



Office of the District Attorney
County of Westchester

MEMORANDUM

OnBase: 89056

DATE: November 23, 2021

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS
BOARD OF ACQUISITION AND CONTRACT

FROM: MIRIAM E. ROCAH
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: AUTHORITY 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 \$277,963.00 IN STATE FUNDS, FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO OPERATE THE MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION PROGRAM, FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Office of the District Attorney (the "District Attorney's Office"), to enter into a grant agreement, known as Contract No. C464365 (the "Grant Agreement"), with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ("DCJS") to accept a grant with respect to Project ID No. MV21-1049-D00, in an amount not to exceed \$277,963.00 in State Funds, for the District Attorney's Office to operate The Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program (the "Program"), for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Pursuant to the terms of the Grant Agreement, the County will be required to contribute \$355,078.00 in matching funds toward the cost of the Program.

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.

It has been determined that there is a direct relationship between the incidence of motor vehicle theft, motor vehicle insurance fraud, and the cost of motor vehicle insurance premium rates. The Program seeks to provide an integrated means to prevent, deter, and reduce the incidence of motor vehicle theft and motor vehicle insurance fraud by developing, and providing funding for, specialized law enforcement units to combat motor vehicle theft and insurance fraud. The funds to be provided for the Program under the Grant Agreement will enable the District Attorney's Office to operate an Auto Theft Unit (the "Unit") to reduce incidents of motor vehicle thefts and insurance fraud in the County. The Unit will be comprised of a Senior Assistant District Attorney and two Criminal Investigators.

The proposed Grant Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing funds that will enable the District Attorney's Office to operate the Program, including operating the Unit, to reduce incidents of motor vehicle thefts and insurance fraud in the County.

The goal and objective of the proposed Grant Agreement is to provide funds that will enable the District Attorney's Office to operate the Program, including operating the Unit, to reduce incidents of motor vehicle thefts and insurance fraud in the County.

The goal and objective of the proposed Grant Agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of general welfare and public safety, as providing funds that will enable the District Attorney's Office to operate the Program, including operating the Unit, is anticipated to reduce incidents of motor vehicle thefts and insurance fraud in the County.

The goal and objective of the proposed Grant Agreement will be monitored by the District Attorney's Office and quarterly progress reports will be submitted to DCJS for its review and approval.

The proposed grant acceptance through the Grant Agreement does not constitute procurement. Accordingly, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures do not apply.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend adoption of the attached resolution.

MR/OK/bdm-r

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, the County of Westchester is authorized 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 \$277,963.00 in State Funds, for the District Attorney's Office to operate The Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program, for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the aforementioned agreement, the County of Westchester shall be required to contribute \$355,078.00 in matching funds toward the cost of the aforementioned program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his/her duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	37	263X	9854	T-263	\$277,963
263	37	263X	9855	T-263	\$355,078

Budget Funding Year(s) 2022 Start Date 01/01/2022 End Date 12/31/2022
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: \$355,078
State Aid: \$277,963
\$633,041 Federal Aid: _____
(must match resolution) Other: _____

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