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DATE: January 6, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety (the "County"), to enter into an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through its Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), for the County to participate in the Tactical Diversion Squad Task Force for the period from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021.**

Authority is hereby requested for the County, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety, to enter into an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through its DEA, for the County to participate in the Tactical Diversion Squad Task Force ("Task Force") for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the Agreement, the DEA will assign three (3) Special Agents and one (1) Diversion Investigator, and the County will assign one (1) detective to the Task Force under the supervision and control of the DEA Supervisory Special Agent assigned to the Task Force. Pursuant to the Agreement, the DEA will reimburse the County for a portion of its overtime expenses in an amount not to exceed the equivalent of 25% of a GS-12, Step 1, of the general pay scale for the Rest of the United States, which is currently 19,180.25, as well as other qualified reimbursable expenses.

The public purpose of the Agreement is to investigate, disrupt and dismantle individuals and/or organizations involved in diversion schemes of controlled pharmaceuticals and/or listed chemicals in Westchester County and the New York Metro Area.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are to continue the operation of the Task Force, to investigate and prosecute illicit drug trafficking, and to increase cooperation and coordination of drug enforcement efforts in Westchester County. This cooperation provides several advantages to all participating agencies such as the County and its residents.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement will support the public safety and/or welfare by attempting to remove large quantities of drugs destined for the streets of Westchester County. By collaborating enforcement activities, the DEA and County will increase their ability 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 the Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the DEA, the United States Department of Justice, the Comptroller General of the United States, and the County's Department of Public Safety. The County detective assigned to the TDS shall adhere to DEA policies, procedures and

guidelines including conduct, property, reporting systems, evidence handling and use of firearms. The County shall maintain all such reports and records for audit and examination.

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

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

TAG/jpi
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety, to enter into an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through its Drug Enforcement Administration (the "DEA"), pursuant to which the County, will participate in the Tactical Diversion Squad Task Force for the term commencing October 1, 2020, and terminating on September 30, 2021 (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the Agreement, the County will receive reimbursement from the DEA for a portion of its overtime expenses in an amount not to exceed the equivalent of 25% of a GS-12, Step 1, of the general pay scale for the Rest of the United States, which is currently 19,180.25, and other qualified expenses; and be it further

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

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Revenue	Dollars
2020	101	38	2000	9818	\$4,795.06
2021	101	38	2000	9818	\$14,385.19

Budget Funding Years 2020 - 2021
(must match resolution)

Start Date 10/01/20

End Date 09/30/21

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

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

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