


October 12, 2023

TO: Hon. Vedat Gashi, Chair
Hon. Nancy Barr, Vice Chair
Hon. Jose Alvarado, Majority Leader
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer 
Westchester County Executive

RE: Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: **8 Bond Acts – 2024.**

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators October 16, 2023 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval are 8 Bond Acts to finance capital projects for 2024.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for October 16, 2023 “blue sheet” calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Westchester County

George Latimer
County Executive

October 6, 2023

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

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval are eight (8) bond acts (the “Bond Acts”) which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”) to issue bonds in the total aggregate amount of \$19,876,000, to finance the following capital projects for 2024:

\$3,200,000	Serial Bonds for	BES25 BES26	REPLACEMENT OF FIRE ENGINE PUMPER TRUCK MOBILE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATONS UNIT
6,000,000	Serial Bonds for	BIT4D BIT6D BIT45 BIT47 BIT53 BIT54 BIT60	EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY SYSTEMS (2023-24) PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT BUILDING ACCESS CONTROL/VIDEO SURVEILLANCE UPGRADE NETWORK/SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND DISASTER RECOVERY CRITICAL COMMUNICATION LOGGING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT/SOFTWARE UPGRADE
\$1,692,000	Serial Bonds for	BLR2E	LABS & RESEARCH EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION
\$2,500,000	Serial Bonds for	B035E RGP13	EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION PROGRAM (2021-2025) GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION (2021-2025)
\$1,004,000	Serial Bonds for	BPS37 BPS39	NEW STOP-DWI SIMULATOR HELICOPTER AIRBORNE CAMERA
\$4,750,000	Serial Bonds for	B0115 B0117 B0125(2290)	INFRASTRUCTURE REHAB/MT VERNON DISTRICT OFFICE INFRASTRUCTURE REHAB/450 SAW MILL RIVER RD ARDSLEY INFRASTRUCTURE REHAB//RECORD CENTER ELMSFORD
\$350,000	Serial Bonds for	B0125(2291)	INFRASTRUCTURE REHAB//RECORD CENTER ELMSFORD
\$380,000	Serial Bonds for	B0126	GENERATOR SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT, GRASSLANDS CAMPUS

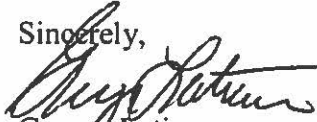
It should be noted that the County Budget Department is submitting these Bond Acts to your Honorable Board simultaneously with the proposed 2024 Capital Budget. It is the County’s goal to submit these Bond Acts now so that the referenced projects will be ready to proceed without delay in early 2024.

It should be further noted that the some of the proposed Bond Acts authorize financing for like objects or purposes in connection with multiple capital projects. It is hoped that by combining projects that have the same objects and purposes into a single bond act, the County can dramatically reduce the amount of bond legislation that your Honorable Board would be required to review, thereby expediting the approval process and avoiding backlogs.

The Planning Department has advised that it has reviewed each of the above projects in accordance with the annexed SEQR documentation. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

I recommend your Board's favorable action on the annexed proposed Bond Acts.

Sincerely,



George Latimer
County Executive

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Attachments

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

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending approval of a bond act (the “Bond Act”) in the total aggregate amount of \$3,200,000 to authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”) to finance the following two (2) capital projects:

- BES25 - Replacement of Fire Engine Pumper Truck
BES26 - Mobile Emergency Communications Unit

Your Committee is advised that the Bond Act, prepared by the law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, would authorize the County to issue bonds in the total amount of \$3,200,000 to finance the cost of acquisition of the below equipment required by the Department of Emergency Services (“Department”), including:

- (i) Fire Engine Pumper Truck.
- (ii) Mobile Emergency Communications Unit to replace a 2007 Mobile Emergency Communications Vehicle.

