

Health Committee

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Weaver, Gendron, Rogers, Nichols

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date June 10, 2025

Resolution No. G/20

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Resolution G/228/24 authorized the acceptance of a grant award from Health Research, Inc. for a Medical Reserve Corps - State, Territory and Tribal Nations, Representative Organizations for Next Generation ("MRC-STTRONG") in the amount of \$12,100.00 to support the County's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC); and

WHEREAS, The MRC is a board of volunteer nurses and physicians residing in Rensselaer County who use their professional workplace experiences to help ensure public health and safety during an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, Resolution G/144/25 authorized the unexpended portion of the 2024 funds to be rolled into the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health is due to receive the remainder of this grant funding in 2025; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures, and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.4017.44891	\$3,959.00	\$6,600.00	\$10,559.00
.MRC.2024.44891			
Other Health Grants - Medical Reserve Corps			

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.4017.04500	\$3,000.00	\$6,600.00	\$9,600.00
.MRC.2024.04500			
Department of Health - Nursing			
Special Dept. Supplies			

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

June 10, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Type of Legislation: Local Law: _____ G Resolution: _____ P Resolution: _____

Title of Legislation: Amending the 2025 Adopted Rensselaer County Budget

Requested by: Health Department

Sponsor(s): _____

FISCAL IMPACT

1) Projected cost of proposed legislation, if any: \$ 6,600.00 current year
_____ ongoing expenses per year

2) Method of financing – note all that apply (federal funding, state funding, bonding, tax levy, etc.): Federal

a) For federal funding: amount \$ 6,600.00 and length of time federal funding is available _____. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes _____ or No _____

b) For state funding: amount \$ _____ and length of time state funding is available _____. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes _____ or No _____

c) If bonded, state amount of total indebtedness this legislation will create and projected interest cost over the course of borrowing:
Principal \$ _____
Total projected interest costs \$ _____

d) Tax levy impact for current year \$ _____ and ongoing \$ _____

e) Other (please explain) \$ _____

3) Is this expense or program mandated? Yes _____ No _____

4) Length of expense or project (one time only, ongoing, etc.): _____

5) Justification for the appropriation/expenditure requested. Include any revenue this will produce or any expense that will be avoided: _____

The MRC funding is used to train a board of volunteer nurses and physicians residing in Rensselaer County

Department Head

Leonard F. Claus Jr.

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Weaver, Stall, Gendron, Nichols

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 14, 2024

Resolution No. G/228/24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM HEALTH RESEARCH, INC. AND AMENDING THE 2024 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Health Research, Inc. has selected Rensselaer County for a "Medical Reserve Corps - State, Territory and Tribal Nations, Representative Organizations for Next Generation" (MRC-STTRONG) Award in the amount of \$12,100.00 to support Rensselaer County's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) with such award to be expended by May 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The MRC is a board of volunteer nurses and physicians residing in Rensselaer County who utilize their professional workplace experiences to help ensure public health and safety during an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, Qualified members of the MRC will train interested members of the general public through their workplaces at the County's larger employers, through various faith-based organizations and via other civic organizations in a condensed, fast-track form of basic emergency medical training intended to augment and supplement professional, certified first responders to enhance on-scene survivability rates for serious illness or trauma and to increase Rensselaer County's ability to respond to a public health emergency; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures, and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this Resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2024 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.4017.44891	\$ 0.00	\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00
.MRC.2024.44891			
Other Health Grants - Medical Reserve Corps			

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.4017.04500	\$ 0.00	\$12,100.00	\$12,100.00
.MRC.2024.04500			
Department of Health - Nursing			
Special Dept. Supplies			

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above described agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

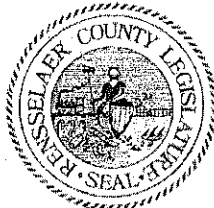
Ayes: 19
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
May 14, 2024

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 5/15/24

Received from County Executive 5/17/24

Jessica L. Chavis
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved Date 5/16/24

Disapproved
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]
County Executive


Rensselaer County Legislature

Clerk's Certification (G)

I, Jessica L. Charette, Clerk of the Rensselaer County Legislature, do hereby CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution(s) enacted by the Rensselaer County Legislature at a legally convened meeting held on the May 14, 2024 and that the same is a true and complete copy thereof. The original final resolution(s) is/are on file in my office, as of the 16th day of May, 2024 at 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush, New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Rensselaer County Legislature of Troy, New York, this 17th day of May, 2024.

Seal


Jessica L. Charette
Clerk of the Legislature
County of Rensselaer
State of New York

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)
Office of Health Emergency Preparedness (OHEP)
MRC-STTRONG
2023-2025 MRC Contract Deliverable Coordination Tool

Introduction:

The MRC State, Territory, and Tribal Nations, Representative Organizations for Next Generation (MRC STTRONG) grant 2023- 2025 contract deliverables:

All MRC deliverable documentation, including guidance documents, can be found on the Health Commerce System (HCS) Secured Collaboration Site. To access, follow the below instructions:

- 1.) Log on to HCS
- 2.) Click Secure Collaboration app (HCS account required)
- 3.) Select NYS MRC Collaboration Site
- 4.) Click on Library
- 5.) Open MRC-STTRONG Deliverables
- 6.) Open the folder for the appropriate Deliverable
- 7.) Add your element of completion.

Unless otherwise stated, all elements of completion are to be submitted as a PDF file using the above process.

Deliverable 1: Background Check Training Course		\$500 (One (1) person per unit)
Description	One staff member from each MRC Unit will attend a sub-regional training course on volunteer background checks. Participants will develop a full understanding of background check requirements, limitations, best practices, and policy memorandum deliverable requirements.	
Provider	NYSDOH Volunteer Program Coordinator	
Delivery of Sessions	In-person	
Target Audience	MRC Unit Leader	
Target Dates	December 1, 2023	
Payment	\$500 per MRC Unit.	
Element of Completion	Sign-in sheet.	
Note	Sign-in sheets/documentation must include the event name, event sponsor, date and time. Participant names must be legible and indicate the MRC Unit's operating name/site (not County or LHD) that they are representing for the MRC Unit to be eligible for payment. Participants cannot request payment for more than one MRC Unit for their participation in this event.	

Deliverable 2: MRC Background Check Policy Memorandum		\$4,000
Description	MRCs will complete a Background check policy memorandum for their unit. Guidance and template(s) will be provided during the background check training course.	
Target Audience	MRC Unit Leader	
Target Date	May 31, 2024	
Payment	\$4,000	

Element of Completion	Submission of Policy Memorandum to the MRC Collaboration site on the Health Commerce System (HCS) Security Collaboration Application using the template(s) provided in the background check training course.
Notes	

Deliverable 3: 2024 MRC Workshop		\$500/(One (1) person per unit)
Description	NYSDOH OHEP will host a two-day workshop for MRC Unit Leaders. The workshop will review MRC program requirements, success stories from the field, and provide guidance and template(s) to enable MRC Unit Leaders to develop MRC Unit Operational Playbooks and Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteer plans or policies. This is a pre-requisite for completion of Deliverables 4 and 5.	
Provider	NYSDOH Volunteer Program Coordinator	
Delivery of Sessions	In-Person	
Target Audience	MRC Unit Leaders	
Location and Dates	A training announcement with date and registration information will be forthcoming.	
Target Date	June 30, 2024	
Payment	\$500 per unit, per day, maximum award \$1,000	
Element of Completion	Sign-in sheet	
Note	Sign-in sheets/documentation must include the event name, event sponsor, date and time. Participant names must be legible and indicate the MRC Unit's operating name/site (not County or LHD) that they are representing for the MRC Unit to be eligible for payment. Participants cannot request payment for more than one MRC Unit for their participation in this event.	

Deliverable 4: Production of a Unit Operational Playbook		\$4,000
Description	Each MRC Unit will produce a Unit Operational Playbook. This playbook is not a Volunteer Management Plan, it is a guidance manual on how to properly prepare, deploy, demobilize and recover from planned and unplanned operations that involve volunteers of the MRC.	
Target Audience	MRC Unit Leaders	
Target Date	May 31, 2025	
Payment	\$4,000 per unit	
Element of Completion	Submission of Unit Operations Playbook to the MRC Collaboration site on the HCS Security Collaboration Application.	
Note	An informational training on the development of a Unit Operational Playbook will take place during the Deliverable 3: 2024 MRC Workshop.	

Deliverable 5: Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteer Plan		\$2,600
Description	Each MRC will develop a Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteer plan. This plan will provide guidance on how the MRC will account for or process Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers before during and after an activation of the MRC.	
Target Audience	MRC Unit Leaders	
Target Date	May 31, 2025	
Payment	\$2,600 per unit	
Element of Completion	Submission of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteer Plan to the MRC Collaboration site on the HCS Security Collaboration Application.	
Note	An informational training on the development of a Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteer Plan will take place during the Deliverable 3: 2024 MRC Workshop.	

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Weaver, Gendron, Rogers, Nichols

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date June 10, 2025

Resolution No. G/24

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE RABIES PROGRAM GRANT - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Resolution G/252/22 authorized the acceptance of a grant award from the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") for the Rabies Program (Contract C36553GG) in the amount of \$63,267.00 for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOH is extending this contract for an additional two-year period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027, thus increasing the total contract amount to \$105,445.00 while keeping the yearly amount consistent at \$21,089.00; and

WHEREAS, This program is essential for reimbursement of human rabies treatments, animal specimens collected, pet vaccination clinics and education and prevention activities regarding rabies in animals; and

WHEREAS, Should the needs of the RCDOH change, the grant budget would be modified as required by the NYSDOH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that the portion of this funding to be received for 2025 will total \$15,817.00 with such amount currently allocated within the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation code A.4017.04711, with the remainder of the award being added to the Rensselaer County Budget in subsequent years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above described grant award, together with any and all documents for such grant award, including any and all no cost extensions of such grant award, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

June 10, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Type of Legislation: Local Law: _____ G Resolution: _____ P Resolution: _____

Title of Legislation: Accepting Grant funding from the New York State Department of Health for the Rabies Program

Requested by: Health Department

Sponsor(s): _____

FISCAL IMPACT

1) Projected cost of proposed legislation, if any: \$ 15,817 current year
\$ 21,089 ongoing expenses per year

2) Method of financing – note all that apply (federal funding, state funding, bonding, tax levy, etc.): State

a) For federal funding: amount \$ _____ and length of time federal funding is available _____. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes _____ or No _____

b) For state funding: amount \$ 42,178 and length of time state funding is available 4/1/25-3/31/27. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes X or No _____

c) If bonded, state amount of total indebtedness this legislation will create and projected interest cost over the course of borrowing:
Principal \$ _____
Total projected interest costs \$ _____

d) Tax levy impact for current year \$ _____ and ongoing \$ _____

e) Other (please explain) \$ _____

3) Is this expense or program mandated? Yes _____ No _____

4) Length of expense or project (one time only, ongoing, etc.): _____

5) Justification for the appropriation/expenditure requested. Include any revenue this will produce or any expense that will be avoided: _____

This program is essential for reimbursement of human rabies treatments, animal specimens collected, pet vaccination clinics and education and prevention activities regarding rabies in animals

Department Head

Leonard F Claus Jr.

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Bendett, Stall, Doran

Referred To: Health

Committee

Date June 14, 2022

Resolution No. G/252/22

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE RABIES PROGRAM GRANT - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") has awarded the Rensselaer County Department of Health ("RCDOH") \$63,267.00 through the Rabies Program Grant ("Program") for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, This Program is essential for reimbursement of human rabies treatments, animal specimen collections, pet vaccination clinics, education and prevention activities regarding rabies in animals; and

WHEREAS, Should the needs of the RCDOH change, the grant budget would be modified as required by the NYSDOH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that the portion of this funding to be received within 2022 will total \$15,817.00, such amount currently allocated within budget appropriation code A.4017.04711, with the remainder of the award to be added into the County budget in subsequent years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above-referenced agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

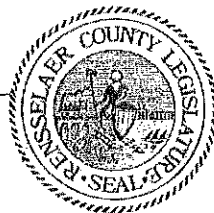
Ayes: 18
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
June 14, 2022

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 6/15/22

Received from County Executive 6/15/22

Jessica P. Chaney
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved Date 6/15/22

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

Alan F. Miller
County Executive


Rensselaer County Legislature

Clerk's Certification (G)

I, Jessica L. Charette, Clerk of the Rensselaer County Legislature, do hereby CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution(s) enacted by the Rensselaer County Legislature at a legally convened meeting held on the 12th day June and that the same is a true and complete copy thereof. The original final resolution(s) is/are on file in my office, as of the 15th day of June, located at 1600 Seventh Avenue, Troy, New York, and became effective on the 15th day of June, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Rensselaer County Legislature of Troy, New York, this 16th day of June, 2022.

Seal


Jessica L. Charette
Clerk of the Legislature
County of Rensselaer
State of New York



Department of Health

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

JAMES V. McDONALD, MD, MPH
Commissioner

JOHANNE E. MORNE, MS
Executive Deputy Commissioner

April 22, 2025

Leonard Claus
Interim Public Health Director
Rensselaer County
Rensselaer County Health Dept.
1600 Seventh Ave.
Troy, NY 12180

Dear Mr. Claus,

I am writing to inform you that Rensselaer County has been awarded a two year extension on your existing Rabies Program Contract. Your contract will be amended to add the 4/1/25 – 3/31/27 periods at the current annual amount. The contract number for your county is C36553GG, which must be used on all documents and communications regarding this contract. Your contract amendment will be executed via the State Financial System.

Your estimated annual grant award for each year of this contract, starting April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2027, will remain \$21,089.00. Your amended five-year total contract value is \$105,445.00. Reimbursement is dependent on the actual number of human rabies treatments, specimens collected, pet vaccination clinics, and education and prevention activities, and cannot exceed the estimated allocation. Supporting documentation must accompany your request for reimbursement.

Final grant awards are contingent on the review and approval of the Office of the State Comptroller.

We look forward to working with you on the successful implementation of the project. If you have any questions, please call Kimberley Seward at (518) 473-4439.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kimberley Seward".

Kimberley Seward
Health Program Administrator I
Bureau of Communicable Disease Control