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DATE: March 26, 2026

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Marguerite Beirne
Chief Information Officer
Department of Information Technology

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into a grant agreement IT-1845 with New York State, acting by and through its Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, in order to accept a grant awarded to the County under New York State's Combined SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Grant Program, in the amount of \$689,655 for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into a grant agreement with New York State, acting by and through its Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, ("DHSES") in order to accept a grant awarded to the County by DHSES under New York State's SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Grant Program, in the amount of Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Five dollars (\$689,655), for the period from January 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030, for eligible expenses (the "Grant Agreement"). Funding for this initiative is provided by New York State and is administered by DHSES.

New York State's ESInet Readiness Grant Program provides state funding to counties and New York City to prepare their 911 systems for Next Generation 911 (NG911) by developing and strengthening Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) infrastructure.

The program aims to:

- Support the creation and operation of fiber-optic-based ESInet networks that connect Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), such as 911 dispatch centers.
- Improve and modernize local network infrastructure so counties can securely connect to the statewide ESInet.
- Prepare local 911 systems for Next Generation 911 technology, which enables handling of voice, text, photos, videos, and improved location data during emergencies.
- Strengthen reliability, resilience, and interoperability of emergency communications across New York State.

The proposed Grant Agreement will serve a public purpose by making available to the County certain additional, state funds that the County can use to enhance its public safety operations,

including strengthening its 911 communication infrastructure.

The goal and objective of the proposed Grant Agreement is to make available to the County certain additional, state funds that the County can use to enhance and sustain its public safety operations, including strengthening its 911 communication infrastructure.

The goal and objective of the proposed Grant Agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of public safety and general welfare, as additional, state funds being available for eligible expenses will enhance the County's public safety operations, including its 911 infrastructure and the transition to Next Generation 911.

The goal and objective of the proposed Grant Agreement is also in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as it will make available to the County certain additional, state funds that the County can use for the aforementioned expenses.

The goal and objective of the proposed Grant Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department of Information Technology.

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, I recommend adoption of the proposed resolution.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT MARCH 2006 - RAYMOND SUKRY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chief Information Officer, Department of Information Technology, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with New York State, acting by and through its Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, (“DHSES”) in order to accept a grant awarded to the County by DHSES under New York State’s SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Grant Program, in the amount of Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Five dollars (\$689,655), for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030, for eligible expenses; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for this initiative is provided by New York State and is administered by DHSES; 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:
Agreement Number: IT-1845

Year	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2026	263	16	G121		B121	\$137,931.00
2027	263	16	G121		B121	\$137,931.00
2028	263	16	G121		B121	\$137,931.00
2029	263	16	G121		B121	\$137,931.00
2030	263	16	G121		B121	\$137,931.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2026-2023 _____ Start Date: 01/01/26 End Date: 12/31/30
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: _____
State Aid: \$689,655
\$689,655 Federal Aid: _____
(must match resolution) Other: _____