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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Jay T. Pisco, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

DATE: October 28, 2014

SUBJECT: **Authority to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the Purpose of Administering the Police Traffic Services Enforcement Program for 40 Police Departments (Agreement No. 14-950)**

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the purpose of administering the Police Traffic Services Program (formerly titled Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) for 40 police departments. This Agreement will begin phase thirteen of funding in the amount of \$251,500.00 without a County match. The period covered by this Agreement is October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. Pursuant to Act No. 153-2011 dated September 26, 2011, the Westchester County Board of Legislators authorized the County to enter into IMAs with the local municipalities for the purpose of implementing traffic safety enforcement programs.

This grant provides funds in the amount of \$251,500.00 without a County match. The County receives part of this allocation, \$10,000.00 for program administration and public information materials. The police departments share the personal service allocation of \$241,500.00 based on a distribution formula developed by the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, which divides the funding into four tiers. The County will reimburse the municipalities based on this formula.

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 addition, pursuant to the IMAs, the municipalities would indemnify and hold harmless the County, its elected officials, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, damage, claims, demands, costs, judgments, fees, attorney's fees or loss arising directly or indirectly from the implementation of this grant program and of the acts or omissions by the municipalities or third parties under the direction or control of the municipalities.

The goal of this Agreement is to provide expanded high visibility police presence to increase community awareness in the areas of speeding, aggressive driving and seat belt use. This Agreement will promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Westchester County by aiding in the reduction of motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities. Moreover, the program is fiscally responsible as it is grant funded and reduces the burden on the local tax base.

This Department will utilize the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's procedures, set of data collection forms and tools to track the program's success in accomplishing goals and objectives. This department will submit expense records/vouchers for reimbursement through the County's Advantage Financial System to track the grant monies for this Agreement and will use other internal methods working with the Department's Financial Control section to track expenses and prepare vouchers for reimbursement.

Based on the foregoing, authority is hereby requested for the County to execute any necessary Agreement to accomplish the above. Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution for which we recommend approval.

RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for implementation of the thirteenth phase of police traffic safety enforcement grants titled the Police Traffic Services Program (formerly titled the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program), whereby the County will receive \$251,500.00 for the period October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015 of which \$10,000.00 will be retained by the County for program administration and the remainder of the funds, \$241,500.00 will be distributed to the municipalities based on the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's formula; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Act No. 153-2011, the County of Westchester was authorized to enter into IMAs with local municipalities for the term of five (5) years for the period October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2016 for the purposes of conducting traffic safety enforcement campaigns; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the municipalities shall indemnify and hold the County harmless; and provide defense for and defend, at its sole expense, any and all claims, demands or causes of action directly or indirectly arising out of the IMA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly appointed designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Agreement No. 14-950

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	46	645P	9853	T645	\$251,500.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2014-2015 Start Date: 10/01/14 End Date: 09/30/15
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: _____

Contractor Federal I.D. No./
 Social Security No. _____

State Aid: _____

\$251,500.00 Federal Aid: 100%
 (must match resolution)

Vendor No. _____

Other: _____

Encumbrance No. _____