

**113135**

**DATE:** February 26, 2026

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

**RE:** Authorization to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc. to accept continued funding for the Expanded Partner Services Program Grant, for the period commencing on April 1, 2026 and continuing through March 31, 2027, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$416,383, pursuant to an approved budget.

The County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), seeks authorization to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc. ("HRI") to accept continued funding for the Expanded Partner Services Program Grant ("Program"), for the period commencing on April 1, 2026 and continuing through March 31, 2027, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$416,383, pursuant to an approved budget.

The agreement also requires the County to indemnify Health Research, Inc. and the New York State Department of Health as follows:

"Subrecipient (County) shall indemnify, save, hold harmless and defend HRI and the New York State Department of Health, and their agents, directors, trustee, officers, employees, members, and assigns of each of them (collectively, "Indemnitees") from and against any and all claims, damages, demands, actions, judgments, lawsuits, proceedings, assessments, liabilities, losses, penalties, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses), whether or not subject to litigation (collectively, "Indemnified Claims"), incurred by any Indemnitee in connection with the performance of this Contract, or for any damage or destruction of property, or injury, sickness, disease or death to persons caused by any acts or omissions of Subrecipient or its employees' or agents."

This Program will promote the public health and general welfare of County residents by preventing the spread of HIV by linking HIV infected persons identified as lost to appropriate medical care through surveillance data to appropriate HIV medical treatment. HIV infected individuals that receive appropriate medical care are far less likely to infect others than those not under such care.

The objectives of this Program include locating people infected with HIV who are presumed to be out of care and linking them to HIV/AIDS treatment facilities for medical care, notifying HIV positive patients' partners of their exposure to HIV and offering them HIV testing, risk reduction education and providing information and assistance to medical providers to meet NYSDOH partner notification requirements.

The goals of this Program are to decrease the rate of HIV transmission by increasing the proportion of HIV infected individuals who are aware of their status, and the proportion of infected persons who are linked to prevention partner services, and medical care.

Program monitoring activities includes case and investigation reporting and data entry into and review of case assignments, status and outcomes in the New York State DOH Electronic HIV Monitoring System (NYEHMS). Such activities also include supervisory oversight of all program activities by the WCDH program director to ensure adherence to NYSDOH standards, time frames and case closure.

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 & COMPLIANCE 03/05/2025  
RAYMOND SCULLY, SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Health, is authorized to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc. to accept continued funding for the Expanded Partner Services Program Grant, for the period commencing on April 1, 2026 and continuing through March 31, 2027, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$416,383, pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"); and, be it further;

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the County shall be authorized to defend and indemnify Health Research Inc. and the New York State Department of Health in accordance with the following indemnification language:

"Subrecipient shall indemnify, save, hold harmless and defend HRI and the New York State Department of Health, and their agents, directors, trustee, officers, employees, members, and assigns of each of them (collectively, "Indemnitees") from and against any and all claims, damages, demands, actions, judgments, lawsuits, proceedings, assessments, liabilities, losses, penalties, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses), whether or not subject to litigation (collectively, "Indemnified Claims"), incurred by any Indemnitee in connection with the performance of this Contract, or for any damage or destruction of property, or injury, sickness, disease or death to persons caused by any acts or omissions of Subrecipient or its employees' or agents."; 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.

Agreement # 4716-14

	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	27	B499	9854	T499	\$416,383

Budget Funding Year(s) 2026-27 Start Date 4/1/26 End Date 3/31/27  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	_____
\$416,383	State Aid	<u>NYSDOH</u>
_____	Federal Aid	_____
(must match resolution)	Other	_____

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