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DATE: October 28, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Thomas A. Gleason, Acting Commissioner-Sheriff
Department of Public Safety

RE: Request for authority for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through its Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), pursuant to which the County will participate in the Westchester County Drug Enforcement Task Force for the period commencing October 1, 2020 and continuing through September 30, 2021, and will receive reimbursements from the DEA for certain expenses including but not limited to a portion of County overtime costs

Authority is sought for the County, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through its DEA, pursuant to which the County will participate in the Westchester County Drug Enforcement Task Force (the "Task Force") for a term commencing October 1, 2020, and terminating on September 30, 2021 (the "Agreement").

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the County will assign three (3) experienced officers to the Task Force. The Task Force will perform the following activities and duties: disrupting illicit drug traffic in Westchester County by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations, gathering and reporting intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs, conducting undercover operations where appropriate and engaging in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the State of New York.

In consideration for services rendered, the DEA will, subject to the availability of funds, reimburse the County for a portion of overtime payments made by it to Department officers assigned to the Task Force up to \$19,180.25, as well as other reimbursable expenses. However, the Department will remain responsible for establishing the salary and benefits of Department officers assigned to the Task Force and for making all payments due them.

The public purpose of this Agreement is to disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the Westchester area.

The goals and objectives of this program are to investigate and prosecute illicit drug trafficking in Westchester County.

The goals and objectives of this program will support the public health, safety and/or welfare by removing large quantities of drugs destined for the streets of Westchester. By collaborating enforcement activities of County and local law enforcement agencies, they will be more able to thwart illegal drug activity that has a substantial and detrimental effect to the health and welfare of the people in Westchester County and its surrounding areas.

The goals and objectives of this program will be tracked and monitored by the Task Force Policy Board and the participating police agencies. All officers assigned to the Task Force shall adhere to DEA policies, procedures and guidelines including conduct, property, reporting systems, evidence handling and use of firearms. The WCTF shall maintain all such reports and records for audit and examination.

As the County is not procuring goods or services, the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

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.

Wherefore, authority is respectfully sought for the County of Westchester to enter into this agreement.

TAG/jpi
Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety (the “Department”), is authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through its Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”), pursuant to which the County will participate in the Westchester County Drug Enforcement Task Force (“Task Force”) for a term commencing October 1, 2020, and terminating on September 30, 2021 (the “Agreement”); and be it further

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

Account to be Charged/credited Revenue	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2020	101	38	2000	9818		\$4795.06
2021	101	38	2000	9818		\$14,385.19

Budget Funding Years 2020 - 2021
(must match resolution)

Start Date 10/1/20

End Date 09/30/21

Funding Source
\$ 19,180.25
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____
Federal Aid \$19,180.25
Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 1/25/2020 PUBLIC SAFETY SECRETARY