



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

110357

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Susan Spear
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: January 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Authorization to further amend a Grant Agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services which authorized the County to accept \$677,783.00 in grant funding under the FY20 State Homeland Security Program for the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2024, by extending the term thereof through May 31, 2025.

By resolution approved on October 1, 2020, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the “Department”), to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (“DHSES” or “State”) to accept federal grant funds in an amount not-to-exceed of \$677,783.00 to be used to assist the County in its efforts to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards, protect County residents, the County’s critical infrastructure and key resources, and prepare to respond to and recover from both man-made and natural disasters in compliance with the FY2020 State Homeland Security grant program (“FY2020 SHSP Grant Program”), for the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023 (the “Grant Agreement”). The Grant Agreement was subsequently executed.

Thereafter, by resolution approved on April 6, 2023, your Honorable Board authorized the County to amend the Grant Agreement with DHSES in order to extend the term thereof through August 31, 2024 (the “First Amendment”). The First Amendment was subsequently executed.

The Department was recently informed by DHSES that the FY2020 SHSP Grant Program has been further extended to May 31, 2025 due to delays in receiving goods caused by unforeseen factors, including shipping issues and supply chain shortages. Accordingly, authority is hereby requested to further amend the Grant Agreement with DHSES for the limited purpose of extending the term thereof through May 31, 2025.

Except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

This Grant Agreement serves the public's best interest as it will enhance emergency preparedness and thereby preserve the health, safety and general welfare of County residents. The goals and objectives of this program are to address vulnerabilities and develop capabilities to meet target capabilities as outlined in the Federal Guidelines. This includes providing assistance to and support for surveillance, detection, interdiction, response, mitigation, operations and recovery from threats or acts of terrorism and man-made and natural hazards. Additionally, this agreement will enhance common planning and operational protocols and improve emergency responder skills and capabilities. The Department will be able to monitor the effectiveness of this effort through a series of performance measures required by DHSES.

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.

SS/LL/sjc
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Emergency Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is authorized to further amend a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (“DHSES” or “State”) to accept federal grant funds in an amount not-to-exceed of \$677,783.00 to be used to assist the County in its efforts to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards, protect County residents, the County’s critical infrastructure and key resources, and prepare to respond to and recover from both man-made and natural disasters in compliance with the FY2020 State Homeland Security grant program (“FY2020 SHSP Grant Program”), for the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2024 (the “Grant Agreement”), by extending the term thereof through May 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; 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	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars

Budget Funding Year(s) 2020-2025 Start Date 9/1/2020 End Date: 5/31/2025
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$ Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution)

Other _____

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