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Date: September 16, 2010
To: Board of Acquisition and Contract
From: Kunjlata Ashar, M.D., Acting Pathologist/M.E.
Department of Laboratories and Research
Re: Authority to enter into agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the U.S. Department of Justice to accept a grant in the amount of \$111,858.00 to participate in the FY2010 Forensic Science Improvement program for the period 10/1/10 - 9/30/11

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research, to enter into an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the U.S. Department of Justice, to accept a grant in the amount of \$111,858.00 to participate in the FY2010 Forensic Science Improvement program for the period 10/1/10-9/30/11.

The Forensic Science Improvement Program will enable the Department of Laboratories & Research, Division of Forensic Sciences, to fund renovations to laboratory space including new cabinets, work surfaces and the addition of network lines that will allow us to integrate more of the labs instruments into the Laboratory Information System. The grant also funds security upgrades to the two laboratory evidence vaults including a gun safe, additional surveillance cameras and a replacement of the day gate for the drug vault. Monies from this grant will also be used for overtime in labs such as the drug lab and will cover several maintenance contracts of laboratory instrumentation used to analyze drugs.

The contract has the public purpose of promoting public safety for the residents of Westchester County by renovating lab space, upgrading security and allowing overtime for drug case work with resulting improvements to forensic services.

The goal and objective of the program is to provide the residents of Westchester County with improved forensic services. The value and importance are in the best interest of the County in terms of ensuring continued public safety by enhancing law enforcement's ability to solve crimes and keep criminals off the street. The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the Forensic division which submits semi-annual statistical reports on the Federal Grant Management System in order to meet grant reporting requirements, in conjunction with the

Administrative division, which submits fiscal cost reports on the Federal Grant Management System.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

KA/mlg

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Pathologist/Medical Examiner is it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research, is authorized to enter into an Agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the U.S. Department of Justice, to accept a grant in the amount of \$111,858.00 to participate in the FY2010 Forensic Science Improvement program for the period 10/1/10-9/30/11; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his 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	31	T888-888K	9852	T888	\$111,858

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2011 Start Date 10/1/10 End Date 9/30/11

(Must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$ 111,858 Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution) Other Revenue – Federal Grant

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