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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Diane G. Balistreri
Coordinator, Office for Women

DATE: June 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, pursuant to which the County will accept a grant under the Domestic Violence Homicide Reduction Demonstration Initiative in the amount of \$191,188, in order to conduct a comprehensive community assessment of local services with the overall goal of improving identification of, and services for, high-risk victims of domestic violence, for the period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, (the "DOJ") pursuant to which the County will accept a grant awarded to it by the DOJ under the DOJ's Domestic Violence Homicide Reduction Demonstration Initiative (the "Grant") in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$191,188.00), in order to conduct a comprehensive community assessment of local services with the overall goal of improving identification of, and services for, high-risk victims of domestic violence, for the period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

In order to meet the requirements of the application for the Grant, the County identified various subcontractors and other partners with whom the County will work in its performance of the grant-funded work. Besides various County departments, those parties include My Sisters' Place, Inc.; the Center for Human Services Research at the University at Albany, State University of New York; and the White Plains Police Department. The County will be separately seeking from your Honorable Board authority to enter into agreements with those parties, as necessary.

The proposed grant agreement will serve a public purpose by making available to the County certain Federal funds that the County can and will use to conduct a comprehensive community assessment of local services, and thereby seek to improve identification of, and services for, high-risk victims of domestic violence.

The goal and objective of the proposed grant agreement is to make available to the County certain Federal funds that the County can and will use to conduct a comprehensive community assessment of local services, and thereby seek to improve identification of, and services for, high-risk victims of domestic violence.

The goal and objective of the proposed grant agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of the public health, safety and general welfare, as it will make available to the County certain Federal funds that can and will be used to, ultimately, help enhance the safety of victims of abuse. Improving identification of, and services for, high-risk victims of domestic violence, as well as related improved monitoring of high-risk offenders, will ultimately reduce the number of domestic violence related homicides in Westchester County.

The goal and objective of the proposed grant agreement is also in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as it will make available to the County Federal funds for the aforementioned services.

The goal and objective of the proposed grant agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women by means of quarterly reports and ongoing communication with all subcontractors and other partners with whom the County will work in its performance of the grant-funded work.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Coordinator of the Office for Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, (the "DOJ") pursuant to which the County will accept a grant awarded to it by the DOJ under the DOJ's Domestic Violence Homicide Reduction Demonstration Initiative, in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$191,188.00), in order to conduct a comprehensive community assessment of local services with the overall goal of improving identification of, and services for, high-risk victims of domestic violence, for the period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be charged/credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Revenue Source	Dollars	Funding Year(s)
263	11	494N	9852	\$191,188	2013-2014

Budget Funding Year(s) 2013-2014 **Start Date:** 4/1/2013 **End Date:** 3/31/2014
 (must match resolution)

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Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid \$191,188
 Other _____