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DATE: March 16, 2011

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 Executive Department Office for the Aging to accept a grant in the sum of \$1,348,629.00 to provide various support services for the Elderly under the Title IIIB Programs of the Older Americans Act for the program period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

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 New York State Executive Department Office for the Aging to accept a grant in the sum of \$1,348,629.00 to operate various support services for the elderly under Title IIIB of the Older Americans Act, for the program period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Of the \$1,348,629.00 in Title IIIB funds, \$1,021,380.00 will be used to provide various support services for the elderly for the program period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The balance of \$327,249.00 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, case management, and transportation services; community based services such as legal services, housing 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 services noted above assist with this goal/objective with 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.

This agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)iii, thereof.

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

RESOLUTION

UPON COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE 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 Executive Department Office for the Aging, to accept a grant in the sum of \$1,348,629.00 to provide funding for various support services to the elderly under Title IIIB of the Older Americans Act, for the program period January 1, 2011 through December 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.

			Major Program, Program & Phase Or			
Account to be credited	Fund	Dept.	Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	85	686L	9853	T686	1,348,629

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2011	Start Date	1/1/11	End Date	12/31/11
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Funding Source	Tax Dollars	\$	
	State Aid	\$	
\$1,348,629 (must match resolution)	Federal	\$	1,348,629
	Other		