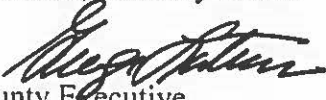


May 10, 2021

TO: Hon. Benjamin Boykin, Chair  
Hon. Alfreda Williams, Vice Chair  
Hon. MaryJane Shimsky, Majority Leader  
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer   
Westchester County Executive

RE: Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: **Act – 2 Grant Agreements with the State of New York.**

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This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators May 10, 2021 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is an Act which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services (the "Department") to enter into two (2) grant agreements (individually referred to as the "Grant Agreement," and collectively as the "Grant Agreements") with the State of New York.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for May 10, 2021 "blue sheet" calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

George Latimer  
County Executive

May 10, 2021

Westchester County Board of Legislators  
800 Michaelian Office Building  
148 Martine Avenue  
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

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**Grant Amounts**

HIICAP	MIPPA
\$53,225	\$37,676

There will be no inter-municipal agreements ("IMAs") for any services to be funded with the grants received from NYSOFA under the Grant Agreements. Instead, a portion of the HIICAP funding will be allocated to a contract with a non-municipal entity, with the balance of funding to be used by the Department to provide Information Contacts services. Similarly, the MIPPA funding will be used by the Department to provide Medicare Counseling services. Any necessary services contracts will be submitted to the Board of Acquisition and Contract for approval.

The Grant Agreement for HIICAP will be for a term deemed to commence retroactively on April 1, 2021 and continuing through March 31, 2022, and the Grant Agreement for MIPPA will be for a term commencing on September 30, 2021 and continuing through September 29, 2022.

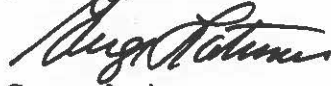
The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, the proposed Grant Agreements described above do not meet the definition of an "action" under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(b), as indicated in the annexed SEQRA documentation. Accordingly the Planning Department recommends that

no further environmental review is required. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to make its own conclusion.

The proposed Grant Agreements with NYSOFA are intended to benefit the County by assisting the County in the provision of grant-funded services to educate its residents about Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans and other health insurance issues. Accordingly, I believe the proposed Grant Agreements with NYSOFA are in the best interest of the County as it will save residents of Westchester County money by helping them access "Extra Help" programs.

Based on the foregoing, your favorable action on the annexed proposed Act is recommended.

Sincerely,



George Latimer  
County Executive

GL/MC/SJ/cmc

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending the approval of an act (the "Act") which would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services (the "Department"), to enter into two (2) grant agreements (individually referred to as the "Grant Agreement," and collectively as the "Grant Agreements") with the State of New York, acting by and through its Office for the Aging ("NYSOFA"), to accept grant funds made available to the County under the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program ("HIICAP") and the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act ("MIPPA"), noting that both grants are comprised of federal and New York State funds, in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amounts set forth below:

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Your Committee has been advised that there will be no inter-municipal agreements ("IMAs") for any services to be funded with the grants received from NYSOFA under the Grant Agreements. Instead, a portion of the HIICAP funding will be allocated to a contract with a non-municipal entity, with the balance of funding to be used by the Department to provide Information Contacts services. Similarly, the MIPPA funding will be used by the Department to provide Medicare Counseling services. Any necessary services contracts will be submitted to the Board of Acquisition and Contract for approval

Your Committee has been further advised that the Grant Agreement for HIICAP will be for a term deemed to commence retroactively on April 1, 2021 and continuing through March

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Your Committee has been advised that the passage of the attached Act requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of your Honorable Board.

Your Committee has been advised that adoption of the proposed Act is necessary to effectively carry out these worthwhile programs. Accordingly, after due consideration, your Committee recommends adoption of the annexed Act.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021  
White Plains, New York

**COMMITTEE ON**

# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: MIPPA     NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

## OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

(To be completed by operating department and reviewed by Budget Department)

A)  GENERAL FUND     AIRPORT     SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (Districts)

### B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost    \$ 37676

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 37676

Source of Funds (check one):     Current Appropriations

Transfer of Existing Appropriations     Additional Appropriations     Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: 263-85-T-962

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses:    Annual Amount \$ 0

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Potential Related Revenues:    Annual Amount \$ 37676

Describe: Funding received from NYS and the Federal Government for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act.

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year:    The Department would not be able to provide outreach and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries with limited incomes who may be eligible for the Medicare Part D Subsidy Program or the Medicare Savings Program.

Next Four years: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated to be same as above each year.

Prepared by: Sandra Brown

Title:    Director of Program Development II

Department: Senior Programs & Svcs.

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

5/4/21

If you need more space, please attach additional sheets.

# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: HIICAP     NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

## OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

(To be completed by operating department and reviewed by Budget Department)

A)  GENERAL FUND     AIRPORT     SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (Districts)

### B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost    \$ 53225

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 53225

Source of Funds (check one):     Current Appropriations

Transfer of Existing Appropriations     Additional Appropriations     Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: 263-85-T945

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses:    Annual Amount \$ 0

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Potential Related Revenues:    Annual Amount \$ 53225

Describe: Funding received from the Federal Government for the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program

### Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year:    The Department would not be able to provide counseling and information on all health insurance programs for seniors including Medicare and HMOs.

Next Four years:

Estimated to be same as above each year.

Prepared by: Sandra Brown

Title:    Director of Program Development II

Department: Senior Programs & Svcs.


Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

5/14/21

If you need more space, please attach additional sheets.

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

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM   
Director of Environmental Planning

DATE: April 12, 2021

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR NYSOFA  
HIICAP AND MIPPA GRANTS**

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**PROJECT/ACTION:** One-year agreements between the County, acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services, and the State of New York, acting by and through its Office for the Aging (NYSOFA), whereby the County will accept grants (comprised of federal and state funds) under the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) and the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) to better educate Westchester County residents in Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans and other health insurance issues.

**With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no further environmental review is required because the project/action:**

- DOES NOT MEET THE DEFINITION OF AN "ACTION" AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 617.2(b)**
- MAY BE CLASSIFIED AS TYPE II PURSUANT TO SECTION 617.5(c)( ):**
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**COMMENTS:** None

DSK/cnm

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff  
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive  
Norma Drummond, Commissioner  
Carla Chaves, Assistant County Attorney  
Sharon Johnson, Program Administrator, Dept. of Senior Programs and Services  
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner



**ACT NO. 2021 --**

**AN ACT** authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into grant agreements with the State of New York, acting by and through its Office for the Aging, to accept grant funds under the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (“HIICAP”) and the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (“MIPPA”), noting that both grants are comprised of federal and New York State funds.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the “County”) be and hereby is authorized to enter into two (2) grant agreements (individually referred to as the “Grant Agreement,” and collectively as the “Grant Agreements”) with the State of New York, acting by and through its Office for the Aging (“NYSOFA”), to accept grant funds made available to the County under the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (“HIICAP”) and the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (“MIPPA”), noting that both grants are comprised of federal and New York State funds, in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amounts set forth below:

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§2. The Grant Agreement for HIICAP will be for a term deemed to commence retroactively on April 1, 2021 and continuing through March 31, 2022, and the Grant Agreement for MIPPA will be for a term commencing on September 30, 2021 and continuing through September 29, 2022.

§3. The County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby empowered to execute all instruments and take all actions reasonable and necessary to effect the purposes hereof.

§4. This Act shall take effect immediately.