



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Richard Wishnie
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: April 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Authority to amend a Grant Agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services which authorized the County to accept \$132,000.00 in grant funding under the FY 2018 HazMat Grant Program for the period from October 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021, by extending the term of the agreement through August 31, 2022.

By resolution approved on November 14, 2019, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("Department"), to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ("DHSES") to accept FY 2018 Hazardous Materials ("HazMat") Grant Program funds in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Two Thousand (\$132,000.00) Dollars, to purchase HazMat field detection and classification equipment and train appropriate personnel in the proper use of the equipment, for a term commencing on October 1, 2019 and continuing through August 31, 2021 (the "Agreement"). The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FY 18 HazMat grant program has been extended to August 31, 2022. Accordingly, authority is requested to amend the Agreement with DHSES for the limited purpose of extending the term thereof through August 31, 2022.

Except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The goals and objectives of this program are to address vulnerabilities and develop protocols to meet target capabilities as outlined in the Federal Guidelines. This includes providing assistance to and support for surveillance, detection, interdiction, response, mitigation, operations and recovery from threats or acts of terrorism and man-made and natural hazards. The program will enhance the safety and security of Westchester County residents and will enhance the region's HazMat response and Mutual Aid capabilities to assess and manage

the consequences of a hazardous materials release, either accidental or as part of a terrorist attack. The RPA will enable the County to strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities.

The Department will be able to monitor the effectiveness of this effort through a series of performance measures required by DHSES.

I certify that my department, 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.

Attached for your approval is an appropriate resolution.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/27/2021 - ISA KHAJAJ, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Emergency Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the “Department”), is authorized to amend a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the “Agreement”), to accept grant funds in the amount of \$132,000.00 to be used to purchase HazMat field detection and classification equipment and to train appropriate personnel in the proper use of the equipment, in accordance with the FY 2018 Hazardous Materials Grant Program, for the period commencing October 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021, by extending the term of the Agreement through August 31, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
					N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) 2019-2022 Start Date 10/01/2019 End Date: 8/31/2022
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$0 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution)

Other _____