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DATE: August 28, 2017

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: Request for authority to enter into an Agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept a grant for an amount not to exceed \$5,100 in state funds to provide services for all adults aged 60 and older under the Aging Master Program, for the program period commencing on April 1, 2017 continuing through October 31, 2017.

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 for an amount not to exceed \$5,100 in state funds to provide services for all adults aged 60 and older under the Aging Mastery Program ("AMP"), for the program period commencing on April 1, 2017 and continuing through October 31, 2017.

The entire funding will be used by the Department to obtain the program license and supplies to deliver a series of 10 classes to participants in the Aging Mastery Program.

The AMP encourages aging mastery for participants: developing sustainable behaviors across many dimensions that lead to improved health, stronger economic security, enhanced well-being, and increased societal participation.

The proposed agreement will serve a public purpose by helping older adults navigate aging by providing the 10 classes with a focus across three areas: life enrichment, physical health and financial health.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are to obtain a one-time license and supplies to offer the classes to older adults in the County and to follow the 10 class curriculum developed by the National Council on Aging as a means of getting participants to take actions to improve and live their best lives. This program has been

piloted nationally; this is now an opportunity for the County to offer it to older adult residents.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility as these one-time funds will allow the Department to obtain a license to deliver this program and to offer it free of charge to the first group of participants (expected to number approx. 25 older adults).

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are also in the best interests of the County in terms of public health because they empower older adult participants to take action to improve their health and to make the most of their longevity, thereby, potentially reducing the need for institutionalization.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department of Senior Programs and Services.

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.

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.

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 (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging ("NYSOFA"), to accept a grant for an amount not to exceed \$5,100 in state funds to provide services for all adults aged 60 and older in the County under the National Council on Aging's Aging Master Program ("AMP"), for the program period commencing on April 1, 2017 and continuing through October 31, 2017; 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 |
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| 263 | 85 | 906S | 3600 | T906 | \$2,350 |
| 263 | 85 | 906S | 3070 | T906 | \$2,750 |

Budget Funding Year(s) 2017 Start Date 4/1/17 End Date 10/31/17
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$0
 State Aid \$5,100
 Federal Aid \$0

\$5,100
 (must match resolution)