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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

DATE: August 16, 2022

RE: **Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) for \$560,000.00 in Federal Transit Capital Assistance (Grant Agreement NY-2022-022-00).**

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the “County”) to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) for \$560,000.00 in Federal Transit Capital Assistance. A 20% County match is required to receive the FTA funds for a total of \$700,000.00. The funding sources are broken down as follows:

Federal Funds	80%	\$560,000.00
Local Funds	20%	\$140,000.00
Total:		\$700,000.00

Funds received from this grant will be utilized as follows:

SMART Commute Operating Assistance (\$560,000.00 Federal)

Federal funds in this grant are being provided from the FTA to provide operating assistance for Westchester’s SMART Commute Program which includes measures to reduce traffic congestion and emissions by promoting the use of transit and other alternatives to single-occupant vehicles.

The scope of work includes the following:

- Advance and promote the use of MetroCard as Bee-Line’s fare medium through numerous public outreach and media.
- Promote the Reduced Fare Program to seniors and people with disabilities.
- Promote online trip planning features through 511NY trip planner and Google Transit.
- Target of Travel Demand Management (TDM) services to educational, health, community, and Senior Services groups and establishments located in the County under the banner of Green Commuting, Be Educated About Transit, and the Transportation Collaborative for volunteer drivers for seniors.
- Marketing and promotion of County employees’ participation in the ridesharing program under the 511NY Rideshare Program.
- On-site and virtual “Transportation Fairs” that will provide commuters with detailed information about sustainable transportation options.
- Continue to work with MTA-NYCTA on the mobile MetroCard van sales program.

The goal of this project is to provide outreach and information for transit related programs to the public and private businesses. If these grant funds are not accepted, County funds would have to be used to provide the aforementioned services and programs.

The receipt of reimbursement funds will be monitored by both the Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Department of Finance.

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 issuing 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 assistance program to the operation of the County's transit system, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

HJG/ms
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") for a grant totaling \$700,000.00 (80% Federal \$560,000.00 and 20% Local \$140,000.00) to be used for operating assistance for Westchester County's SMART Commute Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is authorized to file any other document required by the U. S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Grant Agreement NY-2022-022-00

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Dollars	Funding Period
	365	44	041X	9852	\$560,000.00	01/01/22 – 07/01/23
	101	44	1000	4912	\$140,000.00	01/01/22 – 07/01/23

Budget Funding Year(s) 2022-2023 Start Date January 1, 2022 End Date July 1, 2023
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$140,000.00
 State Aid _____
\$700,000.00 Federal Aid \$560,000.00
 (must match resolution) Other _____

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