



Department

of Emergency Services

Memorandum

48600

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John M. Cullen  
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: September 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$710,000 in grant funding under the FY15 State Homeland Security Program for the period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2018.

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("Department"), to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ("DHSES") to accept funds to assist the County in its efforts to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards in compliance with the FY15 State Homeland Security Program. The grant is for the period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2018 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$710,000.

This grant agreement serves the public's best interest as it will enhance emergency preparedness and thereby preserve the health, safety and general welfare of County residents. The goals and objectives of this program are to address vulnerabilities and develop capabilities to meet target capabilities as outlined in the Federal Guidelines. This includes providing assistance to and support for surveillance, detection, interdiction, response, mitigation, operations and recovery from threats or acts of terrorism and man-made and natural hazards. Additionally, this agreement will enhance common planning and operational protocols and improve emergency responder skills and capabilities. The Department will be able to monitor the effectiveness of this effort through a series of performance measures required by DHSES.

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 view of the importance of this program, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

JMC/TSA/nn

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Emergency Services, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept grant funds for the period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2018 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$710,000, to assist the County in its efforts to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards in compliance with the FY15 State Homeland Security Program; 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 actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
	263	20	390Q	9853	T390	8000	\$710,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2015-2018 Start Date 9/1/15 End Date 8/31/18  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
\$710,000 Federal Aid \$710,000  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 11/24/2015 JOHN C. SCIARDI, SECRETARY