

**21427**

Date: August 31, 2011

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kunjlata Ashar, M.D., Acting Pathologist / Medical Examiner  
Department of Labs and Research

Re: **Authority to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc., pursuant to which the County will accept a grant in the amount of \$75,000, which will provide funding for the operation of the County's Biodefense Laboratory, for the period from August 10, 2011 through August 9, 2012.**

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The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc. ("HRI," ) pursuant to which the County will accept a grant in the amount of \$75,000, which will provide funding for the operation of the County's Biodefense Laboratory, for the period from August 10, 2011 through August 9, 2012.

The Agreement will provide funding for the Laboratory Response Network which involves the testing and preparation, on a state-wide basis, for a bioterrorism event. Specifically, the Agreement will reimburse the County for supplies and associated costs in connection with the operation of the County's Biodefense Laboratory.

The grants funds were made available by the Center for Disease Control ("CDC"). CDC first channeled the grant through the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH"), which then subsequently channeled the funds through HRI. HRI is a not-for-profit corporation that is affiliated with NYSDOH and assists NYSDOH to manage and administer grants and funding.

This contract has the public purpose of promoting public safety for the residents of Westchester County by ensuring rapid response in the case of a bioterrorism event.

The goal and objective of the program is to provide the residents of Westchester County with rapid response to bioterrorism events. The value and importance are in the best interest of the County in terms of ensuring continued public safety.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the Microbiology division of the Department of Labs and Research which analyzes quality control and actual samples in conjunction with the Administrative division which will submit fiscal cost reports to HRI.

Accordingly, I recommend and urge your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed Resolution.

MJH/WF/cji

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**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from Kunjlata Ashar, M.D., Acting Pathologist / Medical Examiner, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc., pursuant to which the County will accept a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to provide funding for the operation of the County's Biodefense Laboratory, for the period from August 10, 2011 through August 9, 2012, 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	31	612L	9853	T612	\$75,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011-2012 Start Date 8/10/11 End Date 8/9/12  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_

State Aid \_\_\_\_\_

**\$ 75,000** Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

(must match resolution)

Other Revenue – Federal Grant (NYS Pass Thru)

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