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**DATE:** October 29, 2013

**TO:** The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** George N. Longworth  
Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety

**SUBJECT:** Authority to enter into an agreement with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (“SAMHSA”), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in order to accept a grant in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 to fund the Westchester Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Free Youth-Mentor Project for the mentoring of the North Castle Community Coalition for a two year period September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2015 (\$75,000 for each one year period). The North Castle Community Coalition will be mentored within their community to prevent and/or reduce substance abuse by the youth of their community

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Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the “County”) acting by and through its Department of Safety (the “Department”) on behalf of the Office of Drug Abuse Prevention & STOP-DWI and the Westchester Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Free Youth Coalition to enter into a grant agreement (Grant No. 1H79SP020130-01) with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (“SAMHSA”), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 per year for a period of two years for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, pursuant to which the Office of Drug Abuse Prevention & STOP-DWI will fund the Westchester Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Free Youth-Mentor Project for the mentoring of the North Castle Community Coalition to prevent and/or reduce underage substance abuse and to promote healthy behaviors among the youth in the county. The two year period shall commence September 30, 2013 until September 29, 2015.

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) will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

The grant agreement is not a procurement and therefore the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

The proposed agreement will serve a **public purpose** by strengthening the County's efforts to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse in the County and therefore improve their quality of life and further improve their chances of having a healthy and productive life in the future.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed agreement shall be to provide leadership and mentoring to encourage the development of a self-supporting North Castle Community Coalition that will be successful in the prevention and/or reduction of youth substance abuse in their community, and therefore enabling the North Castle Community Coalition to apply for and receive grants on their own in the near future.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed agreement are in the **best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** as the proposed agreement will make available to the County funds to implement the aforementioned program. The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are also in the best interest of the County in terms of both fiscal responsibility and public health and safety as the program funded by the proposed agreement will be aimed at preventing and reducing substance abuse by the youth of the County and therefore addressing the issue of future welfare dependency due to substance abuse which can then reduce the costs associated with social services provided by the County. No County funds are required for this proposed agreement.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be **tracked and monitored** by the Department in accordance with requirements of SAMHSA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

GNL/PMT/lac

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, (the “County”) acting by and through its Department of Public Safety, is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (“SAMHSA”), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in order to accept a grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 ( Grant No. 1H79SP020130-01) pursuant to which the Office of Drug Abuse Prevention & STOP-DWI will fund the Westchester Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Free Youth-Mentor Project to mentor the North Castle Community Coalition to prevent and/or reduce substance abuse by the youth of their community in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 per year for the two year period from September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2015 for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$150,000.00; 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 action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Year	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2013/2014	711	71	520N	9852	T520	75,000.00
2014/2015	711	71	520N	9852	T520	75,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) **2013-2015**

Start Date: **September 30, 2013**; End Date: **September 29, 2015**

(must match resolution)

Funding Source

**\$ 150,000.00**

(must match resolution)

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

State Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Aid **(\$150,000.00)**

Other: