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DATE: March 6, 2026

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

Re: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Children's Health and Research Foundation Inc., for the Maternal & Child Health Partnership Pilot Initiative Program to address and improve Black maternal and child health outcomes and reduce racial health inequities in the County, for the term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2026 in the amount not-to-exceed \$140,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget on a quarterly basis

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Health (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with Children's Health and Research Foundation Inc. ("CHRF"), pursuant to which CHRF will provide the Maternal & Child Health Partnership Pilot Initiative Program ("Pilot Program") to address and improve Black maternal and child health outcomes and reduce racial health inequities in the County, for the term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2026. In consideration for services rendered, the County will pay CHRF an amount not-to-exceed \$140,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget on a quarterly basis (the "Agreement").

Under the terms of the Agreement, CHRF will provide services consisting of technical and administrative support to create to coordinate and implement a home-visiting program for birthing individuals in the prenatal and postpartum periods, collaboration with other community partners among other things.

The proposed Agreement will serve an important public purpose by improving Black maternal and child health outcomes and reducing racial health inequities in Westchester County by addressing these inequities and through capacity building of key community partners.

The goals of the Agreement are to:

- Encourage and promote breastfeeding and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in breastfeeding rates by offering free in-person and virtual Baby Café sessions to pregnant and postpartum individuals, with support from a certified lactation consultant.
- Improve access to evidence-based doula services to improve the prenatal, birth, and postpartum experience and improve birth outcomes.
- Provide support and ongoing training to community doulas.

The objectives of the Agreement are to:

- Host 2 Baby Café sessions per week, reaching 75 participants each week.
- Pair at least 50 pregnant individuals throughout the contract term with community doulas to provide education and support throughout pregnancy, at the birth, and in postpartum period.
- Provide at least once quarterly training and/or support to at least 4 doulas throughout the contract term.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the Department on a quarterly basis through quantitative and qualitative reporting that tracks progress towards goals and objectives above.

The Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy (the “Policy”) pursuant to Section 3(a) viii thereof, which exempts contracts for medical and health related services.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into this Agreement.

SA/dc
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 03/19/2026 - RAYMOND SULLIVAN, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Health, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Health (the "Department"), is authorized to enter into an agreement with Children's Health and Research Foundation Inc. ("CHRF"), pursuant to which CHRF will provide the Maternal & Child Health Partnership Pilot Initiative Program ("Pilot Program") to address and improve Black maternal and child health outcomes and reduce racial health inequities in the County, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in consideration for services rendered, the County shall pay CHRF an amount not-to-exceed \$140,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget, on a quarterly basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County Appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the 'State Budget') proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of the State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or Adoptions(s), to conduct an analysis of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

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

Agreement #

<u>Account to be Charged/Credited</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit</u>	<u>Object/ Sub-Object</u>	<u>Trust Account</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
		101	27	0010-4000	4380	

Budget Funding Year(s)
 (must match resolution) 2026 Start Date 01/01/2026 End Date 12/31/2026

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Tax Dollars</u>	<u>\$140,000</u>
	<u>State Aid</u>	_____
<u>\$140,000</u>	<u>Federal Aid</u>	_____
<u>(must match resolution)</u>	<u>Other</u>	_____

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