

## Memorandum Department of Public Safety

## 47901

August 3, 2015

TO: Honorable Members

Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth

Commissioner - Sheriff of Public Safety

**RE:** Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a Grant Agreement with New

York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in an amount not to exceed \$3,292,000 in state reimbursement for the Department of Public Safety to operate the Westchester County Policing Program for the period April 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016, pursuant to an

approved budget and subject to appropriation.

Authority is sought for the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in an amount not to exceed \$3,292,000 in State reimbursement for the Department of Public Safety to operate the Westchester County Policing Program for the period April 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. The Westchester County Policing Program provides police patrols for New York State Department of Transportation parkways in Westchester County including the Cross County, Hutchinson River and Saw Mill River Parkways.

The public purpose of this agreement is to provide maximum service to motorists using the New York State Department of Transportation ("DOT") parkways, namely the Cross County, the Hutchinson River and the Saw Mill River Parkways. The goals and objectives of this program are to conduct daily mobile patrols of the three targeted parkways in order to help ensure the safety of the motorists using these parkways in Westenester County. Public Safety presence has proven to decrease the number of accidents on these roadways. The issuance of summonses to vehicle and traffic violators also increases driving safety. Traffic stops and drug interdiction patrols on the three parkways reduce the incidence of drug trafficking utilizing the DOT parkways. The performance measures and monitoring of this grant will be implemented through the use of a Computer Aided Dispatch ("CAD") system for keeping records; which will be reviewed periodically in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. Statistics will be reviewed quarterly to determine the effectiveness of the details and the results obtained from the enforcement efforts.

Authorizing the County to enter into this grant agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services is fiscally responsible because accepting the grant will save Westchester County taxpayer dollars.

For the foregoing reasons, authority is respectfully sought for the County to enter into this agreement.

GNL/LKC/cs Attachment

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner–Sheriff of Public Safety, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in an amount not to exceed \$3,292,000 in State reimbursement for the Department of Public Safety to operate the Westchester County Policing Program for the period April 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016, pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation; and be it further

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

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Fund	Dept	Major Program Program & Phase or Unit	Revenue Source	Dollars
101	38	2500	9734	1,725,000
101	38	2500	9734	1,567,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2015/2016 Start Date: April 1, 2015 End Date: September 30, 2016

Tax Dollars Funding Source \$3,292,000 State Aid\_

Federal Aid

ARPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT.