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Date: August 10, 2011

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Dr. Kunjlata Ashar, M.D.  
Acting Pathologist/Medical Examiner

Re: Authority to enter into an Agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept a grant in the amount of \$813,100 for the Department of Laboratories and Research to participate in the Aid to Crime Labs-Forensic Science Laboratory Program for the period 7/1/11-6/30/12

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Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept a grant in the amount of \$813,100 for the Department to participate in the Aid to Crime Labs-Forensic Science Laboratory Program for the period 7/1/11-6/30/12, pursuant to an approved budget. This grant combines the previous Aid to Crime Labs (T255K) and 30 Day Turnaround (T823K) grants.

The Aid to Crime Labs-Forensic Science Laboratory Program supports salary, supplies and training. It also reduces the average turnaround time of all new probative evidence submissions to the County's Division of Forensic Sciences. The \$813,100 in State funds will enable the Department to cover personnel salaries, purchase of supplies, and accreditation-related training for the Westchester County Crime Lab.

The contract has the public purpose of promoting public safety to the residents of Westchester County by enhancing the quality of forensic services, thus expediting criminal case processing.

The goals and objectives of this program are to support salary, training, laboratory supplies, and various accreditation-related requirements for the Westchester County Crime Lab.

The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public safety because this funding will enhance the quality of forensic services, thus expediting criminal case processing and enabling law enforcement agencies to solve cases and apprehend criminals faster.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored through quarterly progress reports provided to the granting authority.

As this agreement does not constitute a procurement, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy are not applicable.

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

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 08/25/2011 - JONARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research (the "Department"), is authorized to enter into an Agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept a grant in the amount of \$813,100 for the Department to participate in the Aid to Crime Labs- Forensic Science Laboratory Program for the period 7/1/11-6/30/12, pursuant to an approved budget; 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	068L	9854	T068	\$813,100

Budget Funding Year(s) Current Start Date July 1, 2011 End Date June 30, 2012  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source      Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  State Aid \$813,100 \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ 813,100                Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution)    Other \_\_\_\_\_