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County Executive

Department of Probation

Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner

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Date: October 29, 2014

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner, Department of Probation

Re: Request for authority to authorize the County of Westchester to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle for the administration of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for 2012 from the U.S. Department of Justice; for a term October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2015, and for the County to receive the amount of \$7,776.00.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting and by and through its Department of Probation (the "Department"), to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle for the administration of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for 2012 (the "Jag Grant") from the U.S. Department of Justice; for a term October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2015, and for the County to receive the amount of \$7,776.00. (the "proposed IMA").

On September 22, 2014, the Westchester County Board of Legislators adopted Act No. 160-2014, which authorized the County to enter into the proposed IMA

Although the County generally receives these JAG Grant funds on an annual basis, the JAG Grant permits the funds to be used for four (4) years; therefore, the proposed IMA will be for a four-year term.

Yonkers shall provide the County with \$7,776.00 of the total grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$155,521.00, which the County shall use to contribute to its overtime costs for probation officers regarding the Department's Juvenile Accountability Program.

Under the Department's Juvenile Accountability Program, probation officers and supervisors are responsible for: the development of individual probation supervision plans for adjudicated juveniles; home visits (both random and planned/announced); monitoring of school attendance; drug testing; participation in group sessions (Cognitive Life Skills) and experiential learning activities; linkage of juveniles to appropriate community service sites; acting as liaison to community partners (Family Court Judiciary), families, treatment agencies, victims, youth advocates and other county agencies such as Social Services, Mental Health, and the County Attorney.

The JAG Grant allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions. The Department has applied for this grant as part of its continuing effort to conduct its Juvenile Accountability Program.

The JAG Grant is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The proposed IMA serves a public purpose by providing the County with funds for it to contribute to its overtime costs for probation officers regarding the Department's Juvenile Accountability Program, and is in the County's best interest regarding health and safety as such funds thereby improve said program's effectiveness, efficiency, processes and procedures.

The goals and objectives of this program are to improve the Department's Juvenile Accountability Program, which will benefit adjudicated juveniles and the public at large.

The Department shall track and monitor the goals and objectives of this program.

A resolution is attached herewith for your Honorable Board's approval.

Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Probation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Probation (the "Department"), is hereby authorized to enter into a four-year Inter-Municipal Agreement ("IMA") with the cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle for the administration of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for 2012; for a term October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2015; wherein Yonkers shall provide the County with \$7,776.00 of the total grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$155,521.00 and for which the County shall use such funds to contribute to its overtime costs for probation officers regarding the Department of Probation's Juvenile Accountability Program; 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	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	39	736M	9856	T736	\$7,776

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

Start Date 10/1/11 End Date 9/30/15

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$7,776
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid _____

Other \$7,776 _____