



Office of the District Attorney  
County of Westchester

MEMORANDUM

On Base: 85096

Date: May 18, 2021

To: HONORABLE MEMBERS  
BOARD OF ACQUISITION AND CONTRACT

From: MIRIAM E. ROCAH  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Re: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,175.00 IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO OPERATE THE AID TO PROSECUTION PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022, PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET.**

Authority is sought for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through the Office of the District Attorney ("District Attorney's Office"), to enter into an grant agreement (the "Grant Agreement") with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ("DCJS") to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$500,175.00 in State Funds for the District Attorney's Office to operate the Aid to Prosecution Program (the "Program"), for the program period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, pursuant to an approved budget.

The goals and objectives of the Program are to enhance the prosecution of repeat, violent and serious felony offenders by maintaining increased levels of experienced prosecution personnel and to reduce crime through investigations and enhanced vertical prosecution by targeting violent and non-violent felony crimes. These goals and objectives will promote the general welfare and public safety of the citizens of the Westchester County by expediting the arrest and prosecution of felony offenders charged with violent felony offenses, persistent felony offenders charged with non violent felony offenses and other serious felony offenders helping make the County a safer place. The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the District Attorney's Office and quarterly reports will be submitted to DCJS for their review and approval.

As the Grant Agreement does not constitute a procurement of goods or services, it is not subject to the provisions of the County Procurement Policy.

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 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.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

MER/OK/cmc

**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from Miriam E. Rocah, District Attorney, be it hereby,

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into an grant agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$500,175 in State Funds for the District Attorney’s Office to operate the Aid to Prosecution Program (the “Program”) for the program period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further,

**RESOLVED**, that the District Attorney or her duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into this agreement for the County of Westchester.

Account to be charged/credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program & Program & Phase or Unit	Object/Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	37	4707	9762		\$500,175

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021/22 Start Date 04/01/21 End Date 03/31/22

(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$ \_\_\_\_\_

State Aid: \$500,175.00

\$500,175.00 Federal Aid: \_\_\_\_\_

(must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_