

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

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IMAs ON FILE**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending the approval of an Act which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services (the "Department"), to: 1) amend a grant agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging ("NYSOFA") which provided the County with \$2,517,305 in funding for the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program ("EISEP") for a term commencing on April 1, 2020 and continuing through March 31, 2021, by extending the term thereof through December 31, 2021; and 2) enter into inter-municipal agreements ("IMAs") with the municipalities listed in the attached Exhibit "A" (the "Municipalities"), to provide Information and Assistance services funded under the EISEP Program, in a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$1,208,048, comprised of \$915,131 in EISEP grant funds and \$292,917 in County matching funds, for a term commencing on April 1, 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2021.

Your Committee is advised that on July 13, 2020, your Honorable Board approved Act No. 118-2020 which, *inter alia*, authorized the County to enter into a grant agreement with the NYSOFA to accept grant funds made available to the County under the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program in an amount not-to-exceed of \$2,517,305, for a term commencing on April 1, 2020 and continuing through March 31, 2021 (the EISEP Grant Agreement"). Funding received under the EISEP Grant Agreement was used to provide various services to seniors through contracts with the City of Yonkers and various non-municipal agencies.

NYSOFA recently informed the Department that it has extended the term of the 2020-2021 EISEP Program through December 31, 2021, in order to optimize utilization of the grant funds that were unexpended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested to amend the EISEP Grant Agreement with NYSOFA for the limited purpose of extending the term thereof from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Additionally, the Department has determined that it would like to use a portion of the unexpended grant funds received under the EISEP Grant Agreement to enter into IMAs with the

Municipalities to provide Information and Assistance services to support nutrition programs to seniors during the extended term. Accordingly, authority is also respectfully requested to enter into IMAs with the Municipalities listed in the attached Exhibit "A" to provide Information and Assistance services to support nutrition programs to be funded under the EISEP Grant Agreement in the total aggregate amount not-to-exceed of \$1,208,048, comprised of \$915,131 in EISEP grant funds and \$292,917 in County matching funds, in individual not-to-exceed amounts to be determined by the Commissioner of the Department, for a the term commencing on April 1, 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2021.

Your Committee is advised that the Information and Assistance services to be provided under the IMAs with the grant funds received from NYSOFA will assist seniors in remaining in their homes and community.

Your Committee notes that the EISEP Grant Agreement does not constitute a procurement of goods or services and as such is not subject to the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the "Policy"). The IMAs are exempt from the Policy pursuant to section 3(a) iii thereof which exempts contracts with ". . . any State and any political subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof." They are also exempt pursuant to section 3(a) xix of the Policy, which exempts "any procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract with persons to provide direct services to senior citizens."

The Planning Department has advised that the proposed amendment to the EISEP Grant Agreement and the IMAs do not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. As such, no environmental review is required. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated May 14, 2021, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

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 is further advised that adoption of the proposed Act is necessary to effectively carry out this worthwhile program. Accordingly, after due consideration, your Committee recommends adoption of the annexed Act.

Dated: *October 18*, 2021
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

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Benjamin Boylston
Chairman

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Budget - Appropriations



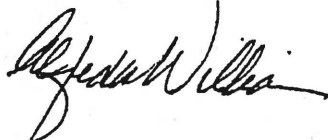
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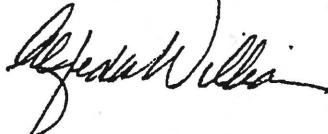

The following members attended the meeting remotely, as per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Committee(s) on:

**SENIORS, YOUTH &
INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES**




David Q. Iuliano

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: EISEP 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 \$ 3469562

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 2517305

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations
 Transfer of Existing Appropriations Additional Appropriations Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: 24-101-4957

263-85-T048

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$ 952257

Describe: County Match Funds

Potential Related Revenues: Annual Amount \$ 2517305

Describe: Funding received from the New York State Office for the Aging for Expanded In-Home Services to the Elderly.

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

Current Year: The Department would not be able to provide In-Home Personal Care Services, Case Management; Personal Emergency Response Systems; In-Home Contact & Support and Information and Assitance to seniors in Westchester.


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.

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Reviewed By: 
Budget Director

9/21/21

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ACT NO. 185 – 2021

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend a grant agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging (“NYSOFA”) under the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (“EISEP”) by extending the term thereof through December 31, 2021; and to enter into inter-municipal agreements with the municipalities listed in the attached Exhibit “A” (the “Municipalities”) to provide Information and Assistance services to seniors to be funded with the EISEP grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the “County”) acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services (the “Department”), be and hereby is authorized to amend a grant agreement with the NYSOFA, as authorized by Act No. 118-2020 (the “EISEP Grant Agreement”), which provided the County with \$2,517,305 in funding for the 2020-2021 EISEP Program for a term commencing on April 1, 2020 and continuing through March 31, 2021, by extending the term thereof from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

§2. The County, through the Department, is hereby further authorized to enter into inter-municipal agreements (“IMAs”) with the Municipalities listed in the attached Exhibit “A” to provide Information and Assistance services to support nutrition programs for seniors to be funded under the EISEP Grant Agreement, in a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$1,208,048, comprised of \$915,131 in EISEP grant funds and \$292,917 in County matching funds, in individual not-to-exceed amounts to be determined by the Commissioner of the Department, for a term commencing on April 1, 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2021.

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

§4. This Act shall take effect immediately.

EXHIBIT "A"

LIST OF MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Town of Cortlandt
Town of Eastchester
Town of Greenburgh
Town of Mamaroneck
Village/Town of Mount Kisco
Town of Mount Pleasant
City of Mount Vernon
Town of New Castle
City of New Rochelle
Town of Ossining
City of Peekskill
Village of Port Chester
Town of Somers
City of White Plains
City of Yonkers
Town of Yorktown