Your Committee is advised that the anticipated cost estimates and anticipated project timeline for each capital project is set forth below:

BOND ACT – DES VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

Cap ID	Project	Anticipated Amount	Time Frame (Months)
BES25	Replacement of Fire Engine Pumper Truck	\$900,000	20 months
BES26	Mobile Emergency Communications Unit	\$2,300,000	15 months
Total:		\$3,200,000	

Your Committee is advised that the proposed Bond Act authorizes financing for like objects or purposes in connection with multiple capital projects. It is hoped that by combining projects that

have the same objects and purposes into a single bond act, the County can dramatically reduce the amount of bond legislation that your Honorable Board would be required to review, thereby expediting the approval process and avoiding backlogs.

Your Committee is further advised that the County Budget Department is submitting the proposed Bond Act to your Honorable Board simultaneously with the proposed 2024 Capital Budget. It is the County's goal to submit the proposed Bond Act now so that the referenced projects will be ready to proceed without delay in early 2024.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the above-referenced capital projects may be classified as a Type "II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

It should be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the Bond Act. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 20____
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

cmc/09.26.2023

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: _____

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

BES25 & BES26

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 3,200,000 PPU 20 Anticipated Interest Rate 4.02%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 231,206

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 4,624,120

Finance Department: Interest rates from October 10, 2023 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):

SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

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

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 35

Prepared by: Dianne Vanadia

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget

Date: 10/7/23


Reviewed By: 

Date: 10/11/23

Budget Director



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: September 29, 2023

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR 2024 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ACT – EMERGENCY SERVICES**

In connection with the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR), the Department of Planning has reviewed the proposed bond act legislation that would finance the following capital projects:

Capital Project	Project Title	Fact Sheet ID	Approved by Planning
BES25	Replacement of Fire Engine Pumper Truck	2319	08/21/2023
BES26	Mobile Emergency Communications Unit	2320	08/21/2023

The Planning Department advises that these projects for which funding is being requested may be classified as **TYPE II actions** pursuant to section(s):

- **617.5(c)(31):** purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials.

As such, no environmental review is required.

DSK/jg

- 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
 Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
 Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

ACT NO. -20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,200,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$3,200,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,200,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted , 20__)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK (by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the voting strength of said Board), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law"), the Westchester County Administrative Code, being Chapter 852 of the Laws of 1948, as amended, and to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, Bonds of the County in the respective amounts as set forth in column A of the schedule below, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of the respective purposes as set forth in column B of the schedule below; all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended. To the extent that the details set forth in this act are inconsistent with any details set forth in the Current Year Capital Budget of the County, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby amended. The estimated total cost of said objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and

costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$3,200,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$3,200,000 bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, and the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.

A	B
\$2,300,000	the purchase of a Mobile Emergency Communications Unit
900,000	the purchase of a Fire Engine Pumper Truck

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness (“PPU”) of the objects or purposes for which said \$3,200,000 bonds authorized by this Act are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 .a 27 of the Law, is twenty (20) years.

Section 3. Current funds are not required to be provided as a down payment pursuant to Section 107.00 d. 9. of the Law prior to issuance of the bonds authorized herein, or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds. The County intends to finance, on an interim basis, the costs or a portion of the costs of said improvements for which bonds are herein authorized, which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County, pursuant to this Act, in the total amount of \$3,200,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. The estimate of \$3,200,000 as the estimated total cost of the aforesaid objects or purposes is hereby approved.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Law, and pursuant to the provisions of §30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of §§50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and duties of the County Board of Legislators relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in

anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, relative to prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the respective amounts of bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and relative to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance of the County, as the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this Act and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by §52.00 of said Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the County of Westchester, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and provision shall be made annually in the budgets of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the notes and bonds to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this Act and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Act or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This Act shall take effect not earlier than January 1, 2024 and in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act No. -20__ 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 _____, 20__ and approved by the County Executive on _____, 20__.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County Board of Legislators this _____ day of _____, 20__.

The Clerk and Chief Administrative Office of the County Board of Legislators County of Westchester, New York

(SEAL)

LEGAL NOTICE

A Bond Act, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Legislators on _____, 20__ and approved by the County Executive on _____, 20__ and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Act may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Westchester, in the State of New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Complete copies of the amended Bond Act summarized herewith shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

ACT NO. _____-20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,200,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$3,200,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,200,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS (adopted on _____, 20__)

object or purpose: the purchase of a Mobile Emergency Communications Unit and the purchase of a Fire Engine Pumper Truck; all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended

amount of obligations to be issued
and periods of probable usefulness: \$3,200,000; twenty (20) years

Dated: _____, 20__
White Plains, New York

Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board of
Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York

CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:* BES25	<input type="checkbox"/> CBA	Fact Sheet Date:* 01-02-2024
Fact Sheet Year:* 2024	Project Title:* REPLACEMENT OF FIRE ENGINE PUMPER TRUCK	Legislative District ID: 3,
Category* BUILDINGS, LAND & MISCELLANEOUS	Department:* EMERGENCY SERVICES	CP Unique ID: 2319

Overall Project Description

This project will provide funding for the acquisition of a Fire Engine Pumper Truck to replace a year 2000 E-One International Fire Pumper Truck.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Labor Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Under Review
Gross	900	0	900	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	900	0	900	0	0	0	0	0

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of: 0

Current Bond Description: Bonding is requested for the purchase of a Fire Engine Pumper Truck.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	900,000
Cash:	<u>0</u>
Total:	\$ 900,000

SEQR Classification:

TYPE II

Amount Requested:

900,000

Expected Design Work Provider:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> County Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
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Comments:

Energy Efficiencies:

Total Financing History:

0

Recommended By:

Department of Planning

MLLL

Date

08-21-2023

Department of Public Works

RJB4

Date

08-21-2023

Budget Department

DEV9

Date

08-23-2023

Requesting Department

KANI

Date

08-23-2023

CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:* BES26	<input type="checkbox"/> CBA	Fact Sheet Date:* 01-02-2024
Fact Sheet Year:* 2024	Project Title:* MOBILE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS UNIT	Legislative District ID: 3,
Category* BUILDINGS, LAND & MISCELLANEOUS	Department:* EMERGENCY SERVICES	CP Unique ID: 2320

Overall Project Description

This project will provide funding for the acquisition of a Mobile Emergency Communications Unit to replace a year 2007 Mobile Emergency Communications Vehicle.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Labor Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Under Review
Gross	2,300	0	2,300	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	2,300	0	2,300	0	0	0	0	0

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of: 0

Current Bond Description: Bonding is requested for the purchase of a Mobile Emergency Communications Unit.	
Financing Plan for Current Request:	
Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	2,300,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 2,300,000

SEQR Classification:
TYPE II

Amount Requested:
2,300,000

Expected Design Work Provider:

- County Staff
 Consultant
 Not Applicable

Comments:

Energy Efficiencies:

Total Financing History:
0

Recommended By:

Department of Planning

MLLL

Date

08-21-2023

Department of Public Works

RJB4

Date

08-21-2023

Budget Department

DEV9

Date

08-23-2023

Requesting Department

KANI

Date

08-23-2023

REPLACEMENT OF FIRE ENGINE PUMPER TRUCK (BES25)

User Department : Emergency Services
Managing Department(s) : Emergency Services ; Public Works ;
Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Planning Board Recommendation: Project without physical planning aspects of concern to the Westchester County Planning Board.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Under Review
Gross	900			900					
Non County Share									
Total	900			900					

Project Description

This project will provide funding for the acquisition of a Fire Engine Pumper Truck to replace a year 2000 E-One International Fire Pumper Truck.

Current Year Description

The current year request funds the acquisition of a replacement Fire Engine Pumper Truck.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2024	900,000			900,000

Impact on Operating Budget

The impact on the Operating Budget is the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds.

**MOBILE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS UNIT
(BES26)**

User Department : Emergency Services

Managing Department(s) : Emergency Services ; Public Works ;

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Planning Board Recommendation: Project without physical planning aspects of concern to the Westchester County Planning Board.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Under Review
Gross	2,300			2,300					
Non County Share									
Total	2,300			2,300					

Project Description

This project will provide funding for the acquisition of a Mobile Emergency Communications Unit to replace a year 2007 Mobile Emergency Communications Vehicle.

Current Year Description

The current year request funds the acquisition of a replacement Mobile Emergency Communications Unit.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2024	2,300,000			2,300,000

Impact on Operating Budget

The impact on the Operating Budget is the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds.