



**Office of the District Attorney**  
County of Westchester

**MEMORANDUM**

**OnBase: 89642**

DATE: December 22, 2021

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS  
BOARD OF ACQUISITION AND CONTRACT

FROM: MIRIAM E. ROCAH  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO OPERATE THE HATE CRIMES PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET.

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Authority is sought for the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 in Federal Funds and \$46,494 in County matching funds, for the District Attorney's Office to operate the Hate Crimes Program (the "Program") for the period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement").

The goals and objectives of the Program are to increase the District Attorney's Office's ability to engage with the community and work together to increase awareness and reporting of hate crimes and bias incidents, to increase its capacity to track, investigate and prosecute these crimes and incidents, to analyze patterns and trends to help prevent and/or prosecute these crimes, and to educate and train police officers to respond to hate crimes with an understanding of the sensitivities surrounding these crimes. The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the District Attorney's Office and quarterly reports will be submitted to the Department of Justice for their review and approval.

As the Agreement does not constitute a procurement of goods or services, it is not subject to the provisions of the County Procurement Policy.

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.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 in Federal Funds and \$46,494 in County matching funds, for the District Attorney’s Office to operate the Hate Crimes Program (the “Program”) for the period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, pursuant to an approved budget (the “Agreement”); and be it further,

**RESOLVED**, that the District Attorney or her duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	37	W047	9853	W047	\$300,000
263	37	W047	9855	W047	\$46,494

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021/24 Start Date 10/1/21 End Date 9/30/24  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: \$46,494  
State Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$346,494** Federal Aid: \$300,000  
(must match resolution) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/13/2024 RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY