

January 28, 2015

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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Thomas J. Lauro, P.E.
Commissioner of Environmental Facilities

RE: Authorization to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of New York ("State") as part of Costs Associated with the Redesign of the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Education Center for the State DEC 2014/2015 Fiscal Grant Years, pursuant to Chapter 610 of the Laws of 1993

The State of New York, acting pursuant to Chapter 610 of the Laws of 1993, provides for State assistance to local governments for educational projects and materials promoting recycling and waste reduction. Under this State grant-in-aid program the County will receive 50 percent reimbursement toward approved and eligible expenses related to redesign work at the County's Material Recovery Facility's (MRF) Education Center. After applicants incur all expenses, a request for reimbursement can be filed with the State. While the approval of your Honorable Board is not required by the county Charter to apply for such grants, the State of New York's application procedure requires it.

The public purpose is to receive revenue from New York State that will reimburse the County for 50 percent of eligible costs for redesign work at the County's MRF Education Center, thus reducing the burden to the taxpayer. The goal and objective for entering into this contract is to continue enhancing the center with a contemporary educational learning space, at a lower cost to Westchester County residents. The Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) staff will continue to run and monitor Westchester County's waste reduction and recycling educational programs and will publish the County's annual recycling rate each year. This grant agreement covers eligible expenses starting January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016. DEF has incurred said expenses for the 2013 and 2014 fiscal years and has carefully projected expenses for 2015 and 2016. Although DEF is not obligated to incur these future costs, they will be appropriated in the 2015 and 2016 operating budgets, respectively.

I further request authorization to execute the State's grant contract as needed upon receipt. The estimated reimbursement is \$52,910.23 (the total estimated expense is \$105,820.47).

A proposed resolution is hereby attached.
TJL/msg

Attachment

RESOLUTION

Based upon a communication from the Commissioner of Environmental Facilities,

WHEREAS, chapter 610 of the Laws of 1993 provides New York State assistance for local government for the promotion of municipal waste reduction and recycling projects; and

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities (herein referred to as the "County"), has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a grant agreement by and between the State of New York, acting through the Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.), and Westchester County, be executed for such State assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Westchester County Board of Acquisition and Contract as follows:

RESOLVED, that the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York and in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York, including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Environmental Facilities is hereby directed and authorized as the official representative of the County of Westchester to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required and to sign the resulting contract, if said application is approved by the state; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County will fully fund all costs associated with the applicable Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Project costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of the grant will be January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016, to cover the State's 2014/2015 fiscal grant years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee, namely the Commissioner of Environmental Facilities, is hereby authorized to execute all instruments necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Est.	251	60	7700	9734		\$52,910.23

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015 Start Date: January 1, 2013 End Date: December 31, 2016
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid \$52,910.23 (estimated)

\$ 52,910.23 Federal Aid _____

Other ____(revenue) _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 03/05/2015 - JOHNNY VIEIRA, SECRETARY