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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 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 Toxicology 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 not to exceed \$23,275.**

The attached resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (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"), for the County's Department of Laboratories and Research's (the "Department") Division of Toxicology 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 not to exceed \$23,275.

The public purpose of this Agreement is to promote the public safety and security of the residents of Westchester County through the Toxicology Laboratory's ability to provide timely results from evidence submissions, thereby expediting criminal case processing.

The objective of this resolution is to accept Federal funding channeled through the State to provide the Westchester County Medical Examiner, law enforcement and hospital community with timely and quality scientific results from the evidence submitted to the Division of Forensic Toxicology. The analyses include Postmortem, Human Performance (DWI/DWAI), Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault (DSFA) and hospital casework. Timely analyses are extremely important for prosecution. The Human Performance results for DWI/DWAI cases provide the citizens of Westchester County a higher degree of public safety. For Medical Examiner cases, toxicological results are important in determining the cause of death and impact on various criminal and liability cases affecting the community as well as relatives of the deceased. 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

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 11/22/2017 - LISA MRDAJ, SECRETARY

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 (the "State"), for the County's Department of Laboratories and Research's (the "Department") Division of Toxicology 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 not to exceed \$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	894T	9853	T894	\$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 _____