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DATE: April 26, 2017

TO: Board of Acquisition & Contract

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

RE: Request for 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 ("CSI") Program, for the program period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

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 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 beginning on April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 (the "Agreement").

It should be noted that the entire CSI funding will be used to enter into short-form contracts with various contractors for the provision of senior center recreation and education services, for the Program period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

The proposed Agreement 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 are to provide seniors with enrichment programs such as music, dance and entertainment, which are held in various locations around the county, such as community centers and senior apartment buildings.

Programs funded through the CSI include a Senior variety show in which the performers are taken around Westchester County to perform for audiences that don't have many opportunities to attend performances, such as nursing homes, schools, senior centers and senior clubs and a Senior Talent Show which is presented annually for 'seasoned' professional performers to perform for a large audience at the County Center.

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 as such is not subject to the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy. The Agreement with the Contractor is exempt from the procedures of the 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 & CONTRACT - 05/18/2017 - LISA MARIJAJ, SECRETARY

