

**42401**

**DATE:** October 30, 2014

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Robin Schlaff  
Director, Office for Women

**SUBJECT:** Authority to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, in order to accept a grant awarded to the County under the Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program, in the amount of \$400,000.00, for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017.

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Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, (the "DOJ") in order to accept a grant awarded to the County by the DOJ under the DOJ's Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (the "Grant"), in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017, in order to provide or enhance training and services to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, involving victims who are 50 years of age or older (the "Agreement").

In order to meet the requirements of the application for the Grant, the County identified various subcontractors and other partners with whom the County will work in its performance of the Grant-funded work. Those parties include Pace University; Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.; The Hebrew Home at Riverdale; and the Town of Greenburgh. The County will be separately seeking authority from your Honorable Board to enter into agreements with those parties, as necessary.

Please note that DOJ recently informed the County that the Agreement must be executed by Friday, November 7, or else the County could forfeit the above-described Grant.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by making available to the County certain Federal funds that the County can and will use to provide or enhance training and services to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, involving victims who are 50 years of age or older.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is to make available to the County certain Federal funds that the County can and will use to provide or enhance training and services to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, involving victims who are 50 years of age or older.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of the public health, safety and general welfare, as educating service providers on the specific needs of older victims may enable them to be better equipped to assist victims, enhancing victim safety and independence. Victims who are empowered to learn how to develop and maintain their own safety are not as likely to return to dependence on their abusers.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is also in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as it will make available to the County certain Federal funds for the aforementioned work.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

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 resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF EDUCATION & CONTRACT 11/06/2014 JONATHAN VEIRA, SECRETARY

# RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, (the "DOJ") in order to accept a grant awarded to the County by the DOJ under the DOJ's Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program, in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017, in order to provide or enhance training and services to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, involving victims who are 50 years of age or older; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

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Account to be charged/credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Revenue Source	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year(s)
263	11	544P	9852	T544	\$400,000	2014-2017

**Budget Funding Year(s)** 2014-2017  
(must match resolution)

**Start Date:** 10/1/2014

**End Date:** 9/30/2017

\$400,000

(must match resolution)

**Funding Source:** Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_

State Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Aid \$400,000

Other \_\_\_\_\_