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DATE: September 9, 2025

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Terrance Raynor
Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety

Re: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, to accept \$15,000.00 in grant funds under the FY2022 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program, to be used to purchase explosive detection canine handling and training equipment to sustain existing explosive detection canine teams during training, for a term commencing retroactively on August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

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 Public Safety (the "Department"), to enter into a grant agreement (the "Grant Agreement") with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State" or "DHSES") to accept \$15,000.00 in grant funds under the FY2022 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program, to be used by the County to purchase explosive detection canine response vehicle equipment and participate in explosive detection canine training, for a term commencing retroactively on August, 1 2025 through August 31, 2026. Pursuant to the Grant Agreement, DHSES shall directly reimburse the County on a quarterly basis for such aforementioned purchases upon the County's submission of invoices to DHSES, together with supporting documentation.

The Grant Agreement will require the County to indemnify DHSES 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 [Grant Agreement]. 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 [Grant Agreement]."

The goals and objectives of this Grant Agreement shall serve a public purpose by providing the County with funds to purchase equipment and training services that will maintain and further improve the County's ability to prevent and respond to all hazardous incidents throughout Westchester County.

The Grant Agreement is in the County's best interest regarding public safety as it will enhance the County's ability to prepare and respond to hazardous incidents, thereby preserving the health, safety and general welfare of County residents.

The Department shall be able to track and monitor the Grant Agreement's effectiveness by analyzing the results obtained from a series of performance measures required by DHSES.

Since the Grant Agreement does not constitute a procurement of goods or services, it is not subject to the provisions 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.

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

TR/cag/sjc
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/18/2025 - RAYMOND SOULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) acting by and through its Department of Public Safety (“Department”), is authorized to enter into a grant agreement (the “Grant Agreement”) with the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the “State” or “DHSES”), to accept grant funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000.00 under its FY2022 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program, to be used by the County to purchase explosive detection canine response vehicle equipment and participate in explosive detection canine training, for a term commencing retroactively on August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is authorized to defend and indemnify DHSES according to the following indemnification language contained with the Grant Agreement, 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 [Grant Agreement]. 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 [Grant Agreement];”

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly 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/Revenue	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Revenue	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	38	A997	9853	T997	\$15,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2025 - 2026

Start Date: August 1, 2025 End Date: August 31, 2026

Funding Source

Tax Dollars:

State Aid:

\$15,000.00

(must match resolution)

Federal Aid: \$15,000 (Fed Pass Thru)

Other: