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April 18, 2025

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Terrance Raynor
Commissioner-Sheriff
Department of Public Safety

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept Federal grant funds in the amount of \$58,159.00 for the Department of Public Safety to participate in the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program for the period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 pursuant to an approved budget.

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety ("Department"), to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ("NYSDCJS"), pursuant to which the County would accept Federal grant funds in the amount of \$58,159.00 for the Department to participate in the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program (the "Coverdell Grant Program") for the period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, pursuant to an approved budget.

The Coverdell Grant Program will provide assistance to the Department's Crime Laboratory to elevate the quality, timeliness and credibility of the forensic services provided to Westchester's law enforcement agencies. The \$58,159.00 will enable the Department to support overtime within our Forensic Investigations Unit. No County funds are required for this program.

The public purpose of this grant is to address public safety issues regarding law enforcement forensic science and medical examiner services. The goals and objectives of the grant are to maintain both American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board and New York State Forensic Science Commission accreditations for the Department's Crime Lab, both of which are required by New York State Executive Law 995. The performance measures and monitoring of this grant will be comprised of a summary narrative outlining the outcome of the review and prioritization of the backlog will be included in a quarterly report to the NYSDCJS.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, 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.

Based upon the foregoing, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

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(must match resolution)

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