



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Richard G. Wishnie
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: September 24, 2021

SUBJECT: **Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$351,492 in grant funding under the FY21 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program for the period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023 with the County contributing a 50% matching share of \$351,492.**

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 Federal funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency under the FY21 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant ("LEMPG") Program. Proceeds from the grant will be used by the Department to pay the salaries of County Emergency Management Personnel directly related to Emergency Management, Recovery, and Hazard Mitigation planning and community response team oversight, lease expense of the Westchester County EOC and OEM offices and conduct of an exercise for County and local officials. The Emergency Management Personnel develop and maintain emergency plans; facilitate and attend state and County sponsored training; and design and participate in drills and exercises. During response, the Emergency Management Personnel assist in saving lives by staffing the County EOC for incidents such as severe weather e.g. Hurricane Ida and public health emergencies e.g. COVID-19 Pandemic, facilitating information sharing and situational awareness across local, County, and non-governmental partners; managing county logistics assistance; and supporting mass care and shelter operations. During recovery, the Emergency Management Personnel work with local municipalities, County government, New York State and FEMA to assess damage and facilitate restoration efforts and support whole community efforts to assist citizens in their short term needs.

The grant is for the period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023, in a total amount not to exceed \$351,492. Under the terms of the grant, the County is required to contribute a 50% matching share of \$351,492 in the form of cash and in-kind services (personnel and fringe expenses for services related to emergency management, including mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, lease expense of the Westchester County EOC and OEM offices and an exercise for County and local officials).

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 sustain the County's emergency preparedness program by providing emergency plans, training, exercises and compliance with the National Incident Management System/Incident Command System. In addition, this program plays an important role in the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities. Core capabilities are essential for the execution of each of the five mission areas outlined in the National Preparedness Goal (NPG). The development and sustainment of these core capabilities are not exclusive to any single level of government or organization, but rather require the combined effort of the whole community. The FY2021 LEMPG Program supports all core capabilities in the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas based on allowable costs. 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.

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

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10/07/2021 RAYMOND B. JONES (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, is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (“DHSES”) to accept Federal funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency under the FY21 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program to assist the County in its efforts to sustain its emergency preparedness program for the period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023, for a total amount not to exceed \$351,492, with the County contributing a 50% matching share of \$351,492 in the form of cash and in-kind services (personnel and fringe expenses for services related to emergency management, including mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, lease expense of the Westchester County EOC and OEM offices and an exercise for County and local officials); 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
	101	20	1000	1010		8000	\$62000 2021
	101	20	1000	1010		8000	\$66601 2022
	101	20	1000	1650		8000	\$11432 2021
	101	20	1000	1650		8000	\$12200 2022
	101	20	1000	1651		8000	\$4743 2021
	101	20	1000	1651		8000	\$5090 2022
	101	20	1000	1680		8000	\$28302 2021
	101	20	1000	1680		8000	\$27789 2022
	101	20	1000	4380		8000	\$15000 2022
	101	20	1000	5280		8000	\$82098 2021
	101	20	1000	5280		8000	\$36237 2022
	101	20	1000	9818		8000	\$188575 2021
	101	20	1000	9818		8000	\$162917 2022

(Expense objects are County operating in Kind services.)

Budget Funding Year(s) 2020-2023 Start Date 10/01/20 End Date 9/30/23
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$351,492
 State Aid _____
\$702,984 Federal Aid \$351,492
 (must match resolution) Other _____