

**110952**

DATE: April 23, 2025

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Terrance Raynor  
Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety Services

Re: Authority to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through its Division of Criminal Justice Services, pursuant to which the County will accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$62,975.00, under the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative program, for a term commencing retroactively on July 1, 2024 and continuing through June 30, 2025, pursuant to an approved budget.

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Attached for your consideration, is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services (the "Department"), to enter into a grant disbursement agreement with the Division of Criminal Justice Services of the State of New York (the "DCJS"), pursuant to which the County will accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$62,975.00, under the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative program ("Project GIVE"), to be used for personnel costs for partially funding overtime Field Enforcement (Hot-Spot Policing) and a Field Intelligence Officer, and for partially funding Field Intelligence Officer Fringe Benefits costs (the "Agreement"). The term of the Agreement shall commence retroactively on July 1, 2024 and continue through June 30, 2025. DCJS shall make payments directly to the County, in an amount not to exceed \$62,975.00, upon presentation by the County to DCJS of invoices, together with supporting documentation.

The Agreement will require the County to indemnify the State of New York as follows:

"The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages, and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the Contract."

The goal of Project GIVE is to eliminate shootings and homicides through the integrated use of evidence-based strategies that include the four (4) core elements of People, Places, Alignment, and Engagement. The objective is to implement a joint agency initiative to directly combat shootings and homicides in Yonkers and Mount Vernon with support and assistance from other law enforcement agencies. The Department will assign personnel to deploy targeted operations as outlined in the Project GIVE strategy through joint agency initiatives. The funds received from DCJS will enable the Department to assign personnel to support Project GIVE strategies in Yonkers and Mount Vernon.

This Agreement impacts the County's critical priority areas in the following manner:

- Fiscal Responsibility – The County will receive reimbursement for activities performed by the Department pursuant to Project GIVE.

This Agreement will serve a public purpose by promoting public safety through the implementation of operations under Project GIVE.

The Department is required under the Agreement to provide proof of disbursement of the grant funds and will monitor the effectiveness of this Agreement through a series of performance measures required by DCJS.

Because this Agreement is considered a grant agreement and not a contract for the procurement of goods or services, this Agreement is not subject to the requirements of the County's 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 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.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into this Agreement.

TR/LKC/sg/mcz  
Attachment

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety Services, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester (the “County”) acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services, to enter into a grant disbursement agreement with the Division of Criminal Justice Services of the State of New York (the “DCJS”), pursuant to which the County will accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$62,975.00, under the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative program to be used for personnel costs for partially funding overtime Field Enforcement (Hot-Spot Policing) and a Field Intelligence Officer, and for partially funding Field Intelligence Officer Fringe Benefits costs (the “Agreement”), for a term commencing retroactively on July 1, 2024 and continuing through June 30, 2025; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County is hereby authorized to indemnify the State of New York as follows:

“indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the Contract;” and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that DCJS shall make payments directly to the County, in an amount not-to-exceed \$62,975.00, upon presentation by the County to DCJS of invoices, together with supporting documentation; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly 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	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Dollars
2024/2025	263	38	825Z	9854
				\$62,975.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2024/2025  
(must match resolution)

Start Date: July 1, 2024 End Date: June 30, 2025

Funding Source

\$62,975.00  
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars  
State Aid  
Federal Aid  
Other

\$62,975.00 NYS Div. of Criminal Justice Services