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DATE: July 9, 2014

TO: Board of Acquisition & Contract

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

RE: Authority 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 \$20,806 in State funds to be used to provide various social and recreational services to seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative for the program period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.

The County of Westchester, (the "County") 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 NYSOFA to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$20,806 in State 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, 2014 through March 31, 2015 (the "Agreement").

Of the \$20,806 in State funds, \$15,000 will be allocated to the Westchester Public Private Partnership pursuant to a short-form agreement which does not require approval of your Honorable Board. The remaining \$5,806 in funds will be allocated to the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation ("DPRC") pursuant to an Inter-departmental Cooperative Memorandum between the Department and DPRC. Since the DPRC is an entity of the County, the Inter-departmental Cooperative Memorandum does not require the approval of your Honorable Board.

The proposed Agreement 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 Agreement 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.

Programs funded through the CSI include a Senior variety show in which the performers are taken around Westchester County to perform for audiences that don't have many opportunities to attend performances, such as nursing homes, schools, senior centers and senior clubs; a Senior Talent Show which is presented annually for 'seasoned' professional performers to perform for a large audience; and Senior Law Day legal awareness educational forums and seminars. The goal of Senior Law Day forums and 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 Agreement 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 will be tracked and monitored by reviewing attendance figures at various events.

The Agreement with NYSOFA does not constitute a procurement and as such is not subject to the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

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.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & COMPLIANCE 08/14/2014 - JUMARY W. P. SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the 'County') 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 \$20,806 in State funds to be used to provide various contracted social and recreational programs to Westchester seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative ("CSI") Program for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, 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.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	85	047P	4380	T047	\$20,806
263	85	047P	9854	T047	\$20,806

Budget Funding Year(s) 2014 - 2015 Start Date 4/1/14 End Date 3/31/15
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid \$20,806

\$20,806 Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution) Other _____