



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

67002

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John M. Cullen
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: January 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$569,661 in funding under the New York State 2018 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program to be used to facilitate the development and improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the “Department”), to enter into a grant agreement (the “Agreement”) with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the “State”) to accept \$569,661 in funding under the New York State 2018 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (“SICG”) Program (the “2018 SICG Formula”). The term of the Agreement will commence on January 1, 2019 and continue through December 31, 2020.

2018 SICG Formula funds will be used by the County to purchase “all band” mobile transceivers that will be installed in select Fire and EMS agency vehicles. The program will prioritize the agencies that provide or receive cross-border mutual aid responses to the contiguous counties in NY and CT. The County will work with the local fire and EMS agencies that border the contiguous counties of Putnam, Rockland and Fairfield, Connecticut that frequently operate with neighboring areas to support mutual aid responses but communicate on disparate radio systems. The radios will be installed to support radio interoperability. With the additional radio, the agencies will be able to utilize the County’s current UHF trunked system along with the ability to communicate on the neighboring agencies systems or on a common national interoperability channel to better coordinate response activities. The project includes the purchase of radios and accessories.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are to facilitate the development, and improved operation of emergency services communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders.

This Agreement will serve the public's best interest by enhancing public safety communications for first responders, thereby improving coordination among public safety agencies when responding to emergencies.

The Department will monitor the progression of the grant program to assure compliance and progress in meeting the goals and objectives of this program. The Department will keep an agenda and meeting minutes on file for all meetings conducted regarding the funded activities.

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.

In view of the importance of this program, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

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attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Emergency Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State"), to accept \$569,661 in funding under the New York State 2018 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program to be used to facilitate the development and improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020; 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 actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
	263	20	534U	9854	T534	8000	\$569,661

Budget Funding Year(s) 2019-2020 Start Date 1/1/2019 End Date 12/31/2020
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$569,661
\$569,661 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 01/31/2019 ESSEX COUNTY SECRETARY