

**ID# 20427**

DATE: July 08, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Mae Carpenter, Commissioner  
Department of Senior Programs and Services

RE: Authority to enter into an Agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,499,067.00 to provide services under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program for the program period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

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The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Senior Programs and Services (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging ("NYOSFA") to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,499,067.00 to provide funding for the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program ("EISEP") for the program period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

Of the \$2,499,067.00 in grant funds, \$1,947,673.00 will be used to provide subcontracted homemaker, housekeeper, respite care, case management and personal emergency response system services to frail, homebound seniors under EISEP. The balance of \$551,394.00 will be used directly by the Department to provide case management services, service management and area agency administration.

The proposed agreement serves a public purpose by providing services that enable seniors to remain at home, as most seniors would prefer, thereby preventing premature institutionalization, which would come at greater expense and in a less-desirable environment.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are to help seniors remain in their homes in the community through the provision of quality home care services, emergency response systems, sitter companions and social model day care programs to provide relief and respite to their caregiver(s).

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of health. The services to be provided with the grant funds will offer improved health and quality of life for the frail elderly and their caregivers by easing their burden through the provision of homemaker and housekeeper services, emergency response services and providing respite care through sitter companions and social model day care programs. The proposed agreement is also in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as it will supply New York

State (the "State") funds for services to be provided to County residents, at less cost to the County.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by case managers through bi-monthly calls to seniors and their caregivers as to the quality of the services they are receiving and their satisfaction with the services. In addition, staff monitors and reviews case managers' client case records and records of service at the agencies providing these services, using forms approved by NYSOFA. Review of the program is done annually by a County monitor, as well as a monitor from NYSOFA.

For the previous fiscal year, 209 seniors received a personal emergency response system and 95,004 hours of homemaker and housekeeping services. There were 56 families that benefited from 7,664 hours of respite services through the In Home Sitter Companion program. There were also 28 seniors that attended a Social Model Adult Day Care Program that provided their caregivers with 10,999 hours of respite.

It should be noted that the proposed grant agreement does not constitute a procurement. As such, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

Accordingly, I recommend adoption of the proposed annexed resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/18/2017 PRIMARY VERIFICATION

## RESOLUTION

UPON COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, BE IT HEREBY:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging, to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,499,067.00 to provide case management, in-home homemaker, housekeeper, respite, and personal emergency response system services to frail, homebound elderly who reside in Westchester County under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program, for the program period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

This Agreement      \$2,499,067.00  
 TOTAL                \$2,499,067.00  
 Agreement #

Account to be  
 Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	85	048L	9854	T048	\$2,499,067.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011-2012 Start Date 4/1/11 End Date 3/31/12  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_

State Aid \$2,499,067.00

\$2,499,067.00

Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

(must match resolution)

Other \_\_\_\_\_