



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

31452

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract Administration

FROM: John M. Cullen
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: January 2, 2013

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into:

- 1) a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$76,584.00 in grant funding under the FY 2011 HazMat Grant Program for the period March 6, 2012 through August 31, 2014; and
- 2) a Regional Partnership Agreement with Dutchess County and Putnam County in order to administer the FY 2011 HazMat Grant

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("Department"), to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ("DHSES") to accept FY 2011 Hazardous Materials ("HazMat") Grant Program funds in the amount of Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four (\$76,584.00) Dollars. The HazMat grant funds will be used to purchase highly specialized gas and vapor detection equipment which will decrease scene times by expeditiously identifying unknown gas or vapor samples, including Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) nerve and blister agents at the site of a HazMat call and to provide on-site equipment training. This technology has not been previously available and is intended to help advance the Lower Hudson Valley Region team's Federal Emergency Management Agency/New York State National Incident Management System typing for field testing and sampling. The grant agreement is for the period commencing March 6, 2012 through August 31, 2014.

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.

In order to receive funding from DHSES, the County is required to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement (“RPA”) with Dutchess County and Putnam County (collectively “the Regional Partners”). Legislation seeking authorization to enter into the RPA was approved by the County Board of Legislators on December 10, 2012, by Act No. 183-2012. Accordingly, authority is also respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into an agreement with the Regional Partners. Funding for this initiative is provided by the DHSES under the FY 2011 HazMat Grant Program. The RPA will commence upon execution and remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.

The goals and objectives of this program are to address vulnerabilities and develop protocols to meet target capabilities as outlined in the Federal Guidelines. This includes providing assistance to and support for surveillance, detection, interdiction, response, mitigation, operations and recovery from threats or acts of terrorism and man-made and natural hazards. The program will enhance the safety and security of Westchester County residents and will enhance the region’s HazMat response and Mutual Aid capabilities to assess and manage the consequences of a hazardous materials release, either accidental or as part of a terrorist attack. The RPA will enable the County to strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities.

The Department will be able to monitor the effectiveness of this effort through a series of performance measures required by DHSES.

Attached for your approval is an appropriate resolution.

JMC/tsa

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Emergency Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the “Department”), is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (“DHSES”) to accept grant funds for the period commencing March 6, 2012 through August 31, 2014, for a total amount not to exceed Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four (\$76,584.00) Dollars, to purchase highly specialized gas and vapor detection equipment which will decrease scene times by expeditiously identifying unknown gas or vapor samples, including Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives nerve and blister agents at the site of a HazMat call and to provide on-site equipment training in compliance with the FY 2011 Hazardous Materials (“HazMat”) Grant Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County, acting by and through the Department, is authorized to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement (“RPA”) with Dutchess County and Putnam County (collectively “Regional Partners”) in order to administer funding from DHSES under the FY 2011 HazMat Grant Program for a five (5) year term commencing upon execution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	20	225L	9853	T225	\$76,584.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012 - 2014 Start Date 3/6/12 End Date: 8/31/2014
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$76,584.00 Federal Aid \$76,584

(must match resolution)

Other _____