

DATE: October 2, 2015

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth
Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into a grant agreement with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (“SAMHSA”), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in order to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to fund the Westchester Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Free Youth-Mentor Project to mentor the Rye Community Coalition for a one year period commencing on September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety (the “Department”), on behalf of the Office of Drug Abuse Prevention & STOP-DWI to enter into a grant agreement (Grant No. 1H79SP021119-01) with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (“SAMHSA”), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for a one year period commencing on September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016, pursuant to which the Office of Drug Abuse Prevention & STOP-DWI will fund the Westchester Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Free Youth-Mentor Project to mentor the Rye Community Coalition for the purpose of preventing and reducing underage drinking and other drug use, and to promote healthy behaviors among the youth in the community.

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) will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

The grant agreement is not a procurement and therefore the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

The proposed agreement will serve a public purpose by strengthening the County’s efforts to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse in the County and

therefore improve the quality of life for our youth, and further improve their chances of having a healthy and productive life in the future.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement shall be to provide leadership and mentoring to encourage the development of a self-supporting Rye Community Coalition that will be successful in the prevention and reduction of youth substance abuse in their community, and therefore enabling the Rye Community Coalition to apply for and receive grants on their own in the near future.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility as the proposed agreement will make available to the County funds to implement the aforementioned program. The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are also in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety as the program funded by the proposed agreement will be aimed at preventing and reducing substance abuse by the youth of the County and therefore addressing the issue of future welfare dependency due to substance abuse which can then reduce the costs associated with social services provided by the County. No County funds are required for this proposed agreement as the required match will be satisfied with "in kind" support.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department in accordance with requirements of SAMHSA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached resolution.

GNL/PMT/lac
Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Office of Drug Abuse Prevention & STOP-DWI, is authorized to enter a grant agreement (Grant No. 1H79SP021119-01) with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA"), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to fund the Westchester Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Free Youth-Mentor Project to mentor the Rye Community Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for a one year period commencing September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purpose hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Year	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2015/2016	711	71	520Q	9852	T520	75,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) **2015-2016**

Start Date: **September 30, 2015**; End Date: **September 29, 2016**

(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$75,000 Federal Aid **\$75,000.00** _____

(must match resolution) Other: _____