

Westchester County

George Latimer
County Executive

May 24, 2024

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 is a bond act ("Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue bonds in the amount of Five Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand (\$586,000.00) dollars, to finance the following capital project:

BDA02 – Information Technology (2020-2024) ("BDA02").

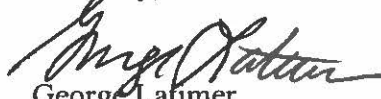
The Bond Act, in the amount of Five Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand (\$586,000.00) dollars, would fund the purchase, upgrade and maintenance of equipment, software and systems to support the technology needs of the District Attorney's Office ("District Attorney's Office") at various locations.

As the chief law enforcement officer of Westchester County, the Westchester County District Attorney is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all crimes and offenses committed in the County. This project will enable the District Attorney's Office to carry out this mandate by continuing to allow for the purchase, upgrade and maintenance of equipment, software and systems to support the various District Attorney's Office locations throughout the County. This project includes, but is not limited to, the upgrade of hardware and software for forensics, surveillance, security systems, server and storage equipment, networking equipment, desktops systems, off the shelf and proprietary software applications, peripherals and hand-held devices.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized financing in connection with four (4) prior components of project BDA02, as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

Based on the importance of this project to the County, favorable action on the proposed Bond Act is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



George Latimer
Westchester 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 by the County of Westchester (“County”) of a bond act (“Bond Act”), in the amount of \$586,000.00, to finance capital project BDA02 – Information Technology (2020-2024) (“BDA02”).

Your Committee is advised that the proposed Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Harris Beach PLLC, would fund the purchase, upgrade and maintenance of equipment, software and systems to support the technology needs of the District Attorney’s Office (“District Attorney’s Office”) at various locations.

Your Committee is advised that, as the chief law enforcement officer of Westchester County, the Westchester County District Attorney is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all crimes and offenses committed in the County. This project will enable the District Attorney’s Office to carry out this mandate by continuing to allow for the purchase, upgrade and maintenance of equipment, software and systems to support the various District Attorney’s Office locations throughout the County. This project includes, but is not limited to, the upgrade of hardware and software for forensics, surveillance, security systems, server and storage equipment, networking equipment, desktops systems, off the shelf and proprietary software applications, peripherals and hand-held devices.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized financing in connection with four (4) prior components of project BDA02 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project 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 proposed Bond Act. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 2024
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: BDA02

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 \$ 586,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 3.05%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 129,709

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 648,545

Finance Department: Interest rates from May 22, 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):

SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

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

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 6

Prepared by: Dianne Vanadia

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget

Date: 5/23/24


Reviewed By: 

5/23/24

Budget Director

Date: 5/23/24

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: May 17, 2024

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
BDA02 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (2020-2024)**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 05-05-2024 (Unique ID: 2550)

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(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.
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COMMENTS: None.

DSK/dvw

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
Susan Darling, Chief Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

ACT NO. -20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$586,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$586,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$586,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE SUCH COST; 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, to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$586,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of the acquisition of equipment and furnishings for the District Attorney's offices located throughout the County, including software and systems; 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 maximum cost of said objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$586,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$586,000 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.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness applicable to the class of objects or purposes for which bonds authorized by this resolution is to be issued within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 32 of the Law, is five (5) 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 maximum amount of \$586,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. 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 5. 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. 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 6. 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 7. This Act shall take effect in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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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 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 \$586,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$586,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$586,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE SUCH COST; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted _____, 20__)

object or purpose: the acquisition of equipment and furnishings for the District Attorney's offices located throughout the County, including software and systems; all as set forth in the County's current year Capital Budget, as amended.

amount of obligations to be issued: \$586,000; five (5) years
and period of probable usefulness:

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:*
BDA02

CBA

Fact Sheet Date:*
05-02-2024

Fact Sheet Year:*
2024

Project Title:*
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (2020-2024)

Legislative District ID:

Category*
BUILDINGS, LAND & MISCELLANEOUS

Department:*
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CP Unique ID:
2550

Overall Project Description

This project will fund the purchase, upgrade and maintenance of equipment, software and systems. This project includes, but is not limited to the upgrade of hardware and software for forensics, surveillance, security systems, server and storage equipment, networking equipment, desktop systems, off the self and proprietary software applications, peripherals and hand-held devices.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure |
| <input 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	2,526	1,940	586	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	2,526	1,940	586	0	0	0	0	0

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of : 1,342

Current Bond Description: This request for \$586,000 represents the fifth phase of this project and will allow the District Attorney's Office to continue to purchase, upgrade and maintain equipment, software and systems to support the needs of the District Attorney's Offices located throughout the County.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	586,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 586,000

SEQR Classification:
TYPE II

Amount Requested:
586,000

Expected Design Work Provider:

- County Staff Consultant Not Applicable

Comments:

Energy Efficiencies:

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2020	500,000	UPGRADE OF THE EMAIL SYSTEM, SERVERS, FORENSIC, SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE SPACE
2021	710,000	PURCHASE OF LICENSE PLATE READER STORAGE AND BACKUP SYSTEMS
2022	355,000	FUNDS CONTINUATION OF THIS PROJECT
2023	375,000	CONTINUATION OF THIS PROJECT
2024	586,000	UPGRADE OF PRODUCTION AND DISASTER RECOVERY STORAGE EQUIPMENT AND HARDWARE REPLACEMENTS

Total Appropriation History:

2,526,000

Financing History:

Year	Bond Act #	Amount	Issued	Description
20	14	500,000	474,513	FIRST PHASE OF UPGRADES TO TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, AND SYSTEMS FOR DA'S OFFICE
21	39	710,000	618,942	UPGRADES TO TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, AND SYSTEMS FOR DA'S OFFICE
21	207	355,000	208,605	THIRD PHASE OF UPGRADES TO TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, AND SYSTEMS FOR DA'S OFFICE
23	155	375,000	168,884	UPGRADES TO TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, AND SYSTEMS FOR DA'S OFFICE

Total Financing History:

1,940,000

Recommended By:

Department of Planning
MLLL

Date
05-05-2024

Department of Public Works
RJB4

Date
05-06-2024

Budget Department
DEV9

Date
05-10-2024

Requesting Department
CCFN

Date
05-13-2024

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (2020-2024) (BDA02)

User Department : District Attorney

Managing Department(s) : District Attorney ;

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	2,526	1,940	1,342	586					
Non County Share									
Total	2,526	1,940	1,342	586					

Project Description

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Current Year Description

The current year request funds upgrade of production and disaster recovery storage equipment and hardware replacements.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2024	586,000			586,000

Impact on Operating Budget

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

Appropriation History

Year	Amount	Description	Status
2020	500,000	Upgrade of the email system, servers, forensic, surveillance equipment and storage space	IN PROGRESS
2021	710,000	Purchase of license plate reader storage and backup systems	IN PROGRESS
2022	355,000	Funds continuation of this project	IN PROGRESS
2023	375,000	Continuation of this project	IN PROGRESS
Total	1,940,000		

Prior Appropriations

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	1,940,000	1,207,904	732,096
Total	1,940,000	1,207,904	732,096

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (2020-2024)
(BDA02)**

Bonds Authorized				
Bond Act	Amount	Date Sold	Amount Sold	Balance
14 20	500,000	12/01/21	320,042	153,750
		12/01/22	23,839	
		12/01/22	2,369	
39 21	710,000	12/01/21	271,068	287,944
		12/01/22	137,339	
		12/01/22	13,649	
207 21	355,000	12/01/22	157,325	182,040
		12/01/22	15,635	
155 23	375,000			375,000
Total	1,940,000		941,267	998,733