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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Reginald A. LaFayette and Douglas A. Colety
Board of Election Commissioners

DATE: October 3, 2020

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York to accept funding to implement the Election Cybersecurity Remediation Grant Program in the amount of \$319,764.31 for the term December 21, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Board of Elections (the "BOE"), to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York (NYS Contract No. C004286) to accept Elections Cybersecurity Remediation Grant funding in the amount of \$319,764.31, payable on a reimbursement basis, for the term commencing on December 31, 2019 and terminating on December 31, 2021.

The State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Board of Elections has allocated to Westchester County these funds which are to be utilized to provide cybersecurity remediation and mitigation services for Westchester County Board of Elections.

The public purpose of the proposed agreement is to implement cybersecurity remediation and mitigation services. The Westchester County Board of Elections, in partnership with the Westchester County Department of Technology, is committed to reasonably, economically and responsibly strengthening the infrastructure supporting the election processes spanning the range from voter registration to the actual conduct of elections and accurate certification of the results. As risks are identified the Commissioner's direction is to mitigate all risks.

We certify that the BOE: 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 order to take advantage of these grant funds and to enter into the grant agreement your approval of the annexed proposed resolution is requested.

Because the acceptance of the Grant Funds is not a procurement, the terms of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

The Grant will serve the public purpose of providing funds to enable the Board of Elections to provide safe and secure election administration for the 2020 election cycle. It will also provide needed resources to allow the Board of Elections to carry out its statutory duties in connection with upcoming General Election and to ensure that all eligible County residents have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioners of the Board of Elections, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York (NYS Contract No. C004286) to accept Elections Cybersecurity Remediation Grant Program funding in the amount of \$319,764.31, payable on a reimbursement basis, for the term commencing on December 21, 2019 and terminating on December 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

| Account to be Charged/credited | Fund | Dept | Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit | Object/ Sub Object | Trust Account | Dollars |
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Budget Funding Year(s) 2019-2021 **Start Date:** Dec 21, 2019 **End Date:** December 31, 2021
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: **Tax Dollars** _____

State Aid \$319,764.31

\$319,764.31 **Federal Aid** _____
(must match resolution)

Other _____