



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

May 9, 2025

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

Dear Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is an amended bond act (the "Amended Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue an additional \$1,000,000 in bonds to finance the following capital project:

BCR64 – Correctional Facility Replace Fire Alarm System ("BCR64").

The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$1,665,000, which includes \$665,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, would finance the cost of construction associated with "first phase" system testing of the proposed replacement fire alarm system at the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla (the "Jail").

The Department of Correction ("Department") has advised that the existing fire alarm system has reached the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement. The new system will replace existing devices and use existing wiring with a fiber network between panels connected to a Fireworks graphic work station. It will also include the installation of a Vesda/Xtralis Vea system for Blocks 1-3.

Following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is estimated to take eight (8) months to complete and will be performed by in house staff. Construction is estimated to take eighteen (18) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of construction contracts.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds in connection with project BCR64, as follows: Bond Act No. 96-2024 in the amount of \$665,000 which financed the cost of design for the replacement of the existing fire alarm system at the Jail. No bonds were issued under Bond Act No. 96-2024. Authority is now requested to amend Bond Act No. 96-2024 to increase the initial amount authorized by \$1,000,000, to a new total amount of \$1,665,000, to expand the scope of the project to include construction services, and to increase the period of probable usefulness of said bonds.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "KWJ", written over the word "Sincerely," and the printed name "Kenneth W. Jenkins".

Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive

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**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 amended bond act (the “Amended Bond Act”) in the total amount of \$1,665,000, which includes \$665,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, to finance capital project BCR64 – Correctional Facility Replace Fire Alarm System (“BCR64”). The Amended Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, will finance the cost of construction associated with “first phase” system testing of the proposed replacement fire alarm system at the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla (the “Jail”).

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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 Amended Bond Act. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Amended Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 2025
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: BCR64

☐ 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 \$ 1,665,000 PPU 10 Anticipated Interest Rate 3.18%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 196,173

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 1,961,730

Finance Department: Interest rates from May 9, 2025 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: 18

Prepared by: Dianne Vanadia

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget

Date: 5/12/25

Reviewed By: 

DVS 5/12/25
5/13/25 Date: 5/13/25

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: May 7, 2025

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
BCR64 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REPLACE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 04/23/2025 (Unique ID: 2923)

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)(2):** replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part.

COMMENTS: None.

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cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Lawrence Soule, Budget Director
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Maximilian Zorn, Assistant 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

ACT NO. -20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,665,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,665,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,665,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted , 20__)

WHEREAS, this Board has heretofore duly authorized the issuance of \$665,000 bonds to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning the replacement of the existing fire alarm system at the Correctional Facility (the "Project"), pursuant to Act No. 96-2024 duly adopted on May 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is now appropriate to authorize the Project, and it is necessary to increase the amount of bonds to be issued and the appropriation for such project for estimated cost of such improvement;

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, \$1,665,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of the planning and construction of "first phase" system testing in connection with the replacement of the existing fire alarm system at the Correctional Facility, all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended, 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 specific object of purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$1,665,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$1,665,000 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 of said specific object or purpose, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 56 of the Law, is ten (10) 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

\$1,665,000. 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 \$1,665,000 as the estimated total cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose 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 in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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

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__.

(SEAL)

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

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.

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object or purpose: to finance the cost of the planning and construction of "first phase" system testing in connection with the replacement of the existing fire alarm system at the Correctional Facility, all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended.

amount of obligations to be issued:

and period of probable usefulness: \$1,665,000; ten (10) 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:* BCR64	<input type="checkbox"/> CBA	Fact Sheet Date:* 04-18-2025
Fact Sheet Year:* 2025	Project Title:* CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REPLACE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	Legislative District ID: 3,
Category* BUILDINGS, LAND & MISCELLANEOUS	Department:* CORRECTION	CP Unique ID: 2923

Overall Project Description

This project funds the replacement of the existing Fire alarm system throughout the entire Correctional Facility complex.

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

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	9,625	665	8,960	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	9,625	665	8,960	0	0	0	0	0

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of : 101

Current Bond Description: Bonding is requested for \$1 million in construction funding for the "first phase" system testing of the proposed replacement fire alarm system

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	1,000,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 1,000,000

SEQR Classification:

TYPE II

Amount Requested:

1,000,000

Comments:

Energy Efficiencies:

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2024	665,000	DESIGN
2025	8,960,000	CONSTRUCTION

Total Appropriation History:

9,625,000

Financing History:

Year	Bond Act #	Amount	Issued	Description
24	96	665,000	0	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REPLACE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Total Financing History:
665,000

Recommended By:

Department of Planning
MLLL

Date
04-23-2025

Department of Public Works
RJB4

Date
04-25-2025

Budget Department
DEV9

Date
04-25-2025

Requesting Department
WPF4

Date
04-28-2025

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REPLACE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM (BCR64)

User Department : Correction

Managing Department(s) : Correction ; Public Works ;

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Planning Board Recommendation: Project approved in concept but subject to subsequent staff review.

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	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
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Non County Share									
Total	9,625	665	94	8,960					

Project Description

This project funds the replacement of the existing Fire alarm system throughout the entire Correctional Facility complex.

Current Year Description

The current year request funds construction.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2025	8,960,000			8,960,000

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
2024	665,000	Design	DESIGN
Total	665,000		

Prior Appropriations

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	665,000		665,000
Total	665,000		665,000

Bonds Authorized

Bond Act	Amount	Date Sold	Amount Sold	Balance
96 24	665,000			665,000
Total	665,000			665,000