

35449

Date: August 2, 2013

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kunjlata Ashar, M.D., Medical Examiner/Pathologist
Department of Labs and Research

Re: Authority to amend a prior Agreement with Health Research, Inc. ("HRI") for the County of Westchester (the "County") to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to provide funding for the Operation of the County's Biodefense Laboratory, for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, in order to extend the end date and increase the dollar amount

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") acting by and through its Department of Labs and Research (the "Department"), to enter into an Amendment of a prior Agreement with Health Research, Inc. ("HRI") for the County to accept an additional grant in a not to exceed amount of \$75,000 to provide funding for the County's operation of its Biodefense Laboratory for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 (the "Amendment").

On August 2, 2012, your Honorable Board approved a Resolution authorizing the County acting by and through the Department to enter into an agreement with HRI for the County to accept a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to provide funding for the County's operation of its Biodefense Laboratory for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. An Agreement was subsequently executed.

The Department and HRI would like to amend the prior Agreement to extend the "Contract End Date" to June 30, 2014 and for the Department to accept an additional \$72,250 in grant funds (with the possibility of an additional \$2,750 to be available during the term of the Agreement) for a total amendment not to exceed amount of \$75,000. The total amount of the Agreement, as amended, shall be a not to exceed amount of \$150,000. All of the remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement would remain the same.

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.

The Amendment will provide funding for the County's participation in the Laboratory Response Network (the "LRN"), which was established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") and constitutes a network of laboratories which develop and conduct tests to prepare for, or respond to, bioterrorism events. Specifically, the Agreement will reimburse the County for supplies and associated costs in connection with the County's operation of its Biodefense Laboratory which is a CDC and New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") designated LRN reference laboratory.

The grant funds were made available by the CDC which first channeled the grant funds through NYSDOH with NYSDOH then subsequently channeling the grant funds through HRI.

HRI is a not-for-profit corporation that is affiliated with NYSDOH and assists NYSDOH to manage and administer grants and funding.

This Amendment's public purpose shall be the promotion of public safety for the benefit of County residents by ensuring the County's rapid response to bioterrorism events.

The Amendment's goals and objectives shall be to provide County residents with rapid response to bioterrorism events.

The Amendment is in the County's best interest regarding public safety as it ensures the continuation and strengthening of same.

The Amendment's goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the Department's Microbiology division which analyzes quality control and actual samples in conjunction with the Department's administrative division which will submit fiscal cost reports to HRI.

Accordingly, I recommend and urge your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed Resolution.

KA/PS/lac

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Labs and Research, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to amend an Agreement executed on or about August 6, 2012 titled HRI Contract Number 1800-11 with Health Research, Inc. ("HRI"), for the County to accept a grant up to the amount of \$75,000 to provide funding for the operation of the County's Biodefense Laboratory, for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; by extending the contract end date to June 30, 2014 and by increasing the grant amount by \$75,000 to a new total of \$ 150,000 and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the aforementioned 2012 Agreement shall remain the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Original Agreement \$ 75,000
This Amendment **\$ 75,000**
Total **\$150,000**

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	31	612N	9853	T612	\$75,000

Budget Funding Year(s) Current Start Date 07/01/13 End Date 06/30/14
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

\$75,000 State Aid \$75,000
 Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution) Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/05/2013 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY