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DATE: June 28, 2021

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

Re: Authority for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, to accept a grant in the amount of \$3,763,565.00 under the Advancing Health Literacy to Enhance Equitable Community Responses to COVID-19 Grant Award program for the program period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Health (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (the "HHS") to accept a grant in the amount of \$3,763,565.00 under the Advancing Health Literacy to Enhance Equitable Community Responses to COVID-19 Grant Award program. The grant funds will be used by the Department to improve health literacy and thereby reduce racial and ethnic health disparities related to COVID-19 in Westchester County. The term of the agreement will commence on July 1, 2021 and continue through June 30, 2023 (the "Agreement").

The Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing the County with the funds necessary to recruit and train potential health educators to disseminate COVID-19 information in communities in need.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are to design and implement a health promotion program for Westchester residents who reside in one of the 55 census tracts in the upper quartile of the Social Vulnerability Index, which comprise Yonkers, Port Chester, Mount Vernon, Ossining, Tarrytown, and New Rochelle.

This program will be tracked and monitored by the Department by meeting with focus groups from the targeted priority populations, conducting pre and post surveys of participants in the health promotion literacy program to determine the COVID-19 vaccine uptake, and conducting evaluations throughout the program to make quality improvements in the health promotion literacy program.

Since this is a grant agreement and not a contract for the procurement of goods or services, it is not subject to the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

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.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into this Agreement.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 07/15/2021 - LISA MRIJAJ, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Health, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) acting by and through its Department of Health (the “Department”), is authorized to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to accept a grant in the amount of \$3,763,565.00 under the Advancing Health Literacy to Enhance Equitable Community Responses to COVID-19 Grant Award program, to improve health literacy and thereby reduce racial and ethnic health disparities related to COVID-19 in Westchester County (the “Agreement”); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of the Agreement will commence on July 1, 2021 and continue through June 30, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Original Agreement \$ _____
 First Amendment \$ _____
 Second Amendment \$ _____
 This Amendment \$ _____

Agreement # _____

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit</u>	<u>Object/ Sub-Object</u>	<u>Trust Account</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
<u>263</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>W039</u>	<u>9852</u>	<u>G039</u>	<u>\$1,486,175</u>
<u>263</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>X039</u>	<u>9852</u>	<u>G039</u>	<u>\$2,277,390</u>

Budget Funding Year(s)
 (must match resolution) 2021-2023 Start Date 07/01/2021 End Date 06/30/2023

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Tax Dollars</u>	_____
	<u>State Aid</u>	_____
<u>\$3,763,565</u>	<u>Federal Aid</u>	<u>Federal Direct – US Dept of Health & Human Services</u>
<u>(must match resolution)</u>	<u>Other</u>	_____