

**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:

Grant Amounts

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

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

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. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQRA documentation and concurs with this conclusion.

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: *May 17*, 2021
White Plains, New York

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COMMITTEE ON

C:CMC/04.22.2021

Budget & Appropriations



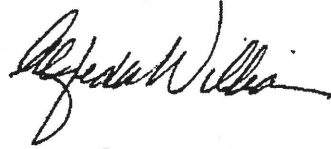

Seniors, Youth & Intergenerational Services

Dated: May 17, 2021
White Plains, New York

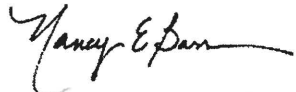
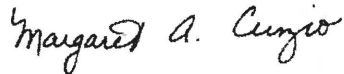


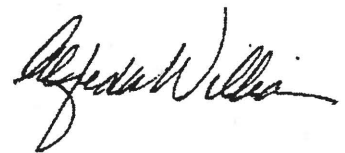
The following members attended the meeting remotely, as per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Committee(s) on:

**SENIORS, YOUTH &
INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES**

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS




Catherine F. Parker

Ruth Walter


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

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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: _____

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

5/4/21

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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**

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)():**

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 - 91

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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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. The MIPPA funding will be used by the Department to provide Medicare Counseling services.

§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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)
WESTCHESTER COUNTY) ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 91 - 2021, with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole, of the said original Act, which was duly adopted by the County Board of Legislators, of the County of Westchester on May 24, 2021, and approved by the County Executive on May 28, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 2nd day of June, 2021.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

