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DATE: October 10, 2025

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Terrance Raynor
Commissioner - Sheriff of Public Safety Services

Re: Authority to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through its Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$56,678.00, for the Westchester County Department of Public Safety Services to operate the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative program, for a term commencing retroactively on July 1, 2025 and continuing through June 30, 2026, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget.

Authority is respectfully requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services ("Department"), to enter into an agreement ("Agreement"), known as Contract No. C485293, with the State of New York, acting by and through its Division of Criminal Justice Services ("DCJS"), to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$56,678.00, for the Department to operate the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative program ("Project GIVE"). Agreement funds will be used by the Department to finance personnel costs for partially funding overtime Field Enforcement (Hot-Spot Policing) and a Field Intelligence Officer, and for partially funding Field Intelligence Officer Fringe Benefits costs. The term of the Agreement shall commence retroactively on July 1, 2025 and continue through June 30, 2026. DCJS shall make payments directly to the County, in an amount not to exceed \$56,678.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget upon presentation by the County to DCJS of invoices, together with supporting documentation.

The Agreement will require the County, as the Contractor, to indemnify DCJS, as the State, 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."

The goal of Project GIVE is to eliminate shootings and homicides through the integrated use of evidence-based strategies that include the four (4) core elements of People, Places, Alignment, and Engagement. The objective is to implement a joint agency initiative to directly combat shootings and homicides in Yonkers and Mount Vernon with support and assistance from other law enforcement agencies. The Department will assign personnel to deploy targeted operations as outlined in the Project GIVE strategy through joint agency initiatives. The funds received from

DCJS will enable the Department to assign personnel to support Project GIVE strategies in Yonkers and Mount Vernon.

This Agreement impacts the County's critical priority areas in the following manner:

- Fiscal Responsibility – The County will receive reimbursement for activities performed by the Department pursuant to Project GIVE.

The Agreement will serve a public purpose by promoting public safety through the implementation of operations under Project GIVE.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are to eliminate shootings and homicides through the integrated use of evidence-based strategies that include the four (4) core elements of People, Places, Alignment, and Engagement. The objective is to implement a joint agency initiative to directly combat shootings and homicides in Yonkers and Mount Vernon with support and assistance from other law enforcement agencies. The Department will assign personnel to deploy targeted operations as outlined in the Project GIVE strategy through joint agency initiatives. The funds received from DCJS will enable the Department to assign personnel to support Project GIVE strategies in Yonkers and Mount Vernon.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are in the best interests of the County by reducing shootings and homicides leading to improved public safety and reducing loss of life.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement will be tracked and monitored by DCJS via quarterly progress reports submitted by the Department. The Department is required under the Agreement to provide proof of disbursement of the grant funds and will monitor the effectiveness of this Agreement through a series of performance measures required by DCJS.

The proposed grant acceptance through the Agreement is not a procurement for goods or services and therefore does not constitute procurement. Accordingly, the requirements of the County Procurement Policy and Procedures do not apply.

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 respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

TR/LKC/sg/mcz
Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

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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/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Dollars
263	38	A825	9854	\$56,678.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2025/2026 Start Date: July 1, 2025 End Date: June 30, 2026
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$56,678.00
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars

State Aid \$56,678.00 NYS Div. of Criminal Justice Services

Federal Aid

Other