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TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

DATE: March 20, 2012

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 3/1/12 – 2/28/13

Contract Period: 3/1/12 – 2/28/13
Amount: \$6,500,000

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 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 entered into contract under the CARE Act – and subsequently under Part A of 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 accordance with the Tri-County Ryan White Part A Steering Committee, now requests authorization to accept funding from the City of New York in the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,500,000 for the budget period 3/1/12 – 2/28/13, and to enter into contracts for direct service provision for the same period in a total amount not to exceed \$4,785,201 for the individual agency contract budgets listed. All agencies submitted continued funding applications with budgets 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 \$1,064,799 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.”

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.

Public Purpose The goals and objectives of these contracts are in the best interest of the County as the services to be provided benefit the public health of the citizens of Westchester. The goals of the Ryan White-funded programs are: 1) to promote the health of uninsured and underinsured Tri-County residents living with HIV/AIDS thereby minimizing avoidable opportunistic illnesses and costly emergency room visits and 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 medications 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 NYS, NYC, and Westchester County Departments of Health.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

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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 – pursuant to Part A of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act – to accept funding from the City of New York in the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,500,000 for the budget period 3/1/12 – 2/28/13 and to enter into contracts for HIV-related services in the Tri-County region for the same period in a total amount not to exceed \$4,785,201, 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.

Agency	Not to Exceed Amount Pursuant to an Approved Budget
Family Services of Westchester, Inc.	\$377,000
Grace Church Community Center, Inc.	437,000
Greyston Health Services, Inc.	162,833
Hudson Valley Community Services, Inc./d.b.a. ARCS	872,750
Hudson River HealthCare, Inc.	154,500
Legal Aid Society of Rockland County, Inc.	84,460
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	100,526
Open Door Family Medical Centers, Inc.	150,000
Rockland County Department of Health	469,860
Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester	154,500
St. John's Riverside Hospital	203,118
The Mount Vernon Hospital	154,500
The Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc.	200,000
The Sharing Community, Inc.	400,000
TOUCH – Together Our Unity Can Heal, Inc.	545,904
Urban League of Westchester County, Inc.	138,000
Volunteers of American - Greater New York, Inc.	180,250
 Total	 4,785,201
 Westchester County Department of Health Administration	 650,000
 Balance of Funds (to be sought at a later date)	 \$1,064,799

County of Westchester
March 20, 2012

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	27	027M	4380	T027	\$4,785,201

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012-2013 Start Date 3/1/12 End Date 2/28/13

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____
\$4,785,201 Federal Aid 100% pass-through
Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 04/19/2012 - JOMAR VIENTA SECRETARY