



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 18-24

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director
DATE: February 22, 2018

**AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
TO PERFORM VARIOUS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES
IN SUPPORT OF HIV/AIDS CARE AND PREVENTION
(APRIL 1, 2018 - MARCH 31, 2019)**

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has demonstrated its commitment to facilitating the availability of services to persons living with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) since the reauthorization by Congress of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act (Treatment Extension Act) in 2009 and its predecessor legislation the Ryan White CARE Act in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) distributes Treatment Extension Act Part B funds to states and territories for the purchase of AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) benefits and other health and social services for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, in Virginia the Federal Recipient of Part B funds -- the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has contracted with NVRC for the past 27 years to receive and subcontract funds for HIV services in Suburban Virginia on behalf of the Northern Virginia HIV Consortium (an unincorporated body); and

WHEREAS, HRSA is now encouraging states to move away from funding HIV services via the regional consortia model, and as such VDH has chosen to end NVRC's administrative agent role on Part B at the conclusion of the current contract period on March 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, VDH senior staff has met with NVRC staff to discuss a continuing work relationship between our agencies that leverages NVRC staff's years of experience and expertise on Ryan White HIV/AIDS issues; and

WHEREAS, the types of new tasks identified for NVRC staff that would be performed under contract to VDH are consistent with NVRCs' role and mission, including: training and technical assistance, research, program development, and neutral convener; and

WHEREAS, VDH staff has indicated the source of funding for such work would include drug rebates earned as a result of Ryan White Part B activities, as well as other funds (e.g. CDC prevention awards); and

WHEREAS, VDH staff has received and is currently reviewing a budget and work plan prepared by NVRC staff that articulates a variety of proposed projects and their estimated costs (roughly equivalent to the current Part B award) that embrace these proposed new staff roles;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NVRC authorizes the Executive Director to execute such agreements and amendments with VDH as may be necessary to accomplish the new role of HIV/AIDS technical assistance for the 2018-2019 grant year;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to amend the Commission's Work Plan accordingly.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on February 22, 2018.


ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER