



Department of Emergency Services

#89387

Memorandum

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Richard Wishnie
Acting Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: December 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$681,635 in funding under the New York State 2020 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program to be used to facilitate the development and improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders for the period retroactive to January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the "Department"), to enter into a grant agreement (the "Agreement") with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State") to accept \$681,635 in funding under the New York State 2020 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant ("SICG") Program (the "2020 SICG Formula"). The term of the Agreement is for the period retroactive to January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

The 2020 SICG Formula funds will be used by the County to construct a number of 700MHz interoperability communication sites on existing tower/facility locations. The system design will include "Hailing" 7CALL monitoring and repeater sites based on the frequencies assigned by the NYS OIEC. The system will be used to support larger scale events or exercises along with supporting multidisciplinary and multijurisdictional events.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are to facilitate the development, and improved operation of emergency services communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders.

This Agreement will serve the public's best interest by enhancing public safety communications for first responders, thereby improving coordination among public safety agencies when responding to emergencies.

The Department will monitor the progression of the grant program to assure compliance and progress in meeting the goals and objectives of this program. The Department will keep an agenda and meeting minutes on file for all meetings conducted regarding the funded activities.

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 Acting 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 enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State"), to accept \$681,635 in funding under the New York State 2020 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program to be used to facilitate the development and improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders for the period retroactive to January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022; 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
263	20	534W	9854	T534	8000	\$681,635

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021-2022 Start Date 1/1/2021 End Date 12/31/2022
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$681,635
\$681,635 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____

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