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DATE: August 16, 2021

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Request for authority for the County of Westchester (“County”) to enter into an agreement (“Agreement”) with Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc., (“Contractor”) pursuant to which the Contractor will provide healthcare services to its uninsured clients, for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$147,938, to be paid upon execution of the Agreement.

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County to enter into an agreement with the Contractor pursuant to which the Contractor will provide healthcare services to its uninsured clients who are in need, for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$147,938, to be paid upon execution of the Agreement.

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Contractor will provide medical services. This Agreement will provide for the payment of outside laboratory costs incurred for uninsured persons. A print out of uninured lab costs billed to the Contractor for laboratory services for uninsured patients will be provided for reimbursement. The Agreement will also allow the Contractor to hire staff to support vaccination clinics, COVID vaccine education in the community or COVID testing. The Contractor will provide the County with a summary of effort and bill for staff time.

The Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing the above described healthcare services to the uninsured clients to ensure healthier communities through accessible, equitable health care in a safe environment.

The goal and objectives of the Agreement are to ensure that the Contractor’s uninsured clients receive the necessary and important laboratory and diagnostic testing to keep them healthy and safe during this pandemic period, are educated on the importance of the COVID vaccine, and to provide a safe environment to receive the vaccine.

This Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Health Department by reviewing lab tests and costs for the Contractor's uninsured patients, and reviewing summary reports of staff efforts and expenses for time expended.

The Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)viii thereof.

It is respectfully requested and recommended that your Honorable Board approve the annexed Resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 08/26/2021 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Health, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is authorized to enter into an Agreement (the "Agreement") with Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc., ("Contractor") pursuant to which the Contractor will provide healthcare services to its uninsured clients, for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$147,938, to be paid upon execution of the Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of the Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoptions(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate the Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

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

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Sub-unit	Object/Sub Object	Dollars
101	52	2508	0010	5100	\$147,938

Budget Funding Year(s): 2021
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 01/01/2021 _____ End Date: 12/31/2021 _____

Funding Source

Tax Dollars 100%

State Aid _____

\$147,938
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid _____

Other -----