



Office of the District Attorney
County of Westchester

MEMORANDUM

Onbase # 83653

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS
BOARD OF ACQUISITION AND CONTRACT

March 18, 2021

FROM: MIRIAM E. ROCAH
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO A THIRD RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW YORK, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, TO ACCEPT A GRANT (PROJECT ID No. MV21-1021-R03) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$277,963 IN STATE FUNDS, WHICH WILL REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO CONTRIBUTE \$454,338 IN COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS, PAYABLE PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET, FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO OPERATE THE MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION PROGRAM, FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

Authority is sought from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Office of the District Attorney (the "District Attorney's Office"), to enter into a third (3rd) renewal grant agreement – Contract No.: C464336 (the "Grant Agreement") with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ("DCJS") to accept a grant with respect to Project ID No. MV21-1021-R03, in an amount not to exceed \$277,963 in State Funds, for the District Attorney's Office to operate The Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program (the "Program"), for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Pursuant to the terms of the Grant Agreement, the County will be required to contribute \$454,338 in matching funds, toward the cost of the Program, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

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 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.

It has been determined that there is a direct relationship between the incidence of motor vehicle theft, motor vehicle insurance fraud and the cost of motor vehicle insurance premium rates. The Program seeks to provide an integrated means to prevent, deter and reduce the incidence of motor vehicle theft and motor vehicle insurance fraud by developing and providing funding for specialized law enforcement units to combat motor vehicle theft and insurance fraud.

The Program will serve the general welfare and public safety of the citizens of Westchester County by enabling the District Attorney's Office to operate an Auto Theft Unit (the "Unit") to reduce incidents of motor vehicle thefts and insurance fraud in the County. The Unit is comprised of a Deputy Chief of Bureau, an Assistant District Attorney, a Criminal Investigator and a Crime Analysis Consultant. The goals and objectives of the Program are monitored by the District Attorney's Office and quarterly progress reports are submitted to DCJS for their review and approval.

Since the Grant Agreement authorizes the County to accept grant funding, it does not constitute a procurement, and, as such, the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend adoption of the attached resolution.

MER/cmc

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 04/01/2021 - TPA MRIJA SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from Miriam E. Rocah, District Attorney, be it hereby,

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Office of the District Attorney (the "District Attorney's Office"), is authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Grant Agreement") with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, in order to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$277,963 in State Funds, for the District Attorney's Office to operate The Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program (the "Program"), for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and it is further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the Grant Agreement, the County shall be required to contribute \$454,338 in matching funds towards the cost of the Program, pursuant to an approved budget; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his/her duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	37	263W	9854	T-263	\$277,963
263	37	263W	9855	T-263	\$454,338

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021 Start Date 1/1/2021 End Date 12/31/2021
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$454,338
State Aid \$277,963
\$732,301 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution) Other _____