



Office of the District Attorney
County of Westchester

MEMORANDUM

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TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS
BOARD OF ACQUISITION AND CONTRACT

5/22/14

FROM: JANET DiFIORE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW YORK, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,900 IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO OPERATE THE MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014, PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET**

Authority is sought for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$300,900 in State Funds for the District Attorney's Office to operate the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program (the "Program") for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the County will be required to contribute \$249,263 in County matching funds toward the cost of the Program.

It has been determined that there is a direct relationship between the incidence of motor vehicle theft, motor vehicle insurance fraud and the cost of motor vehicle insurance premium rates. The Program seeks to provide an integrated means to prevent, deter and reduce the incidence of motor vehicle theft and motor vehicle insurance fraud by developing and providing funding for specialized law enforcement units to combat motor vehicle theft and insurance fraud.

The general welfare and public safety of the citizens of Westchester County will be served by the Program by enabling the District Attorney's Office to operate an Auto Theft Unit to reduce the incidents of motor vehicle thefts and insurance fraud in the County. The Unit is comprised of a Deputy Chief of Bureau, an Assistant District Attorney and Criminal Investigator. The goals and objectives of the program are monitored by the District Attorney's Office and quarterly progress reports are submitted to DCJS for their review and approval.

Since the Agreement authorizes the County to accept grant funding, it does not constitute procurement, and, as such, the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

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.

Wherefore, authority is respectfully sought for the County to enter into this agreement.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 06/12/2014 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from Janet DiFiore, District Attorney, be it hereby,

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$300,900 in State Funds for the District Attorney to operate the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program (the "Program") for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"); and it is further,

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the County shall be required to contribute an amount not-to-exceed \$249,263 in County matching funds toward the cost of the Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District Attorney or her duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be charged /credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program &	Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	37	263P	9854	T-263	\$300,900
101	37	0010	4912		\$249,263
263	37	263P	9855		\$249,263

Budget Funding Year(s) 2014 Start Date 01/01/14 End Date 12/31/14 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$249,263

State Aid \$300,900

\$550,163_ Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution) Other _____