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DATE: June 8, 2022

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into agreements with the entities listed in the attached Schedule "A" to expand/ provide homemaker and housekeeper services with the option to provide consumer directed in-home services to frail, homebound County seniors under the Unmet Need program for the period commencing retroactive to April 1, 2022 and continuing through March 31, 2023 for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000 in State funds for actual services provided.

The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services (the "Department"), seeks the authority of your Honorable Board to enter into agreements (the "Agreements") with the entities (the "Agencies" or "Contractors") listed in the attached Schedule "A" to expand/provide homemaker and housekeeper services, with the option to provide consumer directed in-home services, to frail, homebound County seniors under the Unmet Need program (the "Services" or "Programs"). Each Agreement shall commence retroactive to April 1, 2022 and continue through March 31, 2023 for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000 in State funds for actual Services provided.

Each Contractor will be paid its respective negotiated agreed-upon hourly rate/s. Paying negotiated rates to the Contractors versus being at or below the Medicaid rates for the Program is authorized by the New York State Office for the Aging pursuant to Program Instruction, Number 15-PI-19, dated October 22, 2015. It should be noted that your Honorable Board has approved a similar resolution authorizing that home care agencies be paid negotiated rates in order to keep these Programs solvent and buoyant.

The Unmet Need funding allows for expansion of services which benefits caregivers and care receivers by easing the burden on caregivers through the provision of consumer directed in-home services, and homemaker and housekeeper services.

The proposed Agreements will serve a public purpose by providing services that enable seniors to remain at home, as most senior would prefer, thereby preventing premature institutionalization, which would come at greater expense and in a less desired environment.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services (the "Department") is hereby authorized to enter into agreements (the "Agreements") with the agencies (the "Agencies" or "Contractors") listed in the attached Schedule "A", to provide homemaker and housekeeper services, with the option to provide consumer directed in-home services, to frail, homebound County seniors under the Unmet Need Program (the "Services" or "Programs"); and be it further

RESOLVED, that each Agreement shall commence retroactive to April 1, 2022 and continue through March 31, 2023 for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000 in State funds for actual Services provided; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each Contractor will be paid its respective negotiated agreed-upon hourly rate/s; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreements are subject to County Appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreements are also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of these Agreements. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate one or more of the Agreements or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to one or more of the Contractors, then such Contractors shall have the right to terminate their respective Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; 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.

Agreements: \$250,000

Account to be
Charged

| Fund | Dept | Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit | Object/ Sub- Object | Trust Account | Dollars |
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| 263 | 85 | T06X | 4380 | T1006 | \$250,000 |

Budget Funding Year(s) 2022 - 2023 Start Date: 4/1/2022 End Date: 3/31/2023
(must match resolution)

Funding Source State Aid: \$250,000
County
Tax Dollars: \$0

\$250,000
(must match resolution)

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SCHEDULE "A"

CONSUMER DIRECTED IN-HOME SERVICES, AND HOMEMAKER & HOUSEKEEPER SERVICES
Program Period: April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023

Aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 for ALL Contractors
To be reimbursed based on agreed-upon Negotiated Rates according to actual services provided

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| AGENCIES/CONTRACTORS: |
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| Able Health Care Service, Inc. |
| Always Compassionate Home Care, Inc. |
| Any-Time Home Care, Inc. |
| Community Care Companions Inc. |
| Community Health Aide Services Inc. |
| Family Services of Westchester, Inc. |
| Family Service Society of Yonkers |
| Independent Home Care, Inc. |
| Manach LLC, d/b/a LACH Home Care Services |
| Mrs. G's Services LLC |
| Richard L. Aronson, Inc. d/b/a A&A Staffing Health Care Services |
| Supportive Home Care, LLC d/b/a Care365 |

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