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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kunjlata Ashar, M.D.
Medical Examiner/Pathologist
Department of Labs & Research

DATE: October 25, 2017

RE: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York, acting through its Division of Criminal Justice Services, for the County's Department of Laboratories and Research's Division of Forensic Sciences to participate in the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act, for a term commencing on January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018, in an amount of \$23,275**

The attached resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the State of New York, acting through its Division of Criminal Justice Services (the "State"), pursuant to which the County's Department of Laboratories and Research's (the "Department") Division of Forensic Sciences will participate in the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act, for a term commencing on January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018, in an amount of \$23,275.

The public purpose of this Agreement is to promote the public safety and security of the residents of Westchester County by reducing the turnaround time of forensic services and thereby expediting criminal case processing.

The objective of this resolution is to accept federal funding channeled through the State to provide the law enforcement community of Westchester County with increased output and faster turnaround of the evidence submitted to the Department's Division of Forensic Sciences. Faster turnaround and its related reduction of backlogged cases will allow user agencies to investigate crimes in a more efficient and timely manner and provide the citizens of Westchester County a higher degree of public safety. Elements of this program also provide for using the grant money to purchase equipment, software licenses and instrumental computer training for these purposes. The Department will monitor and report the progress of this Agreement in quarterly progress reports provided to the granting authority.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, 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 recommend and urge your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed Resolution authorizing the County to enter into this grant agreement.

Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Medical Examiner/Pathologist, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting through its Division of Criminal Justice Services, pursuant to which the County's Department of Laboratories and Research's Division of Forensic Sciences will participate in the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act, for a term commencing on commencing on January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018, in an amount of \$23,275 and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate 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 | 31 | T715T | 9853 | T715 | \$23,275.00 |

Budget Funding Year(s) 2018 Start Date 1/1/18 End Date 12/31/18
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$ 23,275.00
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid Federal Funds channeled thru NYS DCJS

Other _____