

**27949**

**DATE:** July 05, 2012

**TO:** Board of Acquisition & Contract

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

**RE:** Authority to:

- a) Enter into an Agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Office for the Aging to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,991.00 in State grant funds to be used to provide various social and recreational services to seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative for the program period April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.
- b) Enter into an agreement with the Westchester Public Private Partnership for Aging Services to provide social and recreational services to seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative Program in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,991.00 pursuant to an approved budget for the program period April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.

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The County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Senior Programs & Services (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Office for the Aging ("NYSOFA") to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$20,991.00 in State grant funds to be used to provide various contracted social and recreational services to seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative ("CSI") Program for the program period April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.

In addition, the County, acting by and through the Department, also seeks authority to enter into an agreement with the Westchester Public Private Partnership for Aging Services ("WPPP") for the purpose of providing the aforementioned social and recreational services to seniors for a total amount not-to-exceed \$20,991.00 pursuant to an approved budget for the program period from April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. In addition, WPPP will contribute matching funds to the program in the amount of \$6,997.00. The services to be provided by WPPP using the aforementioned grant funds will include the "Seniors on the Move", the annual "Westchester Senior Talent Show," and Senior Law Day. The County, at its sole option, may renew the Agreement with WPPP for up to four (4) additional one (1) year terms, subject to the prior approval of your Honorable Board.

The proposed agreements will serve a public purpose by providing social and recreational services to seniors in congregate settings and within their communities, thus preserving the wellness and health of seniors, and delaying the future need for more intensive health-related services.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreements are to provide seniors with enrichment programs such as music, dance and entertainment, which are held in various locations around the county, such as nursing homes and senior apartment buildings. Funding for the CSI helps to reduce seniors' isolation and provide physical exercise for those seniors that participate in the variety show through weekly practice. At the end of the rehearsal period, the performers are taken around Westchester County to perform for audiences that don't have many opportunities to attend performances. Nursing homes, schools, senior centers and senior clubs are the principal performing venues.

Similarly, the Senior Talent Show is presented annually for 'seasoned' professional performers to perform for a large audience. For some of these retired performers, it is the biggest audience that they will have for the whole year. The audience, of course, gets to enjoy some fine performances, and attendees clearly look forward to the return of some of their annual favorite performers.

In addition, the CSI contract will provide Senior Law Day legal awareness educational forums and seminars. The goal of Senior Law Day seminars is to educate seniors about legal rights, estate planning and to prevent fraud and scams. The Senior Law Day seminars and forums will be held at convenient community-based locations around the county.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreements are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health as follows: Seniors that participate in the Talent Show as singers and instrumentalists benefit from mental stimulation, physical exercise, and social interaction. The audiences benefit from mental stimulation, musical enjoyment, and increased psychological well-being.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement with WPPP will be tracked and monitored by reviewing attendance figures at various events.

The Agreement with NYSOFA does not constitute a procurement and is therefore not subject to the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy. The agreement with WPPP is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3 (a) (xix) thereof.

I certify that my department, a.) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b.) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c.) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d.) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend adoption of the attached proposed resolution.

## RESOLUTION

UPON COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Office for the Aging to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed of \$20,991.00 in State grant funds to pay for various operational costs associated with providing social and recreational programs to Westchester seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative ("CSI") Program for the program period April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter an agreement with the Westchester Public Private Partnership for Aging Services ("WPPP") to provide various subcontracted social and recreational services to seniors under the CSI Program for a total amount not-to-exceed \$20,991.00 pursuant to an approved budget, with WPPP contributing an additional \$6,997.000 in matching funds for the program period April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the County, at its sole option, may renew the agreement with WPPP for up to four (4) additional one (1) year terms, subject to the prior approval of your Honorable Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Agreement with WPPP is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Agreement with WPPP is also subject to the further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate the Agreement with WPPP, or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved therein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to WPPP, then WPPP shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; 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.

Original Agreement: \$20,991.00  
 Total: \$20,991.00

Account to be  
 Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	85	047M	4380	T047	\$20,991
263	85	047M	2354	T047	\$20,991

Budget Funding Year(s) **12/13** Start Date **4/1/12** End Date **3/31/13**  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid **\$20,991**  
**\$20,991** Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 08/02/2012 - JOMAR VIEIRA, SECRETARY