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DATE: July 8, 2013

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: Authority to enter into Agreements with the agencies listed in the attached Schedule "A" to provide Family Caregiver Support Services under Title III-E of the Older Americans Act for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$50,771.00 for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

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 agreements (the "Agreements") with the City of Yonkers, Family Service Society of Yonkers, and Family Ties (the "Contractors") to provide Family Caregiver Support Services under Title III-E of the Older Americans Act (the "Program") for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$50,771.00, comprised of \$45,694.00 in Federal funds to be paid pursuant to agreed unit-cost amounts for actual services rendered and data-entered in the Social Assistance Management System ("SAMS") up to the not-to-exceed amount, and \$5,077.00 in Contractor matching funds, in the individual amounts set forth in the attached Schedule "A", for the program period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The County at its sole option may renew the Agreements for up to five (5) additional one (1) year periods, on the same terms and conditions as the initial term, subject to the availability of funds, acceptable past performance, the prior approval of your Honorable Board, and, in the case of the City of Yonkers, upon approval by the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

The Westchester County Board of Legislators by Act No. 36-2012, adopted on April 16, 2012, authorized inter-municipal agreements with Westchester County municipalities, including the City of Yonkers, in connection with the Title III-E Program. However, since the existing Board of Legislators authorization is due to expire on December 31, 2013, a new authorization will be needed before the County may exercise any of its renewal options under the Agreement with the City of Yonkers. Therefore, it should be noted that any Agreement renewals with the City of Yonkers are contingent upon subsequent Board of Legislature approval as well as approval by your Honorable Board.

The services to be provided under the Agreement with the City of Yonkers will be Information and Assistance; the services to be provided under the Agreement with Family Service Society of Yonkers will be Information, Assistance and Support Groups; and the service to be provided in the Agreement with Family Ties will be Support Groups.

The Agreements with the Contractors will serve a public purpose by educating and linking caregivers to vital services necessary to ease their caregiver burden and thereby enabling them to better support their care receivers.

The goals and objectives of the Program are to support informal caregivers so they may continue to carry out their care giving roles and responsibilities.

The goals and objectives of the Program are in the best interests of Westchester County in terms of fiscal responsibility because they effectively allow seniors to remain at home thus preventing costly institutionalization. It also allows grandparents to cost-effectively care for their grandchildren, thus preventing costly foster placement.

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

Although the Agreements are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a) iii and 3(a) xix thereof, they are subject to the Federal Common Grant Rules. As such, on February 19, 2013, the Department issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") with a due date of March 18, 2013 to solicit proposals from qualified agencies to provide the Program services. In an effort to solicit as many proposers as possible, notice of the RFP was advertised in the Journal News: Westchester, Rockland and Putnam editions on February 7, 2013, the New York Times in the New York Metro Full Tri-State edition on February 14, 2013 and the March 2013 issue of the Non Profit Press. The RFP was also posted on the County's website and a press release announcing the 2013 RFPs was sent to the media on February 28, 2013. In addition, the Department announced the various services for which it would be issuing RFPs for 2013 at a public meeting held on September 21, 2012. Prior to the meeting date, the Department also placed a notice in the Journal News newspaper on August 26, 2012 to announce the public meeting. Additionally, the Department e-mailed notices and reached out directly to contractors that previously provided the Program services and to potential proposers. Only three responses were received in response to the RFP. These proposals were submitted by the three Contractors.

The proposals were evaluated using both technical and financial criteria, including but not limited to, qualifications and experience, technical knowledge, implementation methodology, soundness of the proposed program, program design and familiarity with the provision of services to be rendered, and proposed unit cost. Following a careful review of the proposals with reference to the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP, the Contractors were each selected because they met the required specifications and maximize services in accordance with the budgeted amount.

It should also be noted that in addition to meeting the RFP criteria as mentioned above, the Contractors have successfully implemented the program through prior agreements with the County

Accordingly, I recommend adoption of the proposed 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 agreements (the "Agreements") with the City of Yonkers, Family Service Society of Yonkers, and Family Ties (the "Contractors") to provide Family Caregiver Support Services under Title III-E of the Older Americans Act (the "Program") for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$50,771.00, comprised of \$45,694.00 in Federal funds to be paid pursuant to an agreed unit-cost amount for actual services rendered and data-entered in the Social Assistance Management System ("SAMS") up to the not to exceed amount, and \$5,077.00 in Contractor matching funds, in the individual amounts set forth in the attached Schedule "A", for the program period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County, at its sole discretion, may renew the Agreements for up to five (5) additional one-year terms, on the same terms and conditions as the initial term, subject to the availability of funds, acceptable past performance, the prior approval of your Honorable Board, and, in the case of the City of Yonkers, upon approval by the Westchester County Board of Legislators; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreements are subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreements are also subject to the further financial and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate the Agreements with the Contractors, or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved therein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractors, then the Contractors shall have the right to terminate their respective Agreements upon reasonable prior written notice; 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	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	85	448N	4380	T448	\$45,694.00
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 5,077.00	
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	<u>2013</u>		Start Date	<u>1/1/13</u>	End Date	<u>12/31/13</u>
Funding Source	Tax Dollars	<u>\$</u>				
	State Aid	<u>\$0</u>				
<u>\$50,771.00</u>	Federal Aid	<u>\$45,694.00</u>				
(must match resolution)	Other	<u>\$5,077.00</u>				

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SCHEDULE A

<u>MUNICIPALITY/AGENCY</u>	<u>NOT TO EXCEED FEDERAL FUNDS</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR MATCH</u>	<u>GROSS</u>
City of Yonkers	\$27,750.00	\$3,083.00	\$30,833.00
Family Services Society of Yonkers	\$8,972.00	\$997.00	\$ 9,969.00
Family Ties of Westchester, Inc.	\$8,972.00	\$997.00	\$ 9,969.00
Total	\$45,694.00	\$5,077.00	\$50,771.00

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