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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., P.E.  
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

DATE: July 23, 2019

RE: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) for \$595,000.00 in Federal Transit Capital Assistance (Grant Agreement NY-2019-021-00).

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the “County”) to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) for \$595,000.00 in Federal Transit Capital Assistance. A 20% County match is required to receive the FTA funds for a total of \$743,750.00 broken down as follows:

Federal Funds	80%	\$595,000.00
Local Funds	20%	\$148,750.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$743,750.00</b>

Funds received from this grant will be utilized as follows:

**Conduct an Electric Vehicle Needs Study (\$200,000.00 Federal) and Purchase New Bike Racks for the Bee-Line Fleet (\$395,000.00 Federal)**

These funds will be used to cover the cost of an Electric Vehicle Needs Study that will include an infrastructure analysis of County facilities and the development of effective strategies for the phased introduction of electric transit buses in the Bee-Line System. The study will analyze how existing building facilities/garages can be adapted with the infrastructure needs required to accommodate new electric bus charging and maintenance requirements. Additionally, new bike racks will be added to the County Bee-Line bus fleet to offer increased access to users beyond set bus routes and to expand intermodal transportation options. Funding for this project is 80% Federal (\$595,000.00) and 20% Local (\$148,750.00) for a total of \$743,750.00.

The goal of this project is to conduct an Electric Vehicle Needs Study to determine the best and most cost effective strategy for remediating/repurposing existing facilities to accommodate the new fleet of electric buses for the County Bee-Line Bus Service. Additional bike racks enable Bee-Line bus users to access areas not serviced by bus routes with clean energy vehicles that promote individual health benefits and at no extra cost to the bus customer. The acceptance of these grant funds is key to keeping the Bee-Line service fiscally prudent and competitive.

The receipt of reimbursement funds will be monitored by both the Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Department of Finance.

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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 issuing 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 assistance program to the operation of the County's transit system, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

HJG/ms  
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 08/15/2019 - MICHAEL RIJAJ, SECRETARY

# RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation, be it hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") for a grant totaling \$743,750.00 (Federal \$595,000.00 / 80% and Local \$148,750.00 / 20%) to be used to conduct an Electric Vehicle Needs Study and to purchase new bike racks for the Bee-Line bus fleet; and be it further

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

**Grant Agreement NY-2019-021-00**

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Period
	263	44	297U / Grnt	9852	T-297	\$200,000.00	07/01/19 – 03/31/21
	101	44	1000 / 1000	4912	N/A	\$ 50,000.00	07/01/19 – 03/31/21
	101	44	2100 / 2100	9818	N/A	\$395,000.00	07/01/19 – 03/31/21
	101	44	2100 / 2100	2400	N/A	\$ 98,750.00	07/01/19 – 03/31/21

Budget Funding Year(s) 2019-2021 Start Date July 1, 2019 End Date March 31, 2021  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$148,750.00  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
\$743,750.00 Federal Aid \$595,000.00  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY THE COUNTY CLERK OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON 08/15/2019 - LIC. # 17163. SECRETARY