval of this resolution would allow continued support for the cities of Mount Vernon and Yonkers. The operation IMPACT funds provide opportunity to enhance these cities crime abatement strategies and preventative security measures at a time when they are facing formidable and complex challenges to public safety in their jurisdictions. The additional late night and weekend resident checks, debriefings, joint operations between the local police departments and the level of intelligence shared among the Impact partners significantly increases these cities' opportunities to bring down their crime rates and thereby giving the residents better protection and providing enhanced public safety in crime driven neighborhoods.

I certify that my Department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Approval of the attached resolution by your Honorable Board is therefore respectfully requested.

RAP/lr  
Attachment

**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Probation and the Commissioner of Public Safety, be 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 in an amount not to exceed \$145,250 in State funds for the Departments of Public Safety and Probation to participate in Operation Impact for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, 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 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	38	825M	9854	T825	\$64,250
101	39	1000	9771		\$81,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012/2013 Start Date: July 1, 2012 End Date: June 30, 2013  
 (must match resolution)

Tax Dollars -0-

Funding Source

State Aid \$145,250 NYS Div. of Criminal Justice Services

Federal Aid: \_\_\_\_\_

\$145,250  
 (must match resolution)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 08/16/2012 - JOMAR VIEIRA, SECRETARY