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DATE: March 17, 2015

TO: Board of Acquisition & Contract

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

RE: Request authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$496,571 to provide Information Services to the elderly and pay for infrastructure upgrades under the Balancing Incentive Program of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, for the program period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its 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 ("NYSOFA") to accept a one-time grant in an amount not to exceed \$496,571 in Federal funds to provide Information Services to the elderly and pay for infrastructure upgrades under the Balancing Incentive Program ("BIP") of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, for the program period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 (the "NYSOFA Agreement").

Of the \$496,571 in funding \$315,000 will be used to enter into contracts with various entities under separate resolutions. Additionally, \$50,000 will be used to enter into Interdepartmental Cooperative Memoranda with Westchester County Department of Social Services, Westchester County Office for the Disabled and Westchester Community College and as such do not require the approval of your Honorable Board. The remaining \$131,571 will be used by the Department to provide information and infrastructure improvements.

The Balancing Incentive Program ("BIP") augments the NY Connects State funded program, through the expansion of long term care services and supports to older adults, caregivers and individuals with disabilities.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose because seniors will have a single point of entry/no wrong door for providing objective information and assistance on long term care services and supports through the NY Connects Program.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreements are to build on the current efforts to rebalance the delivery of long term services and supports to seniors and to improve access to non-institutional long term services and supports.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreements are fiscally in the best interests of the County because they serve to delay or divert seniors from institutionalization, thereby reducing Medicaid costs to the County.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreements will be tracked, monitored and evaluated by Department, to ensure compliance with Federal, State and County regulations.

The Agreement with NYOSFA to accept the grant funds does not constitute a procurement and as such is not subject to the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

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 & CONTRACT - 04/16/2015 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 ("NYSOFA") to accept a one-time grant in an amount not to exceed \$496,571 in Federal funding to provide Information Services to the elderly and pay for infrastructure upgrades under the Balancing Incentive Program ("BIP") of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, for the program period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; 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
Credited	263	85	548P	9853	T548	\$496,571.00

Budget Funding Year(s) Unit T-548 2014-2015 Start Date 10/1/14 End Date 9/30/15
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$ _____
\$496,571.00 Federal Aid \$496,571.00
 (must match resolution) Other _____