

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending approval by the County of Westchester (“County”) of an act, which, if adopted, will amend the County’s current-year capital budget (“Capital Budget Amendment”), as well as adoption of a related bond act (“Bond Act”) in the amount of \$2,000,000, to finance capital project BES26 – Replacement of Fire Training Tower (“BES27”).

Your Committee is advised that the Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s current-year Capital Budget to increase the County share for BES27 by \$2,000,000 and to add this specific project to the program funded through BES27.

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$2,000,000, which was prepared by the law firm of Harris Beach PLLC, would finance the design of a new Fire Training Tower, including special studies and administrative reviews and planning for the demolition of the existing Fire Training Tower located at the Department of Emergency Services in Valhalla. The Department of Emergency Services has advised that the existing Fire Training Tower is in very bad condition and has been deemed too dangerous to permit certain, necessary types of interior and exterior training to first responders.

Your Committee is advised that following bonding authorization, it is anticipated that design will take approximately ten (10) months to complete. It is further anticipated that the design will be completed using an outside consultant.

The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, the authorization of the proposed capital project may be classified as a Type “II” action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR), as indicated in the annexed SEQRA documentation. Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

The Planning Department has further advised your Committee that the Planning Board has previously reviewed this project and issued a report, and that since there is no change in the scope of the work and this is simply a change in the financing plan, no further action by the Planning Board is necessary at this time.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Capital Budget Amendment, as well as the related Bond Act, and recommends approval of both of the proposed Acts, noting that the Bond Act may only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. It should also be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to amend the County's Capital Budget and to adopt the Bond Act.

Dated: *March 11<sup>th</sup>*, 2024  
White Plains, New York

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**COMMITTEE ON**

C:cmc/02.20.2024

*Budget & Appropriations*

*Public Works & Transportation*

Dated: March 11, 2024  
White Plains, New York

*The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.*

Committee(s) on:

**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE**



**PUBLIC WORKS &  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**



# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: BES27

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

## SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Budget

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

Source of County Funds (check one):

Current Appropriations

Capital Budget Amendment

## SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 2,000,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.61%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 436,566

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 2,182,830

Finance Department: Interest from February 21, 2024 Bond Buyer - ASBA

## SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (exclusive of debt service)

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

Potential Related Expenses (Annual): \$ -

Potential Related Revenues (Annual): \$ -

Anticipated savings to County and/or impact of department operations

(describe in detail for current and next four years):

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## SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 21

Prepared by: Richard G. Wishnie

Title: Commissioner

Department: Emergency Services

Date: 2/22/24

Reviewed By: *Christina Raygo*


Budget Director

Date: 2/23/24

# Westchester County

Memorandum  
Department of Planning

TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney  
Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney  
Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM   
Assistant Commissioner

DATE: February 16, 2024

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:  
BES27 REPLACEMENT OF FIRE TRAINING TOWER**

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**PROJECT/ACTION:** Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 01-22-2024 (Unique ID: 2447)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no environmental review is required for the proposed action, because the project or component of the project for which funding is requested may be classified as a **TYPE II action** pursuant to section:

- **617.5(c)(27):** conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action.
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**COMMENTS:** The current request is for studies and design only.

DSK/cnm

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff  
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive  
Lawrence Soule, Budget Director  
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney  
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director  
Robert Abbamont, Director of Operations, Department of Public Works & Transportation  
Susan Darling, Chief Planner  
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner  
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

An Act amending the 2024 County  
 Capital Budget Appropriations for  
 Capital Project BES27 Replacement  
 of Fire Training Tower

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

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

|                  | Previous 2024<br>Appropriation | Change      | Revised 2024<br>Appropriation |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| I. Appropriation | \$0                            | \$2,000,000 | \$2,000,000                   |

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2024 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF  
 FINANCING

|                    |     |             |             |
|--------------------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| Bonds and/or Notes | \$0 | \$2,000,000 | \$2,000,000 |
| Non County Shares  | \$0 |             | \$0         |
| Cash               | \$0 |             | \$0         |
| Total              | \$0 | \$2,000,000 | \$2,000,000 |

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.