



Department of Emergency Services



Memorandum

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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Susan Spear
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: May 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$646,033.00 in funding under the New York State 2024 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program to be used to facilitate the development and improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders, for the period retroactive to January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the "Department"), to enter into a grant agreement (the "Agreement") with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State") to accept \$646,033.00 in funding under the New York State 2024 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant ("SICG") Program (the "2024 SICG Formula"). The term of the Agreement is for the period retroactive to January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

The Agreement will require the County to indemnify the State as follows:

"The [County] shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for all accidents, incidents, and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the [County] or its subcontractors pursuant to this Contract. The [County] shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the Contract."

The 2024 SICG Formula funds will be used by the County to support the Land Mobile Radio Systems (LMR) by purchasing additional subscriber units. With the increased reliance on data, the provision of wireless data services is vital during an outage or large scale emergency. The County will purchase FirstNet CRDs for both AT&T and Verizon subscribers allowing data access during an event. In addition, the County will purchase additional licenses on the County's Motorola P25 system to include the DHSES OIEC subscriber equipment. To plan for the future of NG911 along with other technology, accurate GIS addressing is critical, this grant funding will support hiring a contractor, through DoIT to support the expertise required to update GIS mapping to support this future technology implementation.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are to facilitate the development, and improved operation of emergency services communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders.

This Agreement will serve the public's best interest by enhancing public safety communications for first responders, thereby improving coordination among public safety agencies when responding to emergencies.

The Department will monitor the progression of the grant program to assure compliance and progress in meeting the goals and objectives of this program. The Department will keep an agenda and meeting minutes on file for all meetings conducted regarding the funded activities.

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.

RW/JC/mcz
attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State"), to accept \$646,033.00 in funding under the New York State 2024 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program to be used to facilitate the development and improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders, for the period retroactive to January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County agrees to indemnify the State as follows:

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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	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
263	20	534Z	9854	T534	8000	\$646,033.00

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

2024-2026 Start Date 1/1/2024 End Date 12/31/2026

Funding Source

Tax Dollars

State Aid \$646,033.00

\$646,033.00
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid
Other