

TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Patsy Yang, DrPH  
Acting Commissioner of Health

DATE: January 8, 2010

RE: Authority – pursuant to Part A of the federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act – to accept funding from the City of New York not to exceed \$6,500,000 and to enter into contracts with various health and supportive care agencies for the provision of HIV-related services for the budget period 3/1/10 – 2/28/11

Contract Period: 3/1/10 – 2/28/11  
Amount: \$6,500,000

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On July 10, 1991, the Board of Legislators authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health, to participate in the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990 on an ongoing basis by entering into intergovernmental agreements with the City of New York and the Counties of Rockland and Putnam.

For purposes of Title I (now “Part A”) of the CARE Act, the federal Health Services & Resources Administration had determined that the City of New York and the Counties of Westchester, Rockland and Putnam together (the “Tri-County region”) comprised an eligible metropolitan area and, therefore, qualify for financial support from the program. Since 1991, the City of New York and the Westchester County Department of Health have entered into contract under the CARE Act – and subsequently, under the present-day reauthorized Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 – to fund HIV-related outpatient health and support services for residents in the Tri-County region through 2/28/14 (the “Agreement”) as authorized on November 26, 2008. The Agreement covers six (6) budget periods each at a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,500,000 for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$39,000,000.

The Department of Health, in accord with the Tri-County Ryan White Part A Steering Committee, now requests authorization to accept funding from the City of New York not-to-exceed \$6,500,000 for the budget period 3/1/10 – 2/28/11, and to enter into contracts for direct service provision for the same period in a total amount not to exceed \$4,334,411 for the individual agency contract budgets listed below. All agencies submitted continued funding applications; three agencies also successfully responded to a request for proposals issued in September 2009 to provide food bank/home-delivered meals (see attachment). All agency budgets are subject to approval.

The Department of Health will retain a not-to-exceed amount of \$650,000 to cover its costs for administering the Ryan White program and to support planning and evaluation activities. Authorization to enter into direct service contracts for the remaining balance of \$1,515,589 will be sought at a later date.

These agency contracts are exempt from Section 3(a)(viii) of the Procurement Policy relating to “contracts for medical or health-related services,” and Section 3(a)(xiv) relating to procurement “for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with not-for-profit organizations for the purposes of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance.”

Public Purpose: The value and importance of the goals and objectives of the services to be provided are in the best interest of the County as these services benefit the public health of the citizens of Westchester. The goals of the Ryan White-funded services are 1) to promote the health of uninsured and underinsured Tri-County residents living with HIV/AIDS thereby minimizing avoidable opportunistic illnesses and costly hospitalizations, and 2) to stem the further spread of the HIV epidemic across the region. The goals will be met through the following three objectives: a) identifying those already infected with HIV through outreach and counseling and testing; b) linking them to primary care and pharmaceuticals to suppress HIV viral load and boost immune function; and c) providing supportive services to help patients maintain medical appointments and treatment regimens. These goals and objectives will continue to be measured via an ongoing quality management initiative that is jointly funded, implemented and monitored by the NYC, NYS and Westchester County Departments of Health.

Were these contracts not funded, the Tri-County region would likely see the proliferation of HIV infection, an increase in HIV-related morbidities, more unreimbursed inpatient stays, and a rise in mortalities.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

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## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from Patsy Yang, DrPH, Acting Commissioner of Health, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health is authorized – pursuant to Part A of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act – to accept funding from the City of New York not-to-exceed \$6,500,000 for the budget period 3/1/10 – 2/28/11 and to enter into contracts for HIV-related services in the Tri-County region for the period 3/1/10 – 2/28/11 in a total amount not to exceed \$4,334,411, pursuant to an approved budget for each agency listed below; 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.

| <u>Agency</u>   | <u>Not to Exceed Amount<br/>Pursuant to Approved<br/>Budget</u> |
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| Family Services of Westchester, Inc.  | \$380,187   |
| Grace Church Community Center, Inc.   | 402,000   |
| Greyston Health Services, Inc.  | 150,000   |
| Hudson River HealthCare, Inc.   | 150,000   |
| Legal Aid Society of Rockland County, Inc.  | 82,000  |
| Legal Services of the Hudson Valley   | 97,598  |
| Mid-Hudson Valley AIDS Task Force, Inc./d.b.a.<br>AIDS Related Community Services | 741,664   |
| Open Door Family Medical Centers, Inc.  | 100,000   |
| Rockland County Department of Health  | 443,860   |
| Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester   | 150,000   |
| St. John's Riverside Hospital   | 174,102   |
| The Mount Vernon Hospital   | 150,000   |
| The Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc.                                 | 200,000   |
| The Sharing Community, Inc.   | 400,000   |
| TOUCH – Together Our Unity Can Heal, Inc.   | 400,000   |
| Urban League of Westchester County, Inc.  | 138,000   |
| Volunteers of America – Greater New York, Inc.                                    | 175,000   |
| <b>Total Contracts</b>  | <b>\$4,334,411</b>  |
| Westchester County Department of Health Administration                            | 650,000   |
| Balance of Funds (approval to be sought at a later date)                          | \$1,515,589   |

County of Westchester  
January 8, 2010

Account to be  
Charged/Credited

| Fund | Dept | Major Program,<br>Program & Phase<br>Or Unit | Object/ Sub-<br>Object | Trust<br>Account | Dollars     |
|------|------|--|------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 263  | 27   | 027K   | 4380                   | T027             | \$4,334,411 |

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2011 Start Date 3/1/10 End Date 2/28/11

Funding Source      Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Federal Aid 100% pass-through  
                                 Other \_\_\_\_\_

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