



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Richard Wishnie
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: June 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into a Grant Agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$132,000.00 in grant funding under the FY 2019 HazMat Grant Program for the period from April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

Authorization is requested for 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 2019 Hazardous Materials ("HazMat") Grant Program funds in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Two Thousand (\$132,000.00) Dollars. The HazMat grant funds will be used to purchase HazMat field detection and classification equipment and train appropriate personnel in the proper use of the equipment which will build sustainable Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives ("CBRNE") detection, response and decontamination capabilities in the region. This technology is intended to help advance the Lower Hudson Valley Region team's Federal Emergency Management Agency/New York State National Incident Management System typing for field testing and sampling. The grant agreement is for the period commencing April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

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.

It should be noted that in order to receive funding from DHSES, the County is required to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement ("RPA") with Dutchess and Putnam Counties. Accordingly, by Act No. 2021 – 111, adopted on June 28, 2021, the Westchester County Board of Legislators ("BOL") authorized the County to enter into the RPA. Since the RPA constitutes

an IMA and has been duly approved by the BOL, the approval of your Honorable Board is no longer required.

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 grant agreement does not constitute the procurement of goods or services. As such, it is not subject to the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

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

Attached for your approval is an appropriate resolution.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/29/2021 - COUNTY CLERK 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 enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (“DHSES”) to accept grant funds for the period commencing April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, for a total amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Two Thousand (\$132,000.00) Dollars, to be used to purchase HazMat field detection and classification equipment and to train appropriate personnel in the proper use of the equipment which will build sustainable Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (“CBRNE”) detection, response and decontamination capabilities in the region, in compliance with the FY 2019 Hazardous Materials (“HazMat”) Grant Program; 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
263	20	225U	9853	T225	\$132,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021-2022 Start Date 4/01/2021 End Date: 8/31/2022
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$132,000.00 Federal Aid \$132,000

(must match resolution)

Other _____