

January 22, 2010

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner of Probation

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE CRIME VICTIMS BOARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$279,564 IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION TO OPERATE THE VICTIMS OUTREACH SERVICES PROGRAM FROM OCTOBER 1, 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET AND SUBJECT TO COUNTY APPROPRIATION.

Authority is sought for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Crime Victims Board in an amount not to exceed \$279,564 in State funds for the Department of Probation to operate the Victims Outreach Services Program from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2012 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to County appropriation.

The Victims Outreach Services Program enables the County's Department of Probation to improve and strengthen outreach services to crime victims. This program supports a probation officer position.

The New York State Crime Victims Board received funding for a three-year term. Accordingly, the County will receive an award of \$89,682 for 2009-2010 year, \$93,463 for 2010-2011 year and \$96,419 for 2011-2012 year for a total of \$279,564 in State funds. Sufficient funds for this program for 2009/10 are available in the Department of Probations operating budget. Funding for 2010/11 and 2011/12 shall be subject to County appropriation.

Performance measures for the program include the expansion of the tracking of victim services in 2009. Issues related to victims and services to victims will be tracked through the Department's computerized management information system. Eventually the generation of computerized reports will be available to track and insure the timeliness, effectiveness and appropriateness of the Department's services to all victims of crime that come to the Department's attention.

In the program calendar year of October 1, 2008 through September 31, 2009 the Victim Outreach Service Officer provided: assistance with compensation claims to 412 victims,

counseling to 19 victims, 1141 follow up contacts, information and referrals to 555 victims, criminal justice advocacy 430 times and personal advocacy 334 times.

These performance measures will be tracked on a quarterly basis by the completion of mandated reports designed by the New York State Crime Victims Board.

The contract impacts the County's 3 critical priority areas in the following manner:

1. Fiscal Responsibility – The Victims Outreach Services program provides a vital role in administering proper treatment/counseling to victims. This fund supports a Probation Officer position. If this resolution is not approved, the services that this officer provides will be lost.
2. Safety and Security – The Victims Outreach Services program provides services to crime victims throughout Westchester County. Many problems experienced by victims are residual in nature and span psychological, physical and financial needs, particularly in the area of victim's safety. If this resolution is not approved, the safety and security that this Probation Officer provides to the victims and families will be lost.
3. Health and Environment – The Victims Outreach Services program provides services to crime victims throughout Westchester County. The Officer assigned to this task assists the supervising probation officer, managing the Sex Offender Team in making sure that victims and their families report offender violation of court-imposed mandates, thus, creating a healthier environment for victims and their families.

This contract has the public purpose of promoting public safety by promoting coordination and advocacy across disciplines to insure the safety of current and future victims of crime and establishing state of the art services for all victims of crime here in Westchester. It establishes a proactive approach to insure the victims of crime in Westchester receive the maximum benefits available in New York State.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

RAP/lr

Attachment

C: Jacolyn Levin, Deputy Commissioner

James Hoffnagle, Assistant Commissioner

George Parambil, Supervisor of Fiscal Operations

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Crime Victims Board in an amount not to exceed \$279,564 in State funds for the Department of Probation to operate the Victims Outreach Services Program from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2012 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and it is further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funds for the Victims Outreach Services Program for 2009/10 are available in the Department of Probation's operating budget and funding for 2010/11 and 2011/12 shall be subject to County appropriation; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute this agreement for the County of Westchester.

Account to be Charged/Credited

| | Fund | Dept | Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit | Revenue/ Object | Trust Account | Dollars |
|------|------|------|--|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| 2009 | 101 | 39 | 1000 | 9771 | | \$22,420 |
| 2010 | 101 | 39 | 1000 | 9771 | | \$90,628 |
| 2011 | 101 | 39 | 1000 | 9771 | | \$94,202 |
| 2012 | 101 | 39 | 1000 | 9771 | | \$72,314 |

Budget Funding Year(s) 2009/2012 Start Date October 1, 2009 End Date September 30, 2012
 (must match resolution)

Tax Dollars _____

Funding Source

State Aid \$279,564 – NYS Crime Victims Board -Revenue # 9771

Federal Aid _____

\$279,564
 (must match resolution)

Other _____