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DATE: April 22, 2026

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Susan Spear
Commissioner of Emergency Services

SUBJECT: 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 under the FY2024 Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Grant Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) State Homeland Security Grant Program, to be used for authorized HazMat training and to purchase HazMat response equipment, for a term commencing retroactively 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 (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the "Department"), to enter into a grant disbursement agreement (the "Agreement") with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services of the State of New York (the "DHSES") through the FY2024 Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Grant Program, in the amount of Forty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-One (\$44,981.00) Dollars. The Agreement is funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's State Homeland Security Grant Program (the "SHSP"). The HazMat grant funds will be used for authorized HazMat training and exercises, consultant services, and to purchase equipment and supplies for the HazMat team, such as supplies for training and exercises, inflatable pipe plugs and leak control kits, etc. The term of the Agreement shall commence, retroactively, on April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

The goal of the Agreement is to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards, to help protect the people of New York, its critical infrastructure and key resources, and to prepare to respond to and recover from both man—made and natural disasters.

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

"The Contractor 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."

Additionally, in order to receive funding from DHSES, the County is required to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement (“RPA”) with Dutchess and Putnam Counties. Authority to enter into this RPA has been submitted to the Board of Legislators for consideration and approval.

The goals and objectives of this program are to address vulnerabilities and develop protocols to meet target capabilities as outlined in the Federal Guidelines. This includes providing assistance to and support for surveillance, detection, interdiction, response, mitigation, operations and recovery from threats or acts of terrorism and man-made and natural hazards. The program will enhance the safety and security of Westchester County residents and will enhance the region’s HazMat response and Mutual Aid capabilities to assess and manage the consequences of a hazardous materials release, either accidental or as part of a terrorist attack. The RPA will enable the County to strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities.

The grant agreement does not constitute the procurement of goods or services. As such, it is not subject to the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

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.

The Department will be able to monitor the effectiveness of this effort through a series of performance measures required by DHSES.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into this Agreement.

SS/LL/mb
Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that authority is granted to the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the “Department”), to enter into a grant disbursement agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services of the State of New York (the “DHSES”), to accept grant funds for the period retroactively commencing April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed Forty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-One (\$44,981.00) Dollars, to be used for authorized HazMat training and to purchase Hazmat response equipment and supplies in the region, in compliance with the FY 2024 Hazardous Materials (“HazMat”) Grant Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to indemnify the State of New York as follows:

“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;” and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	20	B225	9853	T225	\$44,981

Budget Funding Year(s) 2026-2027 Start Date 4/1/2026 End Date: 8/31/2027
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$44,981.00 Federal Aid \$44,981.00

(must match resolution)

Other _____