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Date: November 15, 2021

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Aleksandar Milovanovic, M.D.
Pathologist/ Deputy Medical Examiner

Re: Request for authority to amend a grant agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Department of Health, accepting a grant in the amount of \$120,000 for the Department of Laboratories and Research to be reimbursed for providing SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 testing for the term 5/18/20 - 5/17/21 in order to increase the grant amount by \$120,000 for a new total grant amount of \$240,000 and to extend the term of the grant agreement through 5/17/22.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research (the "Department"), to amend a grant agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") as administered by Health Research, Inc., dated on or about August 11, 2020 accepting a grant in the amount of \$120,000 for the Department to be reimbursed the costs of providing SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 testing for the period from May 18, 2020 through May 17, 2021 (the "Grant Agreement") in order to extend the term of the agreement through May 17, 2022 and to increase amount of the Grant Agreement by \$120,000 for a total grant amount of \$240,000. All other terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

The NYSDOH awarded the Grant because the Departments' Public Health Laboratory is the only lab in the region that is approved as a Laboratory Response Network ("LRN") Reference laboratory by NYSDOH and the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC"), and is approved to receive LRN assays provided by the CDC. The Department participates in proficiency testing through the LRN as well as the Quality Assurance Program provided by the Wadsworth Center and maintains the capability to accept samples 24/7/365 for laboratory testing

when required during a public health emergency and/or requested by law enforcement. The Department will also provide scientific and technical guidance to their local labs regarding SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 specimen collection, packaging, transport, testing and reporting, and assist with compliance related issues.

The proposed amendment to the Grant Agreement will provide reimbursement to the County for SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 testing and related costs. The Grant funds will enable the Department to cover expenses related to providing necessary testing during the current COVID-19 public health emergency.

The proposed amendment will serve a public purpose by enhancing the quality of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 specimen collection, packaging, transport, testing and reporting during the pandemic.

Entering into the proposed amendment is in best interests of the County because accepting the additional grant funds will increase the SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 testing availability in Westchester County.

The Grant will be tracked and monitored through quarterly progress reports provided to the granting authority.

As this amendment does not constitute a procurement of goods or services, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy are not applicable.

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 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.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

AM/DJ

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITIONS CONTRACT - 11/24/2021 - RAMOND SUDKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Pathologist/Deputy Medical Examiner, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research (the "Department"), is authorized to amend a grant agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Department of Health as administered by Health Research, Inc. to accept a grant in the amount of \$120,000 for the Department to provide SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 testing and related services for the period from May 18, 2020 through May 17, 2021 (the "Grant Agreement") in order to increase amount of the Grant Agreement by \$120,000 for a total grant amount of \$240,000 and to extend the term of the Grant Agreement through May 17, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Original Grant	\$120,000
This Amendment	<u>120,000</u>
TOTAL	\$240,000

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	31	068U	9854	T068	\$120,000

Budget Funding Year(s) Current Start Date 5/18/2020 End Date: 5/17/2022
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$ 120,000
\$ 120,000 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____