



## Legislation Text

File #: 23-1393, Version: 1

**Dept./ Agency:** Health and Community Wellness

**Action:** (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing ( ) Amending

**Type of Service:** Acceptance of Grant Funds

**Purpose:** To reimburse the City of Newark for COVID-19 Local Health Department (LHD) related expenses.

**Entity Name:** New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO)

**Entity Address:** P.O. Box 6987, Freehold, New Jersey 07728

**Grant Amount:** \$7,689,927.00

**Funding Source:** New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO)

**Total Project Cost:** \$0.00

**City Contribution:** \$0.00

**Other Funding Source/Amount:** \$0.00

**Contract Period:** October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024

**Contract Basis:** ( ) Bid ( ) State Vendor ( ) Prof. Ser. ( ) EUS

( ) Fair & Open ( ) No Reportable Contributions ( ) RFP ( ) RFQ

( ) Private Sale (X) Grant ( ) Sub-recipient ( ) N/A

**Additional Information:**

Resolution 7R5-b adopted on April 5, 2023, accepted a grant award in the amount of \$3,863,002.00 for the contract period of October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

The NJACCHO will reimburse the LHD during the contract period of October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

The NJACCHO has awarded additional funds, amending the total award to \$7,689,927.00.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark, Department of Health and Community Wellness (“DHCW”) has expended and continues to expend funds to provide Local Health Department (“LHD”) related services during the ongoing COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (“NJACCHO”) has made funds available for LHD to build local public health infrastructure capacity to better prepare and respond to emerging infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, NJACCHO agrees to reimburse DHCW retroactively, from October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, for LHD related expenses and continue such reimbursement until the contract termination of June 30, 2024, in the amount of Seven Million Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Zero Cents (\$7,689,927.00) is reached; and

**WHEREAS**, the DHCW agrees to submit invoices for COVID-19 and LHD to build local public health infrastructure capacity to better prepare and respond to emerging infectious diseases related expenditures, for which the City of Newark seeks reimbursement from NJACCHO; and

**WHEREAS**, NJACCHO agrees to work closely with the DHCW and the New Jersey Department of Health (“NJDOH”) to resolve any payment discrepancies, should they arise, in a timely manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the DHCW accepts funds from NJACCHO as reimbursement for LHD COVID-19 related expenditures and to build local public health infrastructure capacity to better prepare and respond to emerging infectious diseases, at no cost to the City of Newark; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of reimbursement the DHCW agrees to any modifications to this reimbursement program as may be imposed upon NJACCHO, NJDOH; and

**WHEREAS**, the DHCW shall adhere to NJACCHO deadlines for reimbursement submission (s).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

1. The Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designee, the Director of the Department of Health and Community Wellness, are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement and accept reimbursement funds for COVID-19 related expenses and to build local public health infrastructure capacity to better prepare and respond to emerging infectious diseases from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO), whose principal place of business is P.O. Box 6987, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, for the period commencing October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 (“Letter of Agreement”) (a copy of the Letter of Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof).
2. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies this Letter of Agreement from August 3, 2023 to the date of the adoption of this authorizing Resolution.
3. The Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designee, the Director of the Department of Health and Community Wellness, are hereby authorized to accept from NJACCHO an additional amount of Three Million Eight Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$3,826,925.00) thereby increasing the total award to Seven Million Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Zero Cents (\$7,689,927.00). Acceptance of reimbursement funds does not require the expenditure of any municipal funds.
4. The Director of the Department of Health and Community Wellness shall file with the Office of the City Clerk a fully executed copy of the Agreement with NACCHO.

### **STATEMENT**

This Resolution ratifies and authorizes the Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designee, the Director of the Department of Health and Community Wellness, to enter into and execute a Letter of Agreement and accept additional reimbursement funds from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO), located at P.O. Box 6987, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, in the amount of up to Three Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$3,826,925.00), increasing the total award from NJACCHO to **Seven Million**

**Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Zero Cents (\$7,689,927.00)**, for Local Health Department (LHD) expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic and to build local public health infrastructure capacity to better prepare and respond to emerging infectious diseases, for the period commencing on October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, and/or until such time the grants funds have been exhausted. The acceptance of NJACCHO COVID-19 reimbursement funds does not require the expenditure of any municipal funds.