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DATE: August 25, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, MD
Commissioner of Health

RE: Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the New York State Department of Health to Accept Funding for a new Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Grant Program, for a five year contract period from 10/01/20 through 09/30/25, pursuant to an approved budget, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$488,865

The County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health (“WCDH”), requests authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health (“NYSDOH”) to accept funding for a new Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (“CYSHCN”) grant program, for a five year contract period from 10/01/20 through 09/30/25, pursuant to an approved budget, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$488,865.

The NYSDOH has recently informed the WCDH that it has been selected and awarded non-competitive funding for this new Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (“CYSHCN”) grant program.

This program will promote the public health and general welfare of County residents by providing specialized support to children and young adults with special health care needs to assist them in making successful transitions to all aspects of adult life, as mandated under Article 25, Title II-A of the New York State Public Health Law.

The program’s goals and objectives include, but are not limited to, supporting these children and youth (ages birth to 21) and their families by providing timely and appropriate information and referrals to insurance, health services, and community resources to address their identified needs; engaging medical providers, childcare providers & school systems in the county to develop a relationship, identify resources and unmet needs or challenges and serve as a technical resource; working with school administrators and service providers to improve communication & assist families with the referral process; facilitating families’ and youth’s satisfaction with CYSHCN Program activities by involving them in local planning events, work groups, committees, or advisory committees focused on improving the system of care for CYSHCN.

WCDH will collaborate with the NYSDOH’s Regional Resource Centers to accomplish these goals and objectives. This new CYSHCN program will serve approximately 200 families annually.

These goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by entering each encounter with CYSHCN and their families into the New York State CYSHCN database with all follow-up activities documented, and participating in webinars or professional development to identify unmet needs, gaps and barriers to access health care and related services of CYSHCN and their families.

The agreement will also require the County to indemnify the New York State Department of Health as follows:

“The Contractor shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the Contractor or its subcontractors pursuant to this Master Contract. 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 Master Contract.”

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.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/05/2018 - TAMRIJAN SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Health, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health to accept funding for a new Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs ("CYSHCN") grant program, for a five year contract period from 10/01/20 through 09/30/25, pursuant to an approved budget, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$488,865; and, be it further

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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.

County of Westchester
 10 County Center Road – 2nd Floor
 White Plains, New York 10607

Original Agreement	\$
First Amendment	\$
This Amendment	_____
TOTAL	\$

Agreement #C35753

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	27	069V	9853	T069	\$97,773
	263	27	069W	9853	T069	\$97,773
	263	27	069X	9853	T069	\$97,773
	263	27	069Y	9853	T069	\$97,773
	263	27	069Z	9853	T069	\$97,773

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2020-2025	Start Date	10/01/20	End Date	09/30/25
Funding Source	Tax Dollars				
	State Aid				
\$488,865	Federal Aid	Federal Indirect - pass thru			
(must match resolution)	Other				