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DATE: September 9, 2014

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 ("NYSOFA") to accept a grant in the sum of \$303,429 under the NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care Service Program ("NY Connects") to provide comprehensive information about long term care options and services for individuals of all ages with long term care needs for a term commencing October 1, 2014 and continuing through September 30, 2015.

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The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to enter into an agreement with NYOSFA to accept a grant in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$303,429, comprised of an initial awarded amount of \$168,267 and an additional awarded amount of \$135,162, to provide funding for the NY Connects program for a term commencing October 1, 2014 and continuing through September 30, 2015. It should be noted that NYSOFA has requested separate budgets for the two funding amounts; hence the distinction of funds.

NY Connects is a State program that is implemented on the county level to improve access to long term care services through coordinated information and assistance. It minimizes confusion, supports informed decision-making and enhances consumer choice. It connects consumers of all ages needing long term care to the necessary services and supports regardless of available payment source, be it private pay, public or a combination of both. Of the \$168,267 in initial awarded funds, \$19,973 will be used for an inter-departmental agreement among the Department, the Westchester County Department of Social Services and the Westchester County Office for the Disabled. Furthermore, of the \$135,162 in additional awarded funds, \$15,849 will also be used for an inter-departmental agreement among the aforementioned County entities. The remaining \$267,609 of combined funding will be used by the Department to provide direct services, and area agency administration.

The proposed agreement serves a public purpose by providing supportive services to help maintain Westchester County seniors in the community and avoid premature institutionalization

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the best interest of Westchester County in terms of fiscal responsibility because enabling seniors to stay in their homes and communities as long as possible rather than being placed in nursing homes, will save taxpayer dollars.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by Department staff through monthly program reports and site visits on an on-going basis .

The grant agreement with NYSOFA does not constitute a procurement and as such, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

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 recommend adoption of the proposed annexed resolution.

MC/SJ/

Att.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 10/09/2014 JOMAR VIEIRA, SECRETARY

## 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 an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$303,429, comprised of \$168,267 in initial awarded funds and \$135,162 in additional awarded funds, to provide funding for the NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care Service program, for a term commencing October 1, 2014 and continuing through September 30, 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.

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Account to be Credited	263	85	079P	9854	T079	\$303,429.00
Charged	263	85	079P	various	T079	\$303,429.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2014-2015 Start Date 10/01/14 End Date 9/30/15  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$303,429.00

(must match resolution)

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

State Aid \$303,429.00

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

Other \_\_\_\_\_