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Date: December 6, 2016

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Dr. Kunjlata Ashar, M.D.
Medical Examiner/Pathologist

Re: Authority to enter into an Agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Department of Health, to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$49,980 for the Department of Laboratories and Research to participate in a Free Water Testing Pilot Program for the period 11/1/16-3/31/17

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH"), to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$49,980 for the Department to participate in a Free Water Testing Pilot Program for the period 11/1/16-3/31/17, pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement").

NYSDOH is implementing a free water testing pilot program to provide lead in drinking water testing in private homes. This is a critical program which will provide Westchester residents the ability to determine if their drinking water has high levels of lead which can cause severe health issues. The Department will provide lead in drinking water testing for individual homes either on a private well or on a public water supply. Testing will be limited to one pair of samples per dwelling unit (i.e., house or apartment).

NYSDOH will reimburse the Department \$15 to ship each pair of 250 ml sample containers, sampling instructions and return shipping labels; and \$55 for return shipping costs, and the analysis and results for a set of samples, up to an amount not-to-exceed \$49,980, pursuant to an approved budget.

The Agreement will serve a public purpose by ensuring that drinking water in the County is free from lead and safe to drink.

The goals and objectives of this program are to test the drinking water in individual homes to determine whether there are high levels of lead in the water.

The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health and safety because determining whether a particular household's drinking water contains high lead levels will enable the County to take remedial action.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the Department.

As this grant agreement does not constitute a procurement of goods or services, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy are not applicable.

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 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.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS - 01/05/2017 - LISA M. RIZZO, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Pathologist/Medical Examiner, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research (the "Department"), is authorized to enter into an Agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Department of Health, to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$49,980 for the Department to participate in a Free Water Testing Pilot Program for the period 11/1/16-3/31/17, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	31	0010-4100	9708		\$49,980.00

Budget Funding Year(s) Current Start Date 11/1/16 End Date 3/31/17
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid 49,980.00
 \$ 49,980.00 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____