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December 2, 2010

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth
Commissioner-Sheriff
Department of Public Safety

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept federal funds in an amount not to exceed \$65,680.00 for the Department of Public Safety to participate in the National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act for the period October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011 pursuant to an approved budget

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Public Safety ("Department"), to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York, Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept federal funds in an amount not to exceed \$65,680.00, for the Department to participate in the National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act, for the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

The National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act provides assistance to laboratories to elevate the quality, timeliness and credibility of the forensic services provided to Westchester's law enforcement agencies. The \$65,680.00 will provide the Department with funds to pay overtime costs of law enforcement personnel. No County funds are required for this program.

This grant will provide funds needed for law enforcement forensic science and medical examiner services. The grant funds will assist the County in maintaining both ASCLD/LAB (American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board) and NYS FSC (New York State Forensic Science Commission) Accreditations, which are required by New York State Executive Law 995, and will assist in the reduction of violent crime by reactivating Forensic Science Criminal Cases within the New York State SAFIS (Statewide Automatic Fingerprint Identification System). Approval of this grant will assist the Laboratory Director with maintaining ASCLD/LAB and NYS FSC, and will provide funds to Latent Print examiners to reactivate archived latent fingerprint criminal cases within New York. The performance measures and monitoring of this grant will be comprised of a summary narrative prepared by the Department outlining the outcome of the review and prioritization of the backlog, which will be included in a quarterly report to the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Acceptance of this grant will assist the County in obtaining required accreditations for its crime laboratory and will allow archived latent print cases to be reactivated within NYS SAFIS in order to identify criminals, which will likely result in a reduction in violent crimes within Westchester County.

I most respectfully recommend approval by your Honorable Board of the attached Resolution which authorizes a grant agreement with the State of New York to accept Aid to National Forensic Sciences Act funds in the amount of \$65,680.00.

GNL/LKC/DI/cs
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner-Sheriff, Department of Public Safety, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through its Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$65,680.00, in federal funds, for the Department of Public Safety to participate in the National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act, for the period October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly 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/Revenue	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase, or Unit	Revenue	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	38		9853	T756	\$65,680

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010 - 2011 Start October 1, 2010 End Date September 30, 2011

Funding Source Tax Dollars: _____ \$0

State Aid: _____

Federal Aid: \$65,680-Federal Funds channeled through the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services - #9853

\$65,680

(must match resolution)

Other: _____

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