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Department of Social Services

Kevin McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: January 5, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin McGuire, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to enter into a Grant Agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging to receive funding in an amount not to exceed \$180,686 for the expansion and continuation of a Point of Entry Long Term Care Services System for Westchester County residents for the period from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to enter into a Grant Agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging to receive funding in an amount not to exceed \$180,686 for the expansion and continuation of a Point of Entry Long Term Care Services System for Westchester County residents for the period from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

New York State, through the NYS Office for the Aging, awarded a new grant to the Department of Social Services to continue to expand the Long Term Care Point of Entry Program already in existence. This expansion will continue to include the following: 1) compilation and updating of the existing data base with additional Long Term Care (LTC) information for NY Connects (a local program that provides easy access to information and assistance for people who are exploring long term care options or who are already receiving a long term care service but would like more information) by reaching out to LTC organizations; 2) integrating NY Connects standards with Senior Programs and Services data base; 3) using translators and Language Line TTY (hearing impaired) and developing/implementing marketing and community education and modifying current data collection systems as necessary. The program will continue to evaluate the visibility, effectiveness, community involvement and overall impact of NY Connects on the local long term care system. There has been a delay in submitting this resolution due to matters related to funding from the state.

The proposed Agreement will serve a **public purpose** by furnishing the County with sufficient funds to maintain and continue to improve the Point of Entry Long Term Care Services system which provides centralized information and a referral hotline for Westchester County residents who require access to long-term care services.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed agreement are to complete the process of receiving the award from the State which will in turn be utilized to provide a resource to the residents of Westchester County who are seeking assistance in the area of long term care. The program to be administered using the funds will assist in providing an accurate, thorough and up-to-date database.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health** because the program to be administered using the funds from the State will provide access to specialized information and assistance to Westchester County residents who are searching for long term care resources. Analyses of questions coming into the hotline provide insight into the issues and needs of Westchester County residents that will assist the policy makers, government offices and other service providers in making informed decisions.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interests in terms of fiscal responsibility** because the agreement is for receiving a state subsidized grant which will cover the program expenses. Also, County employees who put in hours on the project charge the grant for that part of their regular salaries and fringe which results in a savings for the County in tax levy cost.

The **goals and objectives of the grant agreement will be monitored by the State** in accordance with the terms and conditions of said agreement while the administration of the program using the grant money will be monitored by the Department through a quarterly report submitted to the State and the County where performance is measured through the milestones achieved.

The **Department is able to report** that from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, 8,000 people contacted the hotline and received specialized information, referrals and access to long term care resources. This is a very useful and well established program that provides the public with an effective resource that is so invaluable in terms of long term care assistance.

This agreement is exempt from the application of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) (iii) thereof.

I respectfully request approval of the attached Resolution.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging to receive funding in an amount not to exceed \$180,686 for the expansion and continuation of a Point of Entry Long Term Care Services System for Westchester County residents for the period from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute the above Agreement on behalf of the County of Westchester.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	816K	9854	T816	\$180,686

Budget Funding Year(s): 2010 (Grant Year) Start Date 10/01/10 End Date 09/30/11

(Must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$180,686
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: _____
State Aid 100%
Federal Aid: _____
Other: _____

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