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**DATE:** February 11, 2022

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

**RE:** Authorization to enter into a Second Amendment to an Agreement 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 March 31, 2023, in order to accept supplemental funding available for ELC COVID costs incurred retroactive to December 10, 2021, in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000, pursuant to an approved budget, for a total revised amount not-to-exceed \$7,069,716

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 ("ELC") 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 (the "Agreement"). This Agreement has been executed.

On July 1, 2021, your Honorable Board approved a Resolution (the "July 1, 2021 Resolution"), which authorized the County, acting by and through WCDH), to enter into an amendment to the Agreement with HRI to accept additional funding for the ELC Program grant, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,757,520 pursuant to an approved budget and to extend the period from June 30, 2022 to March 31, 2023 (the "First Amendment"). The First Amendment has been executed.

The County was recently informed that HRI will be awarding supplemental funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000. These supplemental funds were announced by Governor Hochul and will be available for spending retroactive to 12/10/21 to cover costs incurred in support of COVID-19 mitigation efforts, such as administering vaccines and boosters and supporting masking in indoor public places.

Accordingly, authority is now sought to authorize the County to enter into a second amendment to the Agreement with HRI in order to accept supplemental funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000 for ELC COVID costs incurred retroactive to 12/10/21, pursuant to an approved budget, for a total revised amount not-to-exceed \$7,069,716.

This ELC Program will promote the public health, safety and general welfare of County residents by supporting all efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the public.

The goals of this ELC Program are to ensure the continued ability of the WCDH to rapidly and effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and future public health emergencies by enhancing and supporting all COVID-19 response efforts.

Program objectives will include enhancing efforts for case investigations, expanding testing and surveillance, supporting and expanding enhanced testing as needed among schools, childcare programs and other vulnerable populations, conducting additional public education/awareness campaigns, among others.

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"). All vaccines administered by the County will be reported to the NYS Immunization Information System (NYSIIS).

Except as otherwise expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement as amended 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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## RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into a second amendment to an Agreement with Health Research, Inc. for the Enhanced Detection, Surveillance and Prevention of COVID-19 ("ELC") Program, in order to accept supplemental funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000 for ELC COVID costs incurred retroactive to 12/10/21 in support of COVID-19 mitigation efforts, pursuant to an approved budget, for a total revised amount not-to-exceed \$7,069,716; and, be it further;

RESOLVED, that except as otherwise expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement as amended 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	\$1,757,520
Second Amendment	\$
<b>This Amendment</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
TOTAL	<u>\$7,069,716</u>

Agreement # 6442-01

Account to be  
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	27	V021	9853	G021	\$2,000,000

Budget Funding Year(s)  
(must match resolution)

2021-2023      Start Date      12/10/21      End Date      03/31/23

Funding Source

Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$2,000,000** Federal Aid      100% Federal Pass Thru funds from  
 \_\_\_\_\_ HRI, NYSDOH  
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 Other \_\_\_\_\_

(must match resolution)

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