

**37219**

DATE: November 26, 2013

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 \$144,750 IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROBATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION IMPACT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014, 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 \$144,750 in State funds for the Departments of Public Safety and Probation to participate in Operation Impact for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, pursuant to an approved budget.

The \$144,750 in State funds will support supervising probation officer/field intelligence officer 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 2013/2014 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 X 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 continue the joint agency initiative as outlined in the IMPACT X 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.

Probation conducted 73 Home visits and collaborated with the Yonkers and Mt.Vernon Police Departments in eight special operations. 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.

The Department of Public Safety IMPACT FIO coordinated and attended 50 weekly intelligence sharing IMPACT FIO meetings. Furthermore, the Public Safety FIO generated and disseminated 1,172 Intelligence briefing bulletins to the Westchester County IMPACT partnership agencies' FIOs and management. Almost 1,000 members of law enforcement agencies receive these briefing bulletins.

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 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 \$144,750 in State funds for the Departments of Public Safety and Probation to participate in Operation Impact for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, 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	825N	9854	T825	63,750
101	39	1000	9771		81,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2013/2014 Start Date: July 1, 2013 End Date: June 30, 2014  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_

State Aid \$144,750 NYS Div. of Criminal Justice Services

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

\$144,750  
(must match resolution)

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