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To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Honorable Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive

Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner, Department of Probation

Catherine Borgia
Acting Director, Office for Women

Date: July 15, 2026

Subject: Authority to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, to accept a grant for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in order to operate the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team, for a term commencing on October 1, 2025 and continuing through September 30, 2028.

The County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Probation and Office for Women, (the "County") is requesting authority to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, ("OVW") pursuant to which the County will accept a grant awarded to it by OVW under OVW's Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response ("ICJR") Program, in the amount of \$1,000,000, for the period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028, in order to operate the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team (the "Agreement").

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by making available to the County certain Federal funds that the County can and will use to operate the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team ("DVHRT") in order to assess and address risk of serious harm or death for victims of intimate partner violence, connect them with services, increase the number of prosecutions and provide greater safety for victims and their families.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of the public health, safety and general welfare, as many victims who are at high risk do not receive the support services they need to stay safe. This grant will assist in our efforts to prevent homicides in Westchester.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is also in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as it will make available to the County certain Federal funds for the aforementioned work.

The proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department of Probation and the Office for Women.

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.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Westchester County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Probation and the Acting Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Probation and Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, ("OVW") pursuant to which the County will accept a grant awarded to it by OVW for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 which are Federal funds in connection with OVW's Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response ("ICJR") Program in order to operate the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team (the "Agreement"); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of the Agreement will commence on October 1, 2025 and continue through September 30, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be charged/credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase, or Unit	Revenue Source	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year(s)
263	11	B123	9852	G123	\$1,000,000	2025-2028

Budget Funding Year(s): 2025-2028 Start Date: 10/1/2025 End Date: 9/30/2028
(must match resolution)

\$1,000,000
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Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____
Federal Aid \$1,000,000
Other _____