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January 6, 2016

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ("NYSDCJS") to accept Federal funds in an amount not to exceed \$21,542.00 for the Department of Public Safety (the "Department") to participate in the Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act for the period from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 pursuant to an approved budget.

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into an agreement with NYSDCJS pursuant to which the County would accept Federal funds in an amount not to exceed \$21,542.00 for the Department to participate in the Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act for the period from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

The Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act provides assistance to laboratories to elevate the quality, timeliness and credibility of the forensic services provided to Westchester's law enforcement agencies. The \$21,542.00 will enable the Department support overtime. No County funds are required for this program.

The public purpose of this grant addresses public safety issues specifically regarding law enforcement forensic science and medical examiner services. The goals are to maintain both ASCLD/LAB (American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board) and NYS FSC (New York State Forensic Science Commission) Accreditations, which are required by New York State Executive Law 995. The objectives are to assist the Laboratory Director with maintaining ASCLD/LAB and NYS FSC Accreditations which are required by NYS Executive Law 995. The performance measures and monitoring of this grant will be comprised of a summary narrative outlining the outcome of the review and prioritization of the backlog will be included in a quarterly report to the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, 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.

Based upon the foregoing, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

GNL/LKC/cs
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that authority is granted to the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety, to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept federal funds in an amount not to exceed \$21,542.00 for the Department of Public Safety to participate in the Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act for the period October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016, pursuant to an approved budget; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly 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/Revenue	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Revenue	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	38	756Q	9853	T756	\$21,542

Budget Funding Year(s) 2015 - 2016 Start October 1, 2015 End Date September 30, 2016

Funding Source Tax Dollars: _____ \$0 _____
 State Aid: _____ \$21,542 _____
 Federal Aid: _____
\$21,542
 (must match resolution)
 Other: _____

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