

ACT 17 - 2023

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

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AGREEMENT  
ON FILE

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending the approval of an Act which would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("Department"), to enter into a multi-party Municipal Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement (the "Agreement") with Suffolk County, Nassau County, the City of New York, the City of Yonkers and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (collectively the "Principal Jurisdictions") for the purpose of coordinating the sharing of Major Emergency Transportation Unit ("METU") program resources, personnel and equipment in the event of a local disaster or other emergency.

Your Committee is advised that the New York City Urban Area Work Group (the "Work Group"), comprised of members of the Principal Jurisdictions, is responsible for coordinating the use of Urban Area Security Initiative ("UASI") federal funding. The primary goal of the Work Group is to help build and sustain capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. Because the New York City metropolitan area's population density makes it particularly vulnerable to manmade and natural disasters, it is imperative to have resources in place for transportation of large quantities of casualties beyond the capabilities regularly available to local jurisdictions. METU vehicles provide this type of specialized on-scene resource. The County's METU can accommodate ambulatory, bed-bound and wheelchair-dependent persons, allowing them to support evacuation operations at hospitals and nursing homes. Other Work Group members have METU vehicles similar to the County's with some variations in capability and mission.

Your Committee is advised that the proposed Agreement will provide a framework for the coordination of METU resources, personnel and equipment among the Principal Jurisdictions. Pursuant to the terms of the proposed Agreement, the obligations of the Principal Jurisdictions will include, but shall not be limited to: provision of aid and assistance in the event of a local disaster or other emergency; designation of primary communications centers and procedures for requesting aid and assistance; designation of supervisory personnel; and reimbursement by requesting jurisdiction for aid and assistance provided by assisting jurisdiction.

Your Committee is advised that the Agreement will take effect upon its execution by all parties and shall continue for a term of five (5) years thereafter. As this Honorable Board is aware, Section 119-o of the New York State General Municipal Law requires your Honorable Board's approval whenever the County enters into intermunicipal agreements with local municipalities which involve shared services or performing services one for the other.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, the proposed Agreement does not meet the definition of an "action" under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR part 617. As such, no environmental review is required. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 14, 2022, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

Your Committee has been advised that a majority of the voting strength of the Board of Legislators is required to adopt the annexed Act. After review and careful consideration, your Committee recommends favorable action upon the proposed legislation.

Dated: January 17<sup>th</sup> 2023  
White Plains, New York

Committee on:

January 23<sup>rd</sup>

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# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: RPA     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    \$ 0

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 0

Source of Funds (check one):     Current Appropriations

Transfer of Existing Appropriations     Additional Appropriations     Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: N/A

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses:    Annual Amount \$ 0

Describe: An Act authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, to enter into an agreement with Suffolk County, Nassau County, the City of New York, the City of Yonkers and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for the purpose of coordinating the sharing of Major Emergency Transportation Unit ("METU") program resources, personnel and equipment.

Potential Related Revenues:    Annual Amount \$ 0

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current Year:    0

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Next Four years: 0

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Department: Emergency Services

Reviewed By: 

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10/31/22

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**ACT NO. 2023 - 17**

**AN ACT** authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a multi-party Municipal Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with Suffolk County, Nassau County, the City of New York, the City of Yonkers and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for the purpose of coordinating the sharing of Major Emergency Transportation Unit (“METU”) program resources, personnel and equipment in the event of a local disaster or other emergency.

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

**Section 1.** The County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (“Department”), is hereby authorized to enter into a multi-party Municipal Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement (the “Agreement”) with Suffolk County, Nassau County, the City of New York, the City of Yonkers and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for the purpose of coordinating the sharing of METU program resources, personnel and equipment in the event of a local disaster or other emergency.

**§2.** The Agreement will commence upon execution by all parties and remain in effect for a period of five (5) years thereafter.

**§3.** The County Executive or his authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all instruments and to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

**§4.** This Act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
  )    ss.  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY        )

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 17 - 2023, 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 January 23, 2023, and approved by the County Executive on January 27, 2023.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County  
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

