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DATE: November 30, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: Authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health to accept supplemental federal funding for the Local Health Department Support for Flu and COVID-19 Response Grant Program, for the contract period from 06/05/20 through 06/30/21, in the amount not-to-exceed \$131,946, pursuant to an approved budget, and to indemnify the New York State Department of Health as written below

The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), seeks authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") to accept supplemental federal funding for the Local Health Department ("LHD") Support for Flu and COVID-19 Response Grant Program (the "Program"), for the contract period from 06/05/20 through 06/30/21, in the amount not-to-exceed \$131,946, pursuant to an approved budget.

The New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") has sent recent notification that the WCDH will receive this supplemental federal funding for the LHD Support for Flu and COVID-19 Response Grant Program under a new agreement.

This funding is being awarded and available for immediate expenditure to expand and enhance the WCDH's influenza vaccine outreach, promotion of and mass vaccination activities for the 2020-2021 flu season. In addition, enhancing mass vaccination capacity will allow the WCDH to more rapidly ramp-up COVID-19 mass vaccination activities when the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available.

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."

This Program will promote the public health and general welfare of County residents by ensuring that as many County residents as possible receive the flu vaccine which shares many symptoms with the COVID-19 virus.

The overall goals and objectives of this Program are to increase public awareness of the critical importance to be vaccinated for the flu through community provider promotion, thereby mitigating a possible flu pandemic.

This will be accomplished by giving community providers the guidance and assistance needed to improve immunization rates and increase childhood vaccination levels across the county, promoting the use of the statewide vaccine registry (NYSIIS); monitoring and providing education to community providers to ensure compliance with vaccine storage and handling to prevent ineffective and improperly stored vaccines from being administered to county residents, and promoting educational programs and community outreach activities to increase awareness on the benefits of immunization for children and adults.

Compliance with grant deliverables is tracked and monitored through the submission of quarterly grant reports and monitoring through the state immunization registry (NYSIIS).

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

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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 hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health to accept supplemental federal funding for the Local Health Department (“LHD”) Support for Flu and COVID-19 Response Grant Program (the “Program”), for the contract period from 06/05/20 through 06/30/21, in the amount not-to-exceed \$131,946, pursuant to an approved budget; 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 #

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	27	V024	9853	G024	\$131,946

Budget Funding
Year(s)
(must match
resolution)

2020-2021 Start Date 06/05/20 End Date 06/30/21

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____
Federal Aid Federal pass thru NYSDOH
Other _____

\$131,946

(must match
resolution)

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