



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John M. Cullen
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: September 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$1,324,829.00 in federal grant funds to assist the County of Westchester in its efforts to address equipment, training and planning needs to enhance the County's capability to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards, protect the people of the County, the County's critical infrastructure and key resources, and prepare to respond to and recover from both man-made and natural disasters, in compliance with the FY2020 Urban Area Security Initiative grant program, for the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023.

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the "Department"), to enter into a grant agreement – DHSES WM20974503 (the "Grant Agreement") with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State") to accept federal grant funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,324,829.00 under the State's FY2020 Urban Area Security Initiative grant program ("FY2020 UASI Grant Program"), to assist the County of Westchester in its efforts to address equipment, training and planning needs to enhance the County's capability to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards, protect the people of the County, the County's critical infrastructure and key resources, and prepare to respond to and recover from both man-made and natural disasters. The term of the Grant Agreement is for the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023.

The Grant Agreement will require the County to indemnify the State as follows:

“The [County] shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the County or its subcontractors pursuant to this [Grant Agreement]. The [County] shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the [Grant Agreement].”

The goals and objectives of the Grant Agreement are to address equipment, training and planning needs to enhance the County’s capability to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards, protect the residents of the County, the County’s critical infrastructure and key resources, and prepare to respond to and recover from both man-made and natural disasters in compliance with the State’s FY2020 UASI Grant Program.

The goals and objectives of this Grant Agreement are to address vulnerabilities and develop capabilities to meet target capabilities as outlined in the federal Homeland Security Grant Program guidelines. This includes providing assistance to and support for surveillance, detection, interdiction, response, mitigation, operations and recovery from man-made and natural disasters.

This Grant Agreement will serve the public’s best interest as it will enhance emergency preparedness and thereby preserve the health, safety and general welfare of County residents.

The Department will monitor the progression of the work plan associated with the Grant Agreement to ensure compliance and progress in meeting the goals and objectives of this program and will monitor the effectiveness of this Grant Agreement through a series of performance measures required by the State.

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.

JMC/CMC
Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is authorized to enter into a grant agreement – DHSES WM209745503 with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the “State”), to accept federal grant funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,324,829.00, for the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023, in order to address equipment, training and planning needs to enhance the County’s capability to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards, protect the residents of the County, the County’s critical infrastructure and key resources, and prepare to respond to and recover from both man-made and natural disasters, in compliance with the State’s FY2020 Urban Area Security Initiative grant program; 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 |
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Budget Funding Year(s) 2020-2023 Start Date 9/1/20 End Date 8/31/23
 (must match resolution)

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| Funding Source | Tax Dollars _____ |
| | State Aid _____ |
| <u>\$1,324,829.00</u> (must match resolution) | Federal Aid <u>\$1,324,829.00</u> |
| | Other _____ |