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DATE: January 20, 2015

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, Executive Department, Office for the Aging to accept a grant in the sum of \$1,168,346 to provide various support services for the Elderly under the Title IIIB Programs of the Older Americans Act for the program period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

The County of Westchester, 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 State of New York, Executive Department, Office for the Aging to accept a grant in the sum of \$1,168,346 to provide various support services for the elderly under Title IIIB of the Older Americans Act, for the program period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Of the \$1,168,346 in Title IIIB funds, \$714,266 will be used to provide various support services for the elderly for the program period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. The balance of \$454,080 in funds will be used directly by the Department to provide direct services, service management and area agency administration.

This Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing supportive services to help maintain Westchester County seniors in the community and avoid premature institutionalization. Services to be provided may include, among others: information and assistance, transportation services, community based services such as legal services, victims assistance, enrichment programs and community based homemaker and housekeeper services.

The goals and objectives of the programs are to continue to allow Westchester's seniors to stay/live in their homes/communities and avoid placement in institutions. The supportive services detailed above will assist in attaining this goal/objective by providing community maintenance for Westchester's seniors.

The goals and objectives 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 taxpayers money.

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

Because this agreement to accept grant funds is not a procurement, the Westchester County Procurement Policy does 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 most respectfully recommend adoption of the attached proposed resolution.

MC/SJ

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 State of New York, Executive Department, Office for the Aging, to accept a grant in the sum of \$1,168,346 to provide funding for various support services to the elderly under Title IIIB of the Older Americans Act, for the program period January 1, 2015 through December 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.

			Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Account to be credited	Fund	Dept.				
	263	85	686Q	9853	T686	\$1,168,346
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	<u>2015</u>		Start Date	<u>1/1/15</u>	End Date	<u>12/31/15</u>
Funding Source		Tax Dollars	\$ _____			
		State Aid	\$ _____			
<u>\$1,168,346</u> (must match resolution)		Federal Aid	<u>\$1,168,346</u>			
		Other	_____			