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DATE: February 11, 2013

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

RE: Authorization to enter into Contract to accept continued funding from the New York State Department of Health for the Bathing Beach Water Quality Monitoring and Notification Program Grant

Contract Period: October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013
Contract Amount: Not-To-Exceed \$35,255

The Westchester County Department of Health seeks authorization to enter into contract to accept continued funding from the New York State Department of Health (“NYSDOH”), for the Bathing Beach Water Quality Monitoring and Notification Program grant, pursuant to an approved budget, for the contract period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$35,255.

This contract will promote the public health and welfare of County residents by monitoring and assessing the pathogen/bacterial concentration levels in coastal recreational waters.

The goal and objectives of this program are to reduce the risk of waterborne diseases to users of Westchester County recreational waters through strengthened water quality standards for bathing beaches to ensure the safe quality of all impacted public beach water, and to provide better information regarding beach water quality to the public. Objectives are accomplished by conducting an initial pathogen sample test prior to the bathing season, classifying and ranking the sampling frequency for each beach, performing additional water sampling if bacterial concentration exceeds the water quality standard, and notifying the public if necessary.

The program is tracked and monitored by reporting test results weekly to the NYSDOH's Bureau of Community Environmental Health and Food Protection (BCEHFP) and when a beach closure becomes necessary. Twenty-two (22) beaches are routinely sampled and monthly reports are submitted to the BCEHFP.

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

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

/md

Attachment

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health, is authorized to enter into contract to accept continued funding from the New York State Department of Health, for the Bathing Beach Water Quality Monitoring and Notification Program grant, pursuant to an approved budget, for the contract period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$35,255; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

Department of Health
 County of Westchester
 10 County Center Road, 2nd Floor
 White Plains, New York 10607
 February 11, 2013

Agreement #

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	27	622M	9853	T622	\$35,255

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution) 2012-2013 Start Date 10/01/12 End Date 09/30/13

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	
	State Aid	
\$35,255	Federal Aid	100% Federal pass-thru
(must match resolution)	Other	