



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

**85116**

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Richard Wishnie  
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: May 18, 2021

SUBJECT: Authorization to amend a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$709,794 in grant funding under the FY18 State Homeland Security Program for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021, by extending the term thereof through August 31, 2022.

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By resolution approved on November 1, 2018, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the "Department"), to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ("DHSES") to accept a grant in an the amount not-to-exceed of \$709,794 to assist the County in its efforts to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards in compliance with the FY18 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021 (the "Agreement"). The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FY18 SHSP 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.

This grant agreement serves the public's best interest as it will enhance emergency preparedness and thereby preserve the health, safety and general welfare of County residents. The goals and objectives of this program are to address vulnerabilities and develop capabilities 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. Additionally, this agreement will enhance common planning and operational protocols and improve emergency responder skills and capabilities. The Department will be able to monitor the effectiveness of this effort through a series of performance measures required by DHSES. In addition, the Department has ordered a training prop that is not expected to arrive until after the current

deadline of 8/31/2021. The extension will give the Department flexibility to receive the equipment and ensure that it functions safely and as ordered.

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.

In view of the importance of this program, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 06/10/2021 - LISA MARIJAL, SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is authorized to amend a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (“DHSES”) to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$709,794 to be used to assist the County in its efforts to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards in compliance with the FY18 State Homeland Security Program for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021 (the “Agreement”), by extending the term thereof 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 authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
							N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) 2018-2022 Start Date 9/1/18 End Date 8/31/22  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_