

**47429**

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Natasha Caputo  
Director of Tourism & Film

Date: June 19, 2015

Re: Authority to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Department of Economic Development, Empire State Development Agency, to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$54,873 to be used to promote tourism in Westchester County for a term commencing retroactive to January 1, 2015 and continuing through December 31, 2015.

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Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Westchester County Office of Tourism & Film ("OTF"), to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Department of Economic Development, Empire State Development Agency, to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$54,873 to be used to promote tourism in Westchester County, for a term commencing retroactive to January 1, 2015 and continuing through December 31, 2015 (the "Agreement"). Under the terms of the Agreement, the County is required to contribute approximately \$55,000 in matching funds. The matching funds will come from the County's hotel occupancy tax revenue and no County tax levy funds would be appropriated for this purpose.

The Agreement to accept the grant does not constitute procurement and as such, is not subject to the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

This Agreement will serve a public purpose by promoting tourism in Westchester County, thus helping to stimulate the local economy.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement will be to promote tourism in Westchester County. The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility because tourism promotion will increase tourism in the county and bring more tourist dollars into the local economy. The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by OTF through the number of inquires and leads.

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.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution.

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**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Director of Tourism & Film, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Department of Economic Development, Empire State Development Agency, to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$54,873 to be used to promote tourism in Westchester County for a term commencing retroactive to January 1, 2015 and continuing through December 31, 2015 (the “Agreement”); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that under the terms of the Agreement, the County is required to contribute approximately \$55,000 in matching funds. The matching funds will come from the County’s hotel occupancy tax revenue and no County tax levy funds would be appropriated for this purpose; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all instruments and take all actions reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
	263	11	432Q	9855	T432	GRNT	\$54,873
Matching Funds	263	11	432Q	9854	T432	GRNT	\$54,873

Budget Funding Year(s) 2015 Start Date 1-1-15 End Date 12-31-15  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: Hotel Occupancy Tax - \$54,873  
\$ 109,746 State Aid \$ 54,873  
 Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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