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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: February 24, 2014

SUBJECT: Authority to amend a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, pursuant to which the County accepted a grant under the Domestic Violence Homicide Reduction Demonstration Initiative, which has a term April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, in order to extend the term of the grant agreement by six (6) months, to a new termination date of September 30, 2014

On June 6, 2013, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, (the "DOJ") pursuant to which the County would accept a grant awarded to it by the DOJ under the DOJ's Domestic Violence Homicide Reduction Demonstration Initiative (the "Grant"), in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$191,188.00), in order to conduct a comprehensive community assessment of local services with the overall goal of improving identification of, and services for, high-risk victims of domestic violence, for a term April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 (the "Grant Agreement"). The Grant Agreement was subsequently executed.

DOJ recently informed the County that it has given the County a no-cost extension of the term of the Grant, which extends the term of the Grant by six (6) additional months, to a new termination date of September 30, 2014.

Accordingly, authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to amend the Grant Agreement in order to extend its term by six (6) months, to a new termination date of September 30, 2014.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement shall remain the same.

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.

The proposed amendment will serve a public purpose by providing additional time for the County to expend the Grant funds that the County is using to conduct a comprehensive community assessment of local services, and thereby seek to improve identification of, and services for, high-risk victims of domestic violence.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is to provide additional time for the County to expend the Grant funds that the County is using to conduct a comprehensive community assessment of local services, and thereby seek to improve identification of, and services for, high-risk victims of domestic violence.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is in the best interests of the County in terms of the public health, safety and general welfare, as providing additional time for the County to expend the Grant funds will help ensure that the County's comprehensive community assessment of local services is completed and, ultimately, can be used to help enhance the safety of victims of abuse. Specifically, using the assessment to improve identification of, and services for, high-risk victims of domestic violence, as well as related improved monitoring of high-risk offenders, will ultimately reduce the number of domestic violence related homicides in Westchester County.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to amend a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, (the "DOJ") pursuant to which the County accepted a grant awarded to it by the DOJ under the DOJ's Domestic Violence Homicide Reduction Demonstration Initiative, in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$191,188.00), in order to conduct a comprehensive community assessment of local services with the overall goal of improving identification of, and services for, high-risk victims of domestic violence, for a term April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, (the "Grant Agreement") in order to extend the term of the Grant Agreement by six (6) months, to a new termination date of September 30, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement shall remain the same; and be it further

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

Account to be charged/credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Revenue Source	Dollars	Funding Year(s)
				\$0	

Budget Funding Year(s): 2014
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 4/1/2014

End Date: 9/30/2014

\$0
(must match resolution)

Funding Source:

Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid _____
 Other _____