

**35393**

August 6, 2013

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Thomas J. Lauro, P.E.  
Commissioner of Environmental Facilities

Re: Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for a State Grant-In-Aid for eligible expenses related to Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs, and signing of the associated State contract, under the appropriate laws of New York State, for a combined period covering the years 2010 through 2012

The State of New York, acting pursuant to Chapter 610 of the Laws of 1993, provides for State assistance to local governments for public education projects and literature promoting recycling and waste reduction and for the salaries of persons hired as recycling coordinators. Under this State Grant-In-Aid program the County will receive a 50 percent reimbursement toward approved and eligible expenses. Applicants must incur all expenses and subsequently request reimbursement. While the approval of your Honorable Board is not required by the county Charter to apply for such grants, the State of New York's application procedure requires it.

The public purpose is to receive revenue from New York State that will reimburse the County for 50 percent of the eligible costs for running year-round recycling and waste reduction programs, thus reducing the burden to the taxpayer. The goal and objective for entering into this contract is to continue offering and expanding said programs for the public, at a lower cost to Westchester County residents. The application covers eligible expenses starting January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. The Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) staff will continue to run and monitor Westchester County's waste reduction and recycling educational and promotional programs and will publish the County's annual recycling rate each year. All expenses related to these programs have been appropriated in the 2010 through 2012 operating budgets for DEF.

I further request authorization to execute the State's grant contract as needed upon receipt.

A proposed resolution is hereby attached.

TJL/msg  
Attachment

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## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Environmental Facilities,

**WHEREAS**, chapter 610 of the Laws of 1993 provides New York State assistance for local government for the promotion of municipal waste reduction and recycling projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities (herein referred to as the "County"), has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that a grant agreement by and between the State of New York, acting through the Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.), and Westchester County, be executed for such State assistance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Westchester County Board of Acquisition and Contract as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York and in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York, including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of Environmental Facilities is hereby directed and authorized as the official representative of the County of Westchester to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required and to sign the resulting contract, if said application is approved by the state; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County has fully funded all costs associated with the applicable Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Project costs; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Account to be  
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	251	60	7700	9734		\$249,118.97

Budget Funding Year(s): 2013 Start Date: Jan 1 2010 End Date: Dec 31 2012

Funding Source

Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_

State Aid \$249,118.97 (est. 50% of total expenses)

Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

\$249,118.97

(must match resolution)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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