



Memorandum
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114237

DATE: August 10, 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 receive funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$170,590, pursuant to an approved budget, to reimburse the County for costs incurred directly associated with supporting individuals subject to public health monitoring following potential Hantavirus exposure, for the period commencing retroactively on June 1, 2026 and continuing through June 22, 2026, and to indemnify and defend Health Research, Inc. and the New York State Department of Health as described below

The County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Health (the "WCDH"), seeks authorization to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc. to receive funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$170,590, pursuant to an approved budget, to reimburse the County for costs incurred directly associated with supporting individuals subject to public health monitoring following potential Hantavirus exposure, for the period commencing retroactively on June 1, 2026 and continuing through June 22, 2026 (the "Agreement").

The County was just informed that HRI will be awarding this funding pursuant to funding awarded to HRI from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC").

This funding will promote the public health, safety and general welfare of County residents by reimbursing the County for costs incurred directly associated with supporting individuals subject to public health monitoring following potential Hantavirus exposure. The County promptly responded to this public health crisis to minimize exposure to the public.

The funding is designed to reimburse the County for costs incurred directly associated with supporting individuals subject to public health monitoring following potential Hantavirus exposure, including:

- Temporary housing and lodging expenses for affected individuals who are unable to remain in their primary residence.
- 24/7 monitoring activities, including ambulance transport, personnel costs, travel, and fuel expenses associated with continuous monitoring and response efforts.
- Twice-daily monitoring activities, including personnel costs, travel, and fuel expenses required to conduct routine health monitoring.
- Wraparound support services, such as meal delivery, essential supplies, and other supportive services necessary to facilitate monitoring and isolation or quarantine activities.
- Additional health-related support services, as allowable, including transportation to medical appointments, access to healthcare services, and other response-related needs.

The above activities and monitoring were crucial to minimize any potential exposure to the public.

Program tracking and monitoring have been accomplished by providing HRI and the NYSDOH with reports of support and monitoring provided.

The Agreement will also require 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 Indemnatee 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.”

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 (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), is authorized to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc. to receive funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$170,590, pursuant to an approved budget, to reimburse the County for expenses incurred directly associated with supporting individuals subject to public health monitoring following potential Hantavirus exposure, for the period commencing retroactively on June 1, 2026 and continuing through June 22, 2026; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to defend and indemnify Health Research, Inc. and the New York State Department of Health according to the following indemnification language contained in the agreement, 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 Indemnatee 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.

Original Agreement	\$170,590
First Amendment	\$
Second Amendment	\$
This Amendment	\$
TOTAL	\$170,590
Agreement #	

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	27	B125	9853	G125	\$170,590

Budget Funding
Year(s)
(must match
resolution)

2026 Start End
Date Date Date
06/01/26 06/22/26

Funding Source

Tax Dollars

State Aid

Federal Aid

\$170,590

100% Federal Pass Thru funds from HRI,
NYSDOH

(must match resolution)

Other