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To The Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
407 County Office Building  
Rochester, New York 14614

**Subject:** Acceptance of a Grant from Health Research, Inc. for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program and  
Authorize a Contract with the University of Rochester

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from Health Research, Inc. in the amount of \$1,299,494 for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and authorize a contract with the University of Rochester in an amount not to exceed \$40,608 for continuing development and sustainment of the County's Medical Countermeasure Program for the period of February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 subject to funding.

The purpose of this grant is to assist local health departments to develop emergency-ready public health departments in accordance with the National Preparedness Goals and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Preparedness Goals. Program objectives are: continued COVID-19 response support, enhanced public health emergency preparedness including training, planning, equipment acquisition and response readiness; enhanced point of dispensing clinic readiness to include bioterrorism response (e.g. anthrax); expansion of a volunteer medical reserve corps; enhanced communicable disease planning (e.g. pandemic influenza); and enhanced disease surveillance. An additional \$1,000,000 in restricted New York State Department of Health emergency placeholder funding is included. This funding could be made available in the event an actual public health emergency occurs during the grant period. This will be the twenty-first year the County has received this grant. If the \$1,000,000 in restricted New York State Department of Health emergency placeholder funding is received, this year's funding represents an increase of \$809 from last year.

This contract will support the County's Medical Countermeasure Program. The University of Rochester will provide: support of exercise and drill development and implementation; communication and information management activities; Monroe County Department of Public Health staff and partner training; and completion of other related projects and activities as determined by the Program Manager of the Office of Public Health Preparedness.

A Request for Qualifications was issued for this contract with the University of Rochester selected as the most qualified to perform this service.

**The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$299,494 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, Health Research, Inc. for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
2. Amend the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Public Health by appropriating the sum of \$299,494 into general fund 9300, funds center 5801090000, Public Health Preparedness.

3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to appropriate up to \$1,000,000 in additional restricted New York State Department of Health emergency placeholder funding upon approval by New York State.
4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the University of Rochester, 601 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York 14642, for the continuing development and sustainment of the County's Medical Countermeasure Program in an amount not to exceed \$40,608 for the period of February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 subject to funding.
5. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
6. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by Health Research, Inc. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The University of Rochester is a not-for-profit entity and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



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Monroe County Executive

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