



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

**85133**

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Richard Wishnie  
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: May 19, 2021

SUBJECT: Authorization to amend a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in an amount of \$1,324,829.00 to assist the County in its efforts to address equipment, training and planning needs to enhance Westchester's capability to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism and mitigate man-made and natural hazards in compliance with the FY18 Urban Area Security Initiative for the period from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021, by extending the term of the agreement through August 31, 2022.

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By resolution approved on November 1, 2018, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State"). The agreement was for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,324,829.00 and was to assist the County in its efforts to address equipment, training and planning needs to enhance Westchester's capability to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism and mitigate man-made and natural hazards in compliance with the FY18 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program . The term of the agreement was September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021 (the "Agreement"). The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FY18 UASI grant program has been extended to August 31, 2022. Accordingly, authority is requested to amend the Agreement with the State 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 the Urban Area Security Initiative are to enhance Westchester County's capability to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards; protect the public, critical infrastructure and key resources, and prepare to respond to and recover from both man-made and natural disasters.

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 man-made events associated terrorist attacks.

The Department will monitor the progression of the grant program to assure compliance and progress in meeting the goals and objectives of this program and will monitor the effectiveness of this agreement through a series of performance measures required by the State.

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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## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is authorized to amend its agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for an amount not to exceed \$1,324,829.00, to be used to enhance Westchester County’s capability to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism and mitigate man-made and natural hazards in compliance with the FY18 Urban Area Security Initiative 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.

Original Agreement \$1,324,829  
 This Amendment \$ 0  
 Total \$1,324,829

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ 0 Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_