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October 25, 2011

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 an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept Federal funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,235.00 for the Department of Public Safety to participate in the Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act for the period from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012 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 an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept Federal funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,235.00 for the Department to participate in the Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act for the period from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

The Coverdell 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 \$60,235.00 will enable the Department of Public Safety to support overtime. No County funds are required for this program.

The public purpose of this grant addresses public safety issues specifically regarding law enforcement forensic science and medical examiner services. The goals are to maintain 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 to continue to reduce violent crimes by reactivating Forensic Science Criminal Cases within the New York State SAFIS (Statewide Automatic Fingerprint Identification System). The objectives are to assist the Laboratory Director with maintaining ASCLD/LAB and NYS FSC Accreditations which are required by NYS Executive Law 995, and to provide funds to Latent Print examiners to reactivate archived latent fingerprint criminal cases within the NYS. The performance measures and monitoring of this grant will be comprised of a summary narrative outlining the outcome of the review and prioritization of the backlog will be included in a quarterly report to the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Based upon the foregoing, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

GNL/LKC/cs

Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that authority is granted to the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Public Safety, to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept Federal funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,235.00 for the Department of Public Safety to participate in the Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act for the period from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, pursuant to an approved budget; and it is 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	756L	9853	T756	\$60,235

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011 - 2012 Start October 1, 2011 End Date September 30, 2012

Funding Source Tax Dollars: \$0

State Aid: _____

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

\$60,235
(must match resolution)

Other: _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 11/11/2011 - COMPTROLLER SECRETARY