



Office of the District Attorney  
County of Westchester

MEMORANDUM

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To: HONORABLE MEMBERS  
BOARD OF ACQUISITION AND CONTRACT

8/21/14

From: JANET DiFIORE  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Re: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO 1) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$177,700 IN FEDERAL FUNDS AND TO CONTRIBUTE \$411,351 IN COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO OPERATE THE STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND 2) ENTER INTO SUB-AWARDEE AGREEMENTS WITH THE WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, INC. (VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SERVICES) IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$20,232 AND WITH MY SISTERS PLACE IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$15,402, PURSUANT TO APPROVED BUDGETS, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014.**

Authority is sought from this Honorable Board to 1) enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ("NYSDCJS") to accept a grant in the amount of \$177,700 in Federal funds and to contribute \$411,351 in County matching funds for the District Attorney's Office to operate the STOP Violence Against Women Collaborative Program for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and 2) enter into sub-awardee agreements with the Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. (Victims Assistance Services) ("WestCOP") in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,232 and with My Sisters' Place ("MSP") in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,402, pursuant to approved budgets, to provide various support services to victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 (the "Agreements"). The reason this resolution is being submitted at such a late date is that the approval from New York State was only just received.

The overall goal of the STOP Violence Against Women Collaborative Program is to reduce violence against women, female high school and college students, as well as women with other language, cultural and social barriers. Additionally, the project will strengthen and heighten the safety and security of women by providing direct support services to victims as well as training to police agencies and the community. The goals and objectives will be monitored by the District Attorney's Office and quarterly progress reports will be submitted to NYSDCJS for their review and approval. The balance of the Federal funds and the County matching funds will be used to help support the salary and fringe of four positions in the District Attorney's Office dedicated to prosecuting violent crimes against women.

The agreement to accept a grant from NYSDCJS does not constitute a procurement and as such is not subject to the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy. The sub-awardee Agreements with WestCOP and MSP are exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)xii thereof which exempts “procurements which involve the expenditure of federal or state assistance where and to the extent that federal or state law, rules or regulations conflict with the provisions of the Policy.” It should be noted that DCJS considers WestCOP and MSP to be sub-awardees, not consultants. DCJS considered the sub-awardees to be appropriate at the time of application (January 2012) and approved for sole source.

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 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.

Accordingly, your Honorable Board’s approval of the annexed resolution is most respectfully requested.

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Att.

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**RESOLUTION**

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to 1) enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept a grant in the amount of \$177,700 in Federal funds and to contribute \$411,351 in County matching funds to operate the STOP Violence Against Women Collaborative Program for the program period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and 2) enter into sub-awardee agreements with the Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. (Victims Assistance Services) in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,232 and with My Sisters Place in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,402, pursuant to approved budgets, to provide various support services to victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault, for the program period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the District Attorney or her duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into 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	37	210P	9853	T210	\$177,700
101	37	0010	4912		\$411,351
263	37	210P	4380	T210	\$ 35,634
263	37	210P	9855		\$411,351

Budget Funding Year(s) 2014 Start Date 1/1/14 End Date 12/31/14  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$411,351

State Aid \$0

**\$589,051** Federal Aid \$177,700

(must match resolution)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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