



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

34301

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John M. Cullen
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: June 3, 2013

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 \$75,555 to be used to purchase a mobile air compressor and related equipment under the FY2012 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program for the period April 22, 2013 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 \$75,555 under the FY2012 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program for the program period April 22, 2013 through August 31, 2014. Grant funds will be used by DES to purchase a mobile air compressor with extended draw bar and hose reel, 2 pavement breakers and related 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 has already purchased an Air Knife for trench rescue, one significant weakness is the team’s dependency on local utilities, public works and/or private contractors to provide a mobile air compressor to power the Trench Rescue Air Knife. To increase response time, the TRT seeks to use the grant funds to purchase a mobile air compressor with extended draw bar and hose reel, 2 pavement breakers (1 – 60 lb. 1-90 lb.), 6 lengths of 1 inch wire braided air hose totaling 150 feet, as well as, drill points and steels for the breakers.

The acquisition of this equipment will elevate the TRT's response capabilities and resource typing from Operational Level Team to a Technician Level Team and move the Structural Collapse Team closer to becoming a Type I team.

The goals and objectives of the grant agreement are to purchase a mobile air compressor and related equipment to enable the TRT to respond more quickly to emergencies by eliminating the dependency on others to provide this equipment in a timely manner and also to enable the TRT to be proactive and ready for any emergency related to trench rescue or structural collapse.

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.

DES will monitor the progression of the grant program to assure compliance and progress in meeting the goals and objectives of this program and in furtherance of the grant terms.

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/mn
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 \$75,555 under the FY2012 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program for the program period April 22, 2013 through August 31, 2014 to purchase a mobile air compressor with extended draw bar and hose reel, 2 pavement breakers (1 – 60 lb. 1-90 lb.), 6 lengths of 1 inch wire braided air hose totaling 150 feet, as well as, drill points and steels for the breakers; 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	089N	9853	T089	8000	\$75,555

Budget Funding Year(s) 2013-2014 Start Date 4/22/13 End Date 8/31/14
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
\$75,555 Federal Aid \$75,555
 (must match resolution) Other _____