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DATE: November 21, 2018

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 \$627,527, in State funds to provide information services to individuals of all ages with long term care needs under the NY Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program, for the program period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

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 grant in an amount not to exceed \$627,527 in State 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, for the program period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 (the "NYSOFA Agreement").

Of the \$627,527 in funding \$34,160 will be used to enter into Inter-departmental Cooperative Memoranda with Westchester County Department of Social Services and Westchester County Office for the Disabled and as such do not require the approval of your Honorable Board. The remaining \$593,367 will be used by the Department to provide information contacts 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 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 - 2013108 LIS/MP/JAS SECRETARY

