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Date: September 6, 2017

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

Re: Authority to enter into an Agreement with the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence to accept a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 to enable the County to participate in the Risk Reduction Enhanced Response (RRER) Pilot Program to help prevent intimate partner related homicide for a two (2) year period commencing on October 1, 2017 and continuing through September 30, 2019.

The County of Westchester, acting by and through the Westchester County Office for Women (“OFW”), is requesting authorization to enter into an Agreement with the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (“OPDV”) to accept a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the purpose of enabling the County to participate in the RRER Pilot Program (the “Program”), which is designed to help prevent intimate partner related homicide (the “Agreement”). The term of the Agreement will be for a two (2) year period commencing on October 1, 2017 and continuing through September 30, 2019.

In order to meet the requirements of the application for the grant, the County identified various subcontractors and other partners with whom the County will work in its performance of the grant-funded work. Those parties include Hope’s Door, Inc.; Pace University; Urban Resource Institute; Biofeedback Resources International Corporation; the Town of Bedford; the Town of Lewisboro; the Town of North Salem; the Town of Pound Ridge; and the Town of Somers. The County will be separately seeking authority from your Honorable Board to enter into agreements with those parties, as necessary. Several of the partners will be contributing toward OPDV’s required 20% match.

Domestic violence homicides continue to thwart efforts of law enforcement, human service and healthcare providers alike. New York State is averaging 80 domestic violence homicides a year. Nationally, one out of every three female victims of homicide is killed by an intimate partner; in New York, it’s one out of two. The Program will utilize a team approach to identify and respond to those domestic violence cases that are at the highest risk by bringing together local multi-disciplinary program partners that share case information and implement case-specific intervention plans to mitigate danger.

This Agreement will serve a public purpose by identifying and responding to those domestic violence cases that are at the highest risk.

The goals and objectives of the Program are to thwart intimate partner related homicide in the County.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County because this Program will save lives.

The services will be tracked, monitored and evaluated by monthly reporting activities and onsite reviews to determine if the contract performance goals and objectives are being met according to terms.

Because the Agreement with OPDV is for the acceptance of grant funds, it does not constitute procurement and, as such, is not subject to the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

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.

For the reasons set forth above, I most respectfully recommend adoption of the attached Resolution.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/28/2017 - JOHN COCCOPOLI, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Director of the Westchester County Office for Women, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, be and is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence to accept a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 to enable the County to participate in the Risk Reduction Enhanced Response Pilot Program designed to help prevent intimate partner related homicide for a two (2) year period commencing on October 1, 2017 and continuing through September 30, 2019 (the "Agreement"); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be charged/credited:

Fund	Department	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	11	908S	4380	T908	\$200,000.00

Budget Funding Years: 2017-2019 Start Date 10/1/2017 End Date 9/30/2019

Funding Source
\$200,000.00
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars _____
State Aid \$200,000.00
Federal Aid _____
Other _____

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION, SECRETARY