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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Jay T. Pisco, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

DATE: May 8, 2013

RE: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for \$317,200.00 in Federal Transit Operating Assistance (Grant Agreement NY-44-X002-00)

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") for transit operating assistance for a grant totaling \$346,017.00 as follows:

Federal Funds	92%	\$317,200.00
Local Funds	8%	\$ 28,817.00
Total		\$346,017.00

A portion of the operating expenses qualify at a 100% reimbursement rate and a portion qualifies at a 90% reimbursement rate. This accounts for the 92% reimbursement rate.

Funds received from this grant will be utilized as follows:

Operating Assistance (\$317,200.00 Federal)

The grant request is for reimbursement of staff time spent on Hurricane Sandy related to operating expenses. Both Liberty Lines and Westchester County staff were utilized for duties directly related to the storm.

Emergency response efforts to Hurricane Sandy for the Bee-Line System consisted of preparation for the storm, monitoring conditions during the storm and recovery after the storm. Emergency protective measures were performed to minimize the impact of extreme weather. Duties included surveying roads for closures and when safe to operate buses, getting information out to the public on suspension of service, resumption of service including monitoring delays and detours, maintaining staffing at the garages to ensure that facilities and vehicles were protected/maintained, and providing staff at the County's Emergency Operations Center.

The goal of this grant is to receive Federal funds for storm related expenses used for the operation of the Bee-Line Bus System during Hurricane Sandy.

The receipt of reimbursement funds will be monitored by both the Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Department of Finance.

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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 issuing 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 view of the importance of this assistance program to the operation of the County's transit system, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

JTP/ms
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 05/30/2012 - ROMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") for a grant totaling \$346,017.00 (92% Federal \$317,200.00; 8% Local \$28,817.00) to be used for Hurricane Sandy related operating expenses; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is authorized to file any other document required by the United States Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Grant Agreement NY-44-X002-00

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	101	44	2100	9675		\$317,200.00
	101	44	2100	4924		\$ 28,817.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012-2013 Start Date October 26, 2012 End Date December 23, 2012
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$ 28,817.00 (8%)

State Aid _____

\$346,017.00 Federal Aid \$317,200.00 (92%)

(must match resolution)

Other _____