

ACT 62 - 2023

**THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

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IMAs ON FILE

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending the adoption of an Act which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Youth Bureau, to enter into inter-municipal agreements ("IMAs") with the Cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, White Plains, and Yonkers (the "Municipalities"), pursuant to which the Municipalities, acting by and through their respective Youth Bureaus would provide positive youth development programs under the County's "Invest In Kids" Program (individually, the "Program," and collectively, "the Programs"), for the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed Two Million Fifty-Six Thousand Fifty-Nine (\$2,056,059) Dollars, comprised of County share and Municipalities match, payable as follows:

MUNICIPALITY	PROGRAM NAME	YEAR	IHK AWARD	MUNICIPALITY MATCH	TOTAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT
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White Plains Youth Bureau					
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		Total Contract Amount:	\$450,000.00	\$242,307.00	\$692,307.00
Yonkers Youth Bureau					
	Yonkers Social Circus	2023	\$50,000.00	\$26,923.00	\$76,923.00
		2024	\$50,000.00	\$26,923.00	\$76,923.00
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	IHK	Match	Total Amounts
2023	\$445,480.00	\$239,873.00	\$685,353.00
2024	\$445,480.00	\$239,873.00	\$685,353.00
2025	\$445,480.00	\$239,873.00	\$685,353.00
	\$1,336,440.00	\$719,619.00	\$2,056,059.00

The total aggregate amount of \$2,056,059, is comprised of \$1,336,440 County share and \$719,619 Municipalities' match over the three years.

The proposed IMAs are normally exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to section 3(a) xviii thereof. Nevertheless, a Request for Proposal ("RFP") was issued and the Programs were selected based upon responses to an open request for proposals ("RFP") for positive youth development programs. The Programs will address the needs of approximately 560 at-risk youth aged 0-21 years. The Programs use positive youth development models to focus on providing opportunities for at risk youth to actively acquire the skills and abilities needed to grow up to be competent, caring and healthy adults.

Pursuant to the proposed IMAs, the Municipalities will provide unique youth development initiatives offering positive youth development programs for the County's most vulnerable population. The Programs will implement evidence-based curriculum that targets specific areas of positive youth development. The Programs will administer internal controls to collect and analyze qualitative and quantitative outcomes to measure the efficacy of program goals and their ability to increase positive youth development. Program outcomes will be tracked and monitored by evaluation of the Programs' data; monthly, quarterly, and annual reports submitted to the County Youth Bureau, and through site visits by the County Youth Bureau Program monitors. The Programs anticipate outcomes of positive skills attainment, social competencies and an increased measure of positive youth development across all measurable areas. Please see a brief synopsis of the program descriptions below:

The purpose of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Girls Embracing Maturity ("GEM") Program is to equip young girls with the core competencies, lifelong skillsets, and attributes that are required for positive maturation. The program will target at-risk middle school-aged girls ages 11-15, who reside in neighborhoods with significant levels of crime and poverty in need of social, physical and emotional support.

The purpose of the New Rochelle Youth Bureau's Science and Technology Entry Program ("STEP") University program is to serve elementary-aged and high school-aged youth in New Rochelle, with the high school youth serving as mentors for the elementary youth. The purpose of STEP University is to create an atmosphere of unity and diversification through stepping and group activity.

The purpose of the Ossining Youth Bureau's Water Safety program is to provide Ossining youth ages 1-18 years old with free swimming instruction to ensure they have the necessary water safety knowledge and swimming skills to take greater advantage of Ossining's riverfront activities including swimming, kayaking, and paddle boarding.

The goal of the Ossining Youth Bureau's Youth Engaged in Success is to encourage engagement with the school and community to minimize risky behaviors, promote positive youth development, and build and enhance resiliency skills in youth from grades 6-8. The program will address Ossining's lack of out-of-school extended day programs for its middle school-aged youth.

The Peekskill Youth Bureau's Project Elevate Program will engage youth afterschool and one Saturday per month. The goal of the program is to prepare youth to graduate from high school, build civic responsibility, enhance health and wellness, acquire work readiness skills and establish healthy relationships.

The White Plains Youth Bureau's Step Up! For Boys is a dropout prevention program that offers individual case management services to individuals, groups, and families to assess and strengthen problem areas in life, school, career, and potentially advocate for the success of the individuals involved in the program.

The White Plains Youth Bureau's Healthy & Fit for Life Program encourages youth to incorporate good nutrition and fitness into their daily lives and provides counseling support to address the barriers that prevent leading a safe, healthy, and drug-free life. The goal of this program is to help youth develop various facets of their personalities which support positive growth and skills at every age of development.

The White Plains Youth Bureau's Social Justice program seeks to reduce the recurring involvement of youth, ages 13-18 years, with the justice system by providing alternatives to incarceration through Youth Court and peer advocacy. Additionally, the program also provides youth ages 14-16 years with opportunities to develop their interest in pursuing careers in justice and law by serving as Youth Officers.

The Yonkers Youth Bureau's Social Circus program addresses the need of a safe space for youth struggling with social development, acceptance, and feeling a sense of community. The goal of the program is to empower youth by teaching them basic circus skills that will teach them leadership skills, self-confidence, employment training, and mental health awareness.

Your Committee has been advised that the proposed IMAs do not meet the definition of an action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 12, 2023, which is on file with the Clerk of your Honorable Board. Your Committee has reviewed this analysis and concurs with this conclusion.

Your Committee has carefully considered this matter and has concluded that it is in the best interest of the County to adopt an Act to authorize the County to enter into these IMAs. It should be noted that an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the attached Act. Accordingly, your Committee recommends the annexed proposed Act for adoption.

Dated: March 27, 2023
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON Budget + Appropriations	Seniors + Youth
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Dated: March 27, 2023
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.

Budget & Appