

**47481**

**DATE:** June 29, 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 \$631,733 to provide information services to individuals of all ages with long term care needs under the NY Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program including the Balancing Incentive Program, for the program period April 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

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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 \$631,733 in Federal funds to provide information services to individuals of all ages with long term care needs and pay for infrastructure upgrades under the NY Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program including the Balancing Incentive Program, for the program period April 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 (the "NYSOFA Agreement").

Of the \$631,733 in funding, \$424,668 will be used to enter into Interdepartmental Cooperative Memoranda with Westchester County Department of Social Services Westchester County, Department of Community Mental Health and Westchester County Office for the Disabled and as such do not require the approval of your Honorable Board. The remaining \$207,065 will be used by the Department to provide information and assistance under the NY Connects Program.

NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care Service Program ("NY Connects") 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. The NY Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program including 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 of any age.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose because seniors will have no wrong door for providing consistent and 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 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 - 07/29/2015 - IDAN COUGHRAN, 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 \$631,733 in Federal funding to provide information services to individuals of all ages with long term care needs and pay for infrastructure upgrades under the NY Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program including the Balancing Incentive Program, for the program period April 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016; 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	\$631,733

Budget Funding Year(s) Unit T-548 2014 - 2016 Start Date 4/1/14 End Date 12/31/16  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source            Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
    State Aid \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$631,733                      Federal Aid \$631,733  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_