



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

29725

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John M. Cullen
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: October 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept a grant in the sum of \$68,135 to be used to purchase a Trench Rescue Equipment Trailer, as well as upgrades and additions to existing equipment, under the FY2011 Technical Rescue & Urban Search Grant Program for the program period August 22, 2012 through August 31, 2014

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (“DES”), to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the “State”) to accept a grant in the amount of \$68,135 under the FY2011 Technical Rescue & Urban Search Grant Program for the program period August 22, 2012 through August 31, 2014. Grant funds will be used by DES to purchase a Trench Rescue Equipment Trailer, as well as upgrades and additions to its existing equipment, which will enable the County’s Technical Rescue Team (“TRT”) to respond more quickly to emergencies.

As your Honorable Board may know, the TRT provides technical rescue support to various local fire departments throughout Westchester County and the Hudson Valley Region. The TRT’s leaders have recognized that although the team is trained and includes many members at the trench rescue “Technician Level” and already has most of the required equipment needed to be a Technician Level team, one significant weakness has been the team’s inability to get all of its equipment to the scene of an emergency in a timely manner. To increase response time, the TRT seeks to use the grant funds to purchase a Trench Rescue Equipment Trailer which is designed to carry all of the team’s trench related equipment to the scene of an emergency in a much more timely fashion by eliminating the need for the team to load equipment onto their truck before they can respond to an emergency. In addition, grant funds

will be used to purchase mounting brackets for existing struts, as well as upgrades to the team's current air shore inventory.

The goals and objectives of the grant agreement are to procure a response trailer and additional trench rescue response equipment to enable the TRT to expand its response readiness and raise its level of trench rescue response category to a "Technician Level" team.

This grant agreement serves the public's best interest by enhancing emergency preparedness and response time, thereby preserving the health, safety and general welfare of County residents.

The DES 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.

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/JPG
attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the 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 an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, to accept a grant in the amount of \$68,135 to be used to purchase a Trench Rescue Equipment Trailer, as well as upgrades and additions to existing equipment, under the FY2011 Technical Rescue & Urban Search Grant Program for the program period August 22, 2012 through August 31, 2014; 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	089M	9853	T089	8000	\$68,135

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

2011-2014

Start Date

8/22/12

End Date

8/31/14

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$68,135

(must match resolution)

Federal Aid \$68,135

Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION CONTRACT - 1/12/2012 COUNTY CLERK, SECRETARY