

18212

DATE: March 31, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition & Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi, Commissioner
Department of Probation

RE: **Request for authority to enter into an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to accept a grant in the not to exceed amount of \$250,000 to implement sexual offender strategies involving sex offense specific treatment and intensive supervision "non-regular work hours" October 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011**

The County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Probation (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to enter into an Agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to accept a grant in the not to exceed amount of \$250,000 to implement sexual offender strategies involving sex offense specific treatment and intensive supervision "non-traditional work hours" for the period October 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011.

Please be advised that on August 7, 2008 the permission was sought from and granted by this Board for A & C Resolution ID # 2044 for the term of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. This approval is attached hereto. This original agreement was to provide supervised visitation services for sex offense population. While this program was initially successful in providing training to Probation Officers and staff at the YWCA Westchester, the number of prospective cases did not justify the expenditure of these funds. Therefore, this Department applied for and received permission from the federal granting agency for programmatic and budgetary modifications in order to more efficiently use the federal funds.

1. Prior to this budget modification, YWCA was the site for the original intent of this program: supervised visitation for sex offenders. They provided Mandated Reporter training for Probation Officers and staff.
2. Prior to this budget modification, Mental Health Association conducted training for staff and officers who were assigned to the supervised visitation for sex offenders.
3. Prior to this budget modification, Four Winds Hospital conducted psycho-sexual clinical evaluations on offenders in the program.

Under the new modifications, the federal funds will be allocated as follows:

1. The Department's specialized Sex Offender Unit will implement strategies to provide intensive supervision of offenders during "non-traditional work hours". Strategies such as intensive surveillance of high risk cases are not available to the unit at this time due to budget constraints.
2. The Mental Health Association will conduct on site sex offense specific treatment for adult sex offenders mandated by the Criminal Court. In order to maximize the number of offenders we can serve, each group will be co-facilitated by a Probation Officer.
3. Dr. Joseph Ryan will provide the program evaluation. Dr. Ryan has an extensive background in criminal justice practice, education, and research. The expertise that Dr. Ryan brings to the table will allow the department to assess the impact of the proposed program and allow us to determine whether this initiative is successful.

The goals and objectives of this program will be to facilitate and implement sexual offender strategies involving sex offense specific treatment and intensive supervision during "non-traditional work hours". The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety by providing intensive management/containment strategies to help fill the gap during non-traditional work hours in conjunction with intensive sex offense specific treatment of offenders.

The agreement with the United States of America is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(iii) thereof. The agreements with the subcontractors are exempt pursuant to Section 3(a)viii of the Policy.

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

EV/lr

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Westchester County Department of Probation, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to accept a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 to implement sexual offender strategies involving sex offense specific treatment and intensive supervision “non-regular work hours” October 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Agreement #

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	39	857H	1400	T857	\$116,472.00
263	39	857H	4360	T857	\$900.00
263	39	857H	4380	T857	\$107,462.00
263	39	857H	1651	T857	\$8,910.00
263	39	857H	1650	T857	\$14,358.00
263	39	857H	4945	T857	\$1,735.00
263	39	857H	1720	T857	\$163.00
263	39	857H	9852	T857	(\$250,000.00)

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2011 Start Date 10/1/10 End Date 5/31/11
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid \$250,000
 Other _____

\$ 250,000
 (must match resolution)