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DATE: June 29, 2026

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Terrance Raynor
Commissioner-Sheriff
Department of Public Safety Services

Re: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to accept grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,545.00, under the BJA FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027.

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 agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance ("BJA"), pursuant to which the County will accept grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,545 (the "JAG funds") under the BJA FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027 (the "Agreement"; Award Number: 15PBJA-24-GG-05176-JAGX).

The JAG funds will fund the Department's narcotics unit as well as support the Yonkers Police Department and the Mount Vernon Police Department. The Department's Narcotics unit will work and bolter the efforts of local police agencies including the Cities of Yonkers and Mount Vernon. The Department intends to administer the distribution of the JAG funds through entering into an inter-municipal agreement ("IMA") with the Cities of Yonkers and Mount Vernon.

Under the IMA, of the \$75,545, the County will disburse \$36,640 to the City of Yonkers, and the County will disburse \$21,019 to the City of Mt. Vernon. City of Yonkers will use the funding for approximately 445 hours of police overtime, particularly those that reduce gun violence, such as high saturation, law enforcement patrols to combat crime, quality of life complaints, and for investigations such as burglary, robbery, auto related crimes and gun tracings. City of Mount Vernon will use the JAG funds for technology improvements and equipment by enhancing its Body Worn Camera program and to purchase additional body warn cameras to promote public trust, accountability, and transparency. The County will use the remainder of the balance of the JAG Funds of

\$17,886 to fund overtime costs to coordinate investigations with the narcotics unit, DEA task force as well as the FBI task force to combat the growing fentanyl and heroin epidemic as well as other violent crimes within Westchester County.

The Department has entered into previous grant agreements with BJA under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance program in the past to combat similar crimes and to bolster the efforts of local police agencies to combat gun violence and other violent crimes.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by utilizing JAG funds for the Department's Narcotics unit to work and bolster the efforts of local police agencies and to combat gun violence and other violent crimes. The JAG funds allows the County to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as it will make the JAG Funds available to support, without requiring the expenditure of County funds.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department, which will be required, under the proposed Agreement, to provide proof of disbursement of the JAG Funds and will monitor the effectiveness of the proposed Agreement through a series of performance measures.

The proposed Agreement does not constitute procurement. Accordingly, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures do not apply.

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/SG/mb
Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services, is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”), pursuant to which the County will accept grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,545 under the BJA FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027 Award Number: 15PBJA-24-GG-05176-JAGX); 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	Trust Account	Dollars
263	38	A029	9852/ 1400,2400		\$75,545.00

Budget Funding Year(s):
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 10/01/23

End Date: 9/30/27

Funding Source
\$75,545
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: _____
State Aid: _____
Federal Aid: 75,545
Other: _____