

**35374**

**DATE:** August 5, 2013

**TO:** Board of Acquisition & Contract

**FROM:** Mae Carpenter, 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 ("NYSOFA") to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,806 in state funds to be used to provide various social and recreational services to seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative for the program period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014

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The County of Westchester, (the "County") acting by and through the Department of Senior Programs & Services (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Office for the Aging ("NYSOFA") to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$20,806 in state funds to be used to provide various contracted social and recreational services to seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative ("CSI") Program for the program period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

Of the \$20,806 in state funds, \$15,000 will be allocated to the Westchester Public Private Partnership under a short-form agreement and as a result does not require approval of your Honorable Board. The remaining \$5,806 in funds will be used to enter into an Inter-departmental Cooperative Memorandum (the "ICM") with the Westchester County Department of Parks and Recreation. Since the ICM is an entity of the County, it does not require the approval of your Honorable Board.

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

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement and ICM are to provide seniors with enrichment programs such as music, dance and entertainment, which are held in various locations around the county, such as nursing homes and senior apartment buildings. Funding for the CSI helps to reduce seniors' isolation and provide physical exercise for those seniors that participate in the variety show through weekly practice. At the end of the rehearsal period, the performers are taken around Westchester County to perform for audiences that don't have many 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 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 performers.

In addition, the CSI agreement will provide Senior Law Day legal awareness educational forums and seminars. The goal of Senior Law Day forums and seminars is to educate seniors about legal rights, estate planning and to prevent fraud and scams. The Senior Law Day seminars and forums will be held at convenient community-based locations around the County.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health as follows: Seniors that participate in the Talent Show as 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 with NYSOFA does not constitute a procurement and is therefore not subject to the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy. The agreement with WPPP is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3 (a) (xix) thereof.

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 most respectfully recommend adoption of the attached proposed resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 08/29/2013 - JUAN M. FEIRA, SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the 'County') 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 grant in an amount not-to-exceed of \$20,806 in state grant funds to pay for various operational costs associated with providing social and recreational programs to Westchester seniors under the Congregate Services Initiative ("CSI") Program for the period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; 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   | 047N                                   | 4380               | T047          | \$20,806 |
| 263  | 85   | 047N                                   | 9854               | T047          | \$20,806 |
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Budget Funding Year(s) **13/14** Start Date **4/1/13** End Date **3/31/143**  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_

State Aid **\$20,806**

**\$20,806** Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

(must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_