

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 104 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH VARIOUS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, WHICH AGREEMENTS ARE FUNDED WITH MONEYS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY FROM A GRANT BY HEALTH RESEARCH, INC. THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND WHICH MONEYS HAVE BEEN SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED BY THE COUNTY TO FUND GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO ESTABLISH COVID-19 SCREENING AND TESTING PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN IN-PERSON LEARNING, AND TO KEEP SCHOOLS OPERATING SAFELY.

WHEREAS, the County has appropriated \$19,171,026 from a grant program, which is known as the "Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity [ELC] Reopening Schools Program" that is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and received by the County from a grant by Health Research, Inc. through the New York State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the grant authorizes the use of such funds for screening and testing programs to support and maintain in-person learning in public, charter and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to support and maintain in-person learning, and to keep schools operating safely; and

WHEREAS, the County in Ordinance No. 90-2021 supplementally appropriated moneys from the ELC Reopening Schools Program received by the County, among other things, to provide funding for grant agreements with public school districts, charter schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to establish COVID-19 screening and testing programs to support and maintain in-person learning, and to keep schools operating safely; and

WHEREAS, the County's Department of Health has identified a non-exhaustive list of public school districts, charter schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary

schools that would be eligible to enter into such grant agreements with the County and which are listed in Appendix A of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County and its residents to promptly enter into and execute grant agreements authorizing moneys for such purposes and other related purposes so that they can be provided as expeditiously as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into and execute grant agreements with the public school districts, charter schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools listed in Appendix A of this Resolution, and any other qualifying public school districts, charter schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in the County, which will be funded exclusively by moneys received by the County under the ELC Schools Reopening Program and to be spent in compliance with such Program, applicable federal contract provisions, and all other applicable federal law and regulation, and which have been supplementally appropriated in Ordinance No. 90-2021 for the County to enter into agreements for purposes specified in that Ordinance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all such grant agreements shall be for enhanced and/or new services, programs or activities that are related to screening and testing programs to support and maintain in-person learning in public, charter and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to support and maintain in-person learning, and to keep schools operating safely, and shall be subject to such payment terms and conditions, including compliance with all applicable reporting, recordkeeping or other requirements set forth for grant agreements processed through the Boost Nassau Portal, and a separate close-out procedure that will include a reconciliation of the grant funds provided under any such grant agreements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such grant agreements shall not affect County funding that may be provided to such public school districts, charter schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools under existing funding agreements with these entities, if any; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all such grant agreements shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature so that they may be listed at the end of the legislative calendar, as appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to (i) execute any and all grant agreements and other instruments, agreements, ancillary agreements, funding notices, contracts, amendments, and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the receipt and disbursement of such grant funds in accordance with this Resolution; and (ii) suspend any vendor disclosure requirements as necessary in order to expedite the disbursement of such grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., the proposed action under this Resolution has been determined not to have any significant adverse impacts on the environment and no further review is required.

