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DATE: April 8, 2022

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the New York State Department of Health to Accept Continued Funding for the STD Disease Intervention Services Grant Program, for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026, in the total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$2,450,000, pursuant to an approved budget, and to indemnify the New York State Department of Health as described below

The County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), seeks authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") to accept continued funding for the STD Disease Intervention Services Program Grant ("STD DI"), for a five year period beginning January 1, 2022 and continuing through December 31, 2026, in the total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$2,450,000, pursuant to an approved budget.

It should be noted that back in 2017 the NYSDOH merged the HIV Partner Services Grant program with the STD DI Program.

The public purpose of the STD DI program is to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of Westchester County residents by reducing morbidity and mortality rates from Sexually Transmitted Diseases ("STDs") and HIV through disease intervention, treatment, partner notification, surveillance, and education services which are mandated activities of WCDH.

The goal and objective of STD DI program is to prevent and control the spread of STDs among all Westchester County residents through the implementation of partner services, which includes patient interviews, partner notification, counseling and referral services for STDs and HIV.

The STD DI program is tracked and monitored by using the required information/forms to record the case management and investigations of confirmed STD (Syphilis, Chlamydia, and Gonorrhea) cases which are electronically entered into NYSDOH's Health Information Network (HIN). Completion of partner investigations, evaluation, treatment and final disposition of cases reported are also prepared by WCDH staff and sent on a quarterly basis to the NYSDOH. Program monitoring for HIV includes surveillance activities, data collection, supervisory review, data entry in the NYSDOH electronic HIV Partner Services tracking system, time frames and case closure as directed by the NYSDOH and monthly reviews of all program activities by the WCDH program director.

In addition, the agreement also requires the County to indemnify the New York State Department of Health as follows:

“The Contractor shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the Contractor or its subcontractors pursuant to this Master Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the Master Contract.”

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.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 04/21/2022 - RAYMOND SCUKI, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County") is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health to accept continued funding for the STD Disease Intervention Services Grant Program, for a five year period beginning January 1, 2022 and continuing through December 31, 2026, in the total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$2,450,000, pursuant to an approved budget; and, be it further

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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.

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

Agreement #

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	27	478X	9853	T478	328,300
263	27	478X	9854	T478	161,700
263	27	478Y	9853	T478	328,300
263	27	478Y	9854	T478	161,700
263	27	478Z	9853	T478	328,300
263	27	478Z	9854	T478	161,700
263	27	478A	9853	T478	328,300
263	27	478A	9854	T478	161,700
263	27	478B	9853	T478	328,300
263	27	478B	9854	T478	161,700

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)

2022-2026 Start Date 1/01/22 End Date 12/31/26

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid NYSDOH – 33%
 Federal Aid Pass through NYSDOH – 67%
 Other _____

\$2,450,000

(must match resolution)

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