

**85762**

**DATE:** June 15, 2021

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

**RE:** Authorization to Enter into a Contract Amendment with Health Research, Inc. to receive and administer a Grant for the Enhanced Detection, Surveillance and Prevention of COVID-19 Program, for the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, in order to accept additional funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,757,520, pursuant to an approved budget, for a total revised amount not-to-exceed \$5,069,716, and extend the term from 06/30/22 through 3/31/23

On August 6, 2020, your Honorable Board approved a Resolution (the "August 6, 2020 Resolution"), which authorized the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Health (the "WCDH"), to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc. ("HRI) to accept funding for the Enhanced Detection, Surveillance and Prevention of COVID-19 Program grant, for the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$3,312,196, pursuant to an approved budget. This agreement has been executed.

The County has been informed that HRI will be awarding additional funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,757,520 and that the term will be extended from 06/30/22 through 3/31/23. These funds will allow expansion of the current contract deliverables to enhance efforts for case investigations, contact tracing, enhanced testing, and vaccination activities across communities, schools, childcare programs and other vulnerable populations (e.g., congregate living settings, homeless shelters, etc.)

This Program will promote the public health, safety and general welfare of County residents by expanding the County's response capacity to the COVID-19 pandemic. Part of this funding has been structured to allow New York State, through HRI, to more quickly transfer resources to the WCDH during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to address the constantly changing response parameters as per guidance and directives from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC").

The goals of this Program are to ensure the continued ability of the WCDH to rapidly and effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by conducting rapid and complete case and contact investigations, which are consistent with serious biological public health emergencies. Program objectives will include increasing staffing and resource capacity to further enable the County to enhance its contact tracing program already in place and functioning, enhanced testing and vaccination activities.

Fulfillment of these objectives will ensure enhancement of public health surveillance and real-time reporting of all data, maintenance of relevant laboratory support, development or enhancement of new and changing response plans and protocols, thereby decreasing the time to identify new causes, risk factors and instituting better interventions for all persons affected by COVID-19.

Program tracking and monitoring will be accomplished through daily County COVID-19 briefings, and coordination of response activities with the NYSDOH. All data regarding case and contact investigations will be entered into the NYS CDCMS system. All data regarding testing performed by the County will be reported to the Electronic Clinical Laboratory System ("ECLRS").

Therefore, the WCDH is requesting authorization to enter into a contract amendment with HRI in order to accept additional funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,757,520 for a total revised amount not-to-exceed \$5,069,716 and to extend the term from 06/30/22 through 3/31/23.

Except as otherwise expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged.

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.

Your approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

Attachment

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/01/2020 - USA M/3/23 SECRET

# RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED,** that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), is authorized to enter into a contract amendment with Health Research, Inc. to accept additional funding for the Enhanced Detection, Surveillance and Prevention of COVID-19 Program grant ("ELC COVID-19") in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,757,520, pursuant to an approved budget, for a total revised amount not-to-exceed \$5,069,716, and to extend the term from 06/30/22 through 3/31/23; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** that except as otherwise expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged; 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

Original Agreement	\$3,312,196
First Amendment	\$
Second Amendment	\$
<b>This Amendment</b>	<b>\$1,757,520</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,069,716</b>
Agreement #	

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	27	V021	9853	G021	\$1,757,520
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2022-2023		Start Date	07/01/22	End Date	03/31/23
Funding Source		Tax Dollars				
		State Aid				
<b>\$1,757,520</b>		Federal Aid	100% Federal Pass Thru funds from HRI, NYSDOH			
(must match resolution)		Other				