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County Executive

Department of Probation

Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner

54799

Date: January 24, 2017

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner, Department of Probation

Re: Request for authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle (the "Municipalities") for the distribution by the city of Yonkers to the Municipalities of grant funds received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") for 2016 (the "proposed IMA") for a four-year term from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting and by and through its Department of Probation (the "Department"), to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Municipalities for the distribution by the city of Yonkers to the Municipalities of grant funds received from JAG for 2016. Pursuant to the proposed IMA, Yonkers shall provide the County with an estimated amount not to exceed \$7,368 of the total grant award in the amount of \$147,354 from the U.S. Department of Justice to contribute to overtime expenses associated with the operation of the County's Criminal and Family Court operations. The proposed IMA will be for a four-year term from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019.

On January 9, 2017 the Westchester County Board of Legislators adopted Act No. 6-2017 which authorized the County to enter into the proposed IMA.

Although the County generally receives these JAG Grant funds on an annual basis, the JAG Grant permits the funds to be used for four (4) years; therefore, the proposed IMA will be for a four-year term.

The County shall use the JAG funds to contribute to its overtime costs for probation officers regarding the Department's Young Offender Program.

Under the Department's Young Offender Program, probation officers and supervisors are responsible for: the development of individual probation supervision plans for young adults; home visits (both random and planned/announced); monitoring of school attendance; drug testing; participation in group sessions (Cognitive Life Skills) and experiential learning activities; linkage to appropriate community service sites; acting as liaison to community partners (Criminal Court Judiciary), families, treatment agencies, victims, youth advocates and other county agencies such as Social Services, Mental Health, and the County Attorney.

The JAG Grant allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions. The Department has applied for this grant as part of its continuing effort to conduct its Young Offender Program.

The JAG Grant is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The proposed IMA serves a public purpose by providing the County with funds for it to contribute to its overtime costs for probation officers regarding the Department's Young Offender Program, and is in the County's best interest regarding health and safety as such funds thereby improve said program's effectiveness, efficiency, processes and procedures.

The goals and objectives of this program are to improve the Department's Young Offender Program, which will benefit young adults and the public at large.

The Department shall track and monitor the goals and objectives of this program.

A resolution is attached herewith for your Honorable Board's approval.

Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Probation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting and by and through its Department of Probation (the "Department"), is hereby authorized to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle for the distribution by the City of Yonkers to the Municipalities of grant funds received from the Justice Assistant Grant for 2016 (the "IMA"). Pursuant to the IMA, the County will receive an estimated amount not to exceed \$7,368 of JAG funds. The proposed IMA will be for a four-year term from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019 and for which the County shall use such funds to contribute to its overtime costs for probation officers; and be it further

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

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	39	736R	9856	T736	\$7,368

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

Start Date 10/1/2015 End Date 9/30/2019

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____ 0 _____

State Aid _____

\$7,368 _____
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid _____

Other \$7,368 _____ Federal Funds channeled through City of Yonkers

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