

**113104**

TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: Authority to enter into a grant agreement with Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc., to accept a CARES UP grant in an amount of \$42,000.00, for the County to address and improve the wellness, resilience and suicide prevention amongst law enforcement uniformed personnel, for the period of one year, from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

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Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety (“Department”), to enter into a grant agreement – C22653GG (“Grant”) with Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc. (“RFMH” or “Foundation”), in order for the County to accept CARES UP grant funds in the amount of \$42,000.00 for the County to address and improve the wellness, resilience and suicide prevention amongst its own uniformed personnel, for the period of one year, from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

The Department has been advised by New York State Office of Mental Health’s Suicide Prevention Center, that the Department has been awarded a grant to assist the Department leadership and workforce within first responders and uniformed personnel organizations to address the job-related stress and trauma that are often associated with these fields and support the overall health and wellness of said Department personnel.

Pursuant to the Grant, the County will have to indemnify RFMH as follows:

“[County] will indemnify, defend and hold harmless Foundation, the New York State Office of Mental Health, and their respective trustees, directors, officers, agents and employees (collectively “Indemnitees”), against all suits, claims, demands or prosecutions, (hereinafter “Claim”) that may be brought or instituted, and all judgments, damages, liabilities, court costs and expenses (including attorney’s fees) arising out of [County]’s negligent acts or omissions relating to its performance hereunder or its willful misconduct.”

The objective of the Grant is to address and improve job-related stress and trauma by uniformed personnel of the Department and prevent suicide of such personnel and the local level.

These grant funds will be monitored by the Department .

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 the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

The Grant does not involve the procurement of goods or services from a third party and therefore the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

I recommend approval of this grant agreement.

MO/CMC/TP

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 03/05/2026 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) is authorized to enter into a grant agreement – C22653GG (“Grant”) with Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc. (“RFMH” or “Foundation”), in order for the County to accept CARES UP grant funds in the amount of \$42,000.00 for the County to address and improve the wellness, resilience and suicide prevention amongst uniformed personnel, for the period of one year, from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County shall indemnify RFMH as follows:

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**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2026	263	38	TBD	TBD		\$42,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2026 Start Date: 01/01/26 End Date: 12/31/2026  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Aid: \$42,000  
Federal Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

(must match the resolution)