

**35376**

**DATE:** August 2, 2013

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

**RE:** Authorization to enter into Contract with the New York State Department of Health to accept funding for the Consumer Assistance for the New York State Health Benefit Exchange: In Person Assistors and Navigators Grant Program, as follows:

Contract Term: 8/1/13 – 9/30/18  
Amount: Not-to-Exceed \$2,254,103

The Westchester County Department of Health (“WCDH”) seeks authorization to enter into contract with the New York State Department of Health (“NYSDOH”) to accept funding for the Consumer Assistance for the New York State Health Benefit Exchange: In Person Assistors and Navigators Grant Program (“IPA/Navigators Program”), for a five (5) year and two (2) month contract term of 8/1/13 through 9/30/18, pursuant to an approved budget, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,254,103.

As part of the Federal Affordable Care Act (“ACA”), the Governor of New York created the New York State Health Benefit Exchange (“Exchange”), which is a one-stop marketplace where individuals and small businesses (“potential applicants”) can explore and compare private and public health insurance options, health plans, out of pocket costs, and eligibility for advance premium tax credits and cost sharing assistance. As required by the ACA, the Exchange is required to establish and operate the IPA/Navigators Program and it will replace the NYSDOH Facilitated Enrollment program in which the WCDH currently participates.

The IPA/Navigators Program will promote the public health and general welfare of County residents by providing in-person application assistance to all potential applicants who apply for health insurance through the Exchange.

The goal of the IPA/Navigators Program is to reduce barriers in accessing and applying for health insurance by providing in-person, culturally competent and linguistically appropriate application assistance to all potential applicants in convenient community-based locations where this targeted population may congregate during days, evenings and weekends.

The Program’s objectives will be accomplished by offering information in a fair and impartial matter on the types of health insurance programs available through the Exchange, providing application assistance for private and public health insurance programs and advance premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions and referring consumers to other organizations for help with grievances, complaints or questions regarding health coverage or a determination related to coverage.

The WCDH through the IPA/Navigators Program anticipates submitting on average 300 individual and small business applications on a monthly basis.

The WCDH will monitor compliance with all program deliverables and application productivity will be tracked and monitored through the Exchange web portal.

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.

/dc  
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 08/29/2013 - JOMAR VERA, SECRETARY

# 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 with the New York State Department of Health to accept funding for the Consumer Assistance for the New York State Health Benefit Exchange: In Person Assistors and Navigators Grant Program, for the five (5) year and two (2) month contract term 8/1/13 through 9/30/18, pursuant to an approved budget, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,254,103;

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 White Plains, New York 10607  
 August 2, 2013

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

Agreement #

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	27	517N	9854	T517	\$127,248
	263	27	517N	9853	T517	\$381,743
	263	27	517P	9854	T517	\$109,069.50
	263	27	517P	9853	T517	\$327,208.50
	263	27	517Q	9854	T517	\$109,069.50
	263	27	517Q	9853	T517	\$327,208.50
	263	27	517R	9854	T517	\$109,069.50
	263	27	517R	9853	T517	\$327,208.50
	263	27	517S	9854	T517	\$109,069.50
	263	27	517S	9853	T517	\$327,208.50

  

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2013-2018	Start Date	8/1/13	End Date	9/30/18
Funding Source	Tax Dollars				
	State Aid	25% (NYSDOH) - \$563,526			
<b>\$2,254,103</b>	Federal Aid	75% (pass thru NYSDOH) - \$1,690,577			
(must match resolution)	Other				