



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

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**TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract**

**FROM: John M. Cullen  
Acting Commissioner of Emergency Services**

**DATE: April 23, 2012**

**SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$1,123,645 in funding to assist the County in its efforts to address equipment, training and planning needs to enhance Westchester's capability to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism and mitigate man-made and natural hazards in compliance with the FY11 Urban Area Security Initiative for the period September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2014**

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Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("DES"), to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State") to accept funds for the period September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$1,123,645.00. The goals and objectives of the Urban Area Security Initiative are to enhance Westchester County's capability to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate man-made and natural hazards, protect the public, critical infrastructure and key resources, and prepare to respond to and recover from both man-made and natural disasters.

This grant agreement serves the public's best interest as it will enhance emergency preparedness and thereby preserve the health, safety and general welfare of County residents.

The goals and objectives of this program are to address vulnerabilities and develop capabilities to meet target capabilities as outlined in the Federal Guidelines. This includes providing assistance to and support for surveillance, detection, interdiction, response, mitigation, operations and recovery from man-made events associated with terrorist attacks.

The Department will monitor the progression of the grant program to assure compliance and progress in meeting the goals and objectives of this program. The Department will keep an agenda and meeting minutes on file for all meetings conducted regarding the funded activities.

This grant agreement is in the public's best interest because it will enhance emergency preparedness and will promote the safety and well-being of County residents. The goals and objectives of this agreement are to establish common planning and operational protocols and improve emergency responder skills and capabilities. The Department will be able to monitor the effectiveness of this effort through a series of performance measures required by the State.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

In view of the importance of this program, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

JMC/TSA/ta  
attachment

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## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Commissioner of Emergency Services, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, to accept grant funds for the period September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$1,123,645.00, to enhance Westchester County's capability to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism and mitigate man-made and natural hazards in compliance with the FY11 Urban Area Security Initiative; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his 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/credited	Fund	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
	263	20	340L	9853	T340	8000	\$1,123,645

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011-2014 Start Date 9/1/11 End Date 8/31/14  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
\$1,123,645 Federal Aid \$1,123,645  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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