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DATE: December 12, 2011

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner of Probation

George N. Longworth
Commissioner 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 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$145,500 IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROBATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION IMPACT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012, PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET

Authority is sought for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in an amount not to exceed \$145,500 in State funds for the Departments of Public Safety and Probation to participate in Operation IMPACT for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, pursuant to an approved budget.

The \$145,500 in State funds will support field intelligence officer/analyst positions in the Departments of Public Safety and Probation as well as participation in state-sponsored events. No County funds are required for the operation of this program.

Operation IMPACT is a statewide initiative to reduce violent crime in local jurisdictions through improved coordination among federal, state and local criminal justice agencies using data driven strategies. The program would therefore meet the County's security super measure and serve a public purpose by promoting public safety to the residents of Westchester County by reducing violent crime in the targeted jurisdictions of Yonkers and Mount Vernon, municipalities with the highest crime rates in the county.

The performance measures for Operation Impact for the 2011/2012 contract are as follows:

- To attend meetings of the Westchester County IMPACT Partnership in order to evaluate crime data for patterns and trends and assess the IMPACT VIII strategy for crime reduction.

- To continue the enhancement of the crime Field Intelligence Officer within the Westchester County Department of Public Safety and crime analysis capabilities within the Westchester County Probation Department.
- To implement the joint agency initiative as outlined in the IMPACT VIII strategy to directly combat violent crime in Westchester County with support and assistance from the other law enforcement partners.

In the previous term, Public Safety and Probation were represented at all monthly IMPACT Partnership meetings, as well as the weekly Field Information Officer (FIO) meetings. Probation conducted 179 residential checks in collaboration with the Yonkers and Mt. Vernon Police Departments. The residence checks completed were targeted towards probationers living in areas known for drug abuse, high-risk offenders, and/or young offenders who were considered to be involved in gang activity.

Public Safety's FIO coordinated and attended 49 weekly intelligence sharing IMPACT FIO meetings, and generated 49 IMPACT FIO Intelligence Briefing bulletins from the information gathered at the FIO weekly meetings. These Briefing bulletins were disseminated by the Department of Public Safety IMPACT FIO to the Westchester County IMPACT partnership agencies' FIOs and management. The Department of Public Safety's FIO also directly assisted partnership agencies in 26 specialized reports.

Approval of this resolution would allow continued support for the Cities of Mount Vernon and Yonkers. The operation IMPACT funds provide opportunity to enhance these cities' crime abatement strategies and preventative security measures at a time when the Cities are facing formidable and complex challenges to public safety in their jurisdictions. The additional late night and weekend resident checks, debriefings, joint operations between the local police departments and the level of intelligence shared among the IMPACT partners significantly increases these cities' opportunities to bring down their crime rates and thereby giving the residents better protection and providing enhanced public safety in crime driven neighborhoods.

Wherefore, authority is respectfully sought for the County to enter into this agreement.

RAP/lr

Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Probation and the Commissioner of Public Safety, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that authority is granted to the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in an amount not to exceed \$145,500 in State funds for the Departments of Public Safety and Probation to participate in Operation IMPACT for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, pursuant to an approved budget; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute this agreement for the County of Westchester.

Agreement #

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	38	825L	9854	T825	\$64,800
101	39	1000	9771		\$80,700

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

Tax Dollars -0-

Funding Source

State Aid \$145,500 NYS Div. of Criminal Justice Services

Federal Aid: _____

\$145,500
(must match resolution)

Other: _____