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DATE: September 20, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition & Contract

FROM: Mae Carpenter, Acting 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 to accept a matching grant in the amount of \$58,726.00, comprised of \$42,207 in State grant funds and \$16,519.00 in County tax dollars, to be used to provide various social and recreational services to seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative for the program period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011

The County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Senior Programs & Services (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Board to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Office for the Aging ("NYSOFA") to accept a matching grant in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$58,726.00, comprised of \$42,207 in State grant funds and \$16,519.00 in County tax dollars, to be used to provide various social and recreational services to seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative ("CSI") Program for the program period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Services provided using the aforementioned grant funds will include the Westchester Senior Orchestra, Chorale and Chamber Singers, as well as the annual Westchester Senior Talent Show. All of the grant allocation will be retained by the Department to cover personnel, maintenance and operations costs associated with CSI.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing social and recreational services to seniors in congregate settings with the objective of preserving their wellness and health, thus delaying the future need for more intensive health-related services.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are multi-faceted. For example, those seniors who participate in the Senior Orchestra, Chorale and Chamber Singers are continually pushed, during the rehearsal period, to maintain the performing skills of their youth, and to achieve new skills, from learning new music, learning how to sing accurately in harmony, music-reading skills, etc. At the end of the rehearsal period, typically three months long, the seniors perform throughout Westchester County for audiences who have limited opportunities to attend performances. Nursing homes, schools, senior centers and senior clubs are the principal performing venues. Similarly, the Senior Talent Show is presented annually at the Westchester County Center, and is a venue for 'seasoned' professional performers to perform for a large audience. For some of these retired performers, it is the biggest audience that they will have for the whole year. The audience, of course, gets to enjoy some fine performances, and attendees clearly look forward to the return of some of their favorite annual performers.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the best interest of the County, with respect to public health as follows: the 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 is exempt from application of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (iii) thereof.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend adoption of the attached proposed resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12-2-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester 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 matching grant in the sum of \$58,726.00, comprised of \$42,207 in State grant funds and \$16,519.00 in County tax dollars, to pay for various operational costs associated with providing social and recreational programs to Westchester seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative 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.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	85	047K	Various	T047	\$58,726.00
263	85	047K	9854	T047	\$42,207.00
101	24	N/A	4957	N/A	\$16,519.00

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

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$16,519.00

State Aid \$42,207.00

\$ 58,726.00 Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution) Other _____