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DATE: March 23, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and 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 (NYSOFA) to accept a grant in the sum of \$168,268.00 under the NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care Service Program (NY Connects) to provide comprehensive information about long term care options and services for individuals of all ages with long term care needs for a term commencing retroactive to October 1, 2011 and continuing through September 30, 2012

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 in the amount of \$168,268.00 to provide funding for the NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care Service program for Westchester County for a term commencing retroactive to October 1, 2011 and continuing through September 30, 2012.

NY Connects is a state program that is implemented on the county level to improve access to long term care services through coordinated Information and Assistance. It minimizes confusion, supports informed decision-making and enhances consumer choice. It connects consumers of all ages needing long term care to the necessary services and supports regardless of available payment source; be it private pay, public or a combination of both. Of the \$168,268 in NY Connects funds, \$19,973 will be used for inter-departmental agreements between the Westchester County Department of Social Services and the Westchester County Office for the Disabled. The remaining funds will be used by the Department to provide direct services, and area agency administration.

The proposed agreement serves a public purpose by providing supportive services to help maintain Westchester County seniors in the community and avoid premature institutionalization.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement 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 taxpayer dollars.

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

The grant agreement with NYSOFA does not constitute a procurement and 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.

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Att.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION - COUNTY CLERK, SECRETARY

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 New York State Office for the Aging to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$168,268.00 to provide funding for the NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care Service Program to provide comprehensive information about long term care options and services for individuals of all ages with long term care needs, for a term commencing retroactive to October 1, 2011 and continuing through September 30, 2012; 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.

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Account to be						
Credited	263	85	079L	9854	T079	\$168,268.00
Charged	263	85	079L	various	T079	\$168,268.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011-2012 Start Date 10/01/11 End Date 9/30/12
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	
	State Aid	<u>\$168,268.00</u>
<u>\$168,268.00</u>	Federal Aid	_____
(must match resolution)	Other	_____