

DATE: March 31, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition & 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 to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,013,704.00 to provide services under the Community Services for the Elderly Act Program for the program period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.

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 ("NYSOFA") to accept a grant in the sum of \$1,013,704.00 to provide funding for the Community Services for the Elderly Act ("CSE") Program (the "Program"), for the program period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 (the "Agreement").

Of the \$1,013,704.00 in CSE funds, \$213,007.00 will be used to provide various services for the elderly for the Program period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. The balance of \$800,697.00 in funds will be used directly by the Department in accordance with the Program to provide direct services, service management, case management, case planning and area agency administration.

The Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing funds needed to provide information and supportive services to help needy seniors remain in their homes and communities thus delaying institutionalization and thereby saving on Medicaid costs to the County, State and Federal governments.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are to provide families and seniors throughout Westchester County with information and assistance services, classes and elderly care-management services.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are in the County's best interests in terms of fiscal responsibility and public health and safety, as these services promote enabling seniors to remain safely in their homes and communities and to maintain a cost-effective lifestyle. The CSE programs aim to reduce or delay nursing home institutionalization, thereby reducing Medicaid costs for the County, State and Federal governments and improving the general well-being of the County's elderly.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement will be tracked, monitored and evaluated through monthly reporting activities and annual on-site reviews to determine if the contract performance goals and objectives are being met in a fiscally responsible and appropriately safe fashion. Annually, the New York State Office for the Aging shall monitor and evaluate if the Department is meeting its requirements to conduct proper oversight. Additionally, client satisfaction is

monitored through the use of surveys and in-case management services, whereby the client shall receive a bimonthly call inquiring as to satisfaction with the services.

In the previous fiscal year, over 695 seniors received assistance regarding housing and reverse equity mortgage. There were approximately 3,204 units of information provided to Westchester County seniors. During the previous fiscal year, 707 seniors received 3,879 hours of case management services providing them with access to appropriate services, benefits and entitlements.

If this resolution were not approved, the consequences would be serious:

- More public funding would be required to maintain the elderly in nursing home institutions, as it is more expensive to institutionalize the elderly rather than allow them to be safely maintained in their own homes and communities;
- The safety, security, health, and quality of life of the elderly residents of Westchester County would be compromised, as it is much more beneficial to them to stay in their homes and communities through the provision of community support services, and thereby reduce/delay institutionalization.

Accordingly, I recommend adoption of the proposed resolution.

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RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER, 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 the amount of \$1,013,704.00 to provide services under the Community Services for the Elderly Act ("CSE") Program for the program period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011; 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.

This Agreement \$1,013,704.00
 TOTAL \$1,013,704.00
 Agreement #

Account to be
 Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Credited	263	85	047K	9854	T047	\$1,013,704

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2011 Start Date 4/1/10 End Date 3/31/11
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$1,013,704
\$1,013,704 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____

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