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DATE: May 21, 2019

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: Request for authority for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services, to amend a resolution approved on June 14, 2018, as amended on October 11, 2018, pursuant to which the County was authorized to enter into agreements with the agencies set forth in the attached Schedule "A" to provide consumer directed in-home services, and homemaker and housekeeper services to frail, homebound seniors under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program for the program period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 in a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$1,941,737, for the purpose of reflecting an increase in the total aggregate amount of County matching funds for the Program by \$600,000.

By resolution approved on June 14, 2018 (the "June 14th Resolution"), your Honorable Board, *inter alia*, authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services (the "Department"), to enter into agreements (the "Agreements") with the agencies set forth in the attached Schedule "A" (the "Agencies") for the purpose of providing consumer directed in-home services, and homemaker and housekeeper services to frail, homebound seniors under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (the "Program") for the program period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,941,737, comprised of \$1,456,302 in State funds and \$485,435 in County matching funds, with the County having the sole option to renew the Agreement with each Contractor for up to one (1) additional one-year term, subject to the prior approval of your Honorable Board.

Thereafter by resolution approved on October 11, 2018 (the "October 11th Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County, through the Department, to amend the June 14th Resolution for the limited purpose of increasing the hourly rate payable to one of the agencies listed in Schedule "A", Lifting Up Westchester, Inc., from the Medicaid Rate of \$21.94/hour to \$23.00/hour for the period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 and from the Medicaid Rate of \$23.00/hour to \$24.25/hour for the period January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019. The Agreements with the Agencies were subsequently executed.

The County now seeks authority to further amend the June 14th Resolution, as amended by the October 11th Resolution, in order to reflect an increase in the aggregate amount of County matching funds by \$600,000, from \$485,435 to \$1,085,435, thereby increasing the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount for the Program from \$1,941,737 to \$2,541,737.

The reason the Department seeks to increase the amount of County matching funds is due to the increased minimum wage coupled with the fact that the County has not raised the hourly rate to the homecare agencies in many years, which has made it burdensome for the agencies to effectively provide the Program. Therefore, the County eliminated the Contractors' match for the 2018 – 2019 Program year and has increased the County matching funds as a solution to retain and enable the agencies to continue providing the essential Program services to County seniors.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions set forth in the June 14th Resolution, as amended by the October 11th Resolution, shall remain in full force and effect.

Accordingly, I recommend adoption of the proposed resolution.

MC/SJ

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RESOLUTION

UPON COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, be it:

RESOLVED, that the resolution approved on June 14, 2018, as amended by the resolution approved on October 11, 2018 (the "Resolutions"), which together authorized the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into agreements (the "Agreements") with the ten (10) agencies set forth in the attached Schedule "A", to provide consumer directed in-home services, and homemaker and housekeeper services to frail, homebound elderly who reside in Westchester County under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (the "Program") for the program period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,941,737, comprised of \$1,456,302 in State funds and \$485,435 in County matching funds, payable at approved rates, is hereby amended for the purpose of reflecting an increase in the aggregate amount of County funds thereunder by \$600,000, from \$485,435 to \$1,085,435, thereby increasing the total aggregate not to exceed amount for the Program from \$1,941,737 to \$2,541,737; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions set forth in the Resolutions shall remain in full force and effect; 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.

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Initial Agreement \$1,941,737
 Amendment: \$ 600,000
 Total: \$2,541,737

Account to be
 Charged

| Fund | Dept. | Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit | Object/ Sub- Object | Trust Account | Dollars |
|------|-------|---|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 101 | 24 | 1000 | 4957 | N/A | \$600,000 |

Budget Funding Year(s) 2018 - 2019 Start Date: 4/1/18 End Date: 3/31/19
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source State Aid \$0
 Tax Dollars \$600,000
\$600,000
 (must match resolution)

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SCHEDULE "A"

**CONSUMER DIRECTED IN-HOME SERVICES, AND HOMEMAKER AND HOUSEKEEPER
CONTRACTOR AGENCIES: 2018 - 2019**

| To be reimbursed at their respective approved Medicaid Rates |
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| Richard L. Aronson, Inc. d/b/a A&A Staffing Health Care Services |
| Able Health Care Service, Inc. |
| Any-Time Home Care, Inc. |
| Barksdale Home Care Services Corp. |
| Family Services of Westchester, Inc. |
| Family Service Society of Yonkers |
| Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. (Home Health Services) |
| Community Care Companions Inc. d/b/a Interim Health Care of Greater NY |
| Mrs. G's Services LLC |

To be reimbursed 23.00/hour for the period of April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 and from rate of \$23.00/hour to \$24.25/hour for the period of January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019.

Lifting Up Westchester, Inc.