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DATE: May 27, 2026

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Terrance Raynor
Commissioner-Sheriff

Re: **Authority to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through its Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$81,818.00 under the FY2024 Bomb Squad Initiative Grant Program funded by the Federal Department of Homeland Security's State Homeland Security Program to be used to purchase Bomb Squad equipment, supplies, and training for a term commencing April 1, 2026 and continuing through August 31, 2027.**

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety ("Department"), to enter into a grant disbursement agreement with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services of the State of New York ("DHSES") through the Bomb Squad Grant Initiative, to upgrade a digital X-ray imaging system, to purchase a bomb response vehicle, explosive mitigation equipment, perform additional upgrades to a bomb disposal robot, purchase information technology equipment and to fund required interoperability training between the bomb squad, tactical, marine and canine teams. The above noted equipment will be used by the Department's Hazardous Devices Unit and certified bomb technicians. The term of the agreement shall commence April 1, 2026 and continue through August 31, 2027. DHSES shall make payments directly to the County in the amount actually incurred, up to an amount not to exceed eighty-one thousand eight hundred eighteen (\$81,818.00) Dollars, upon presentation to DHSES of an invoice, together with supporting documentation.

The proposed agreement is in the public's best interest and will promote the safety and general welfare of the public by providing the Department's Hazardous Devices Unit with needed equipment and training to effectively inspect, identify and prosecute potential explosive threats. The goals and objectives of this program are the enhancement of the public safety and security of the County's residents.

The Department is required under the grant disbursement 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 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.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully sought for the County to enter into this Agreement.

TR/jb
Attachment

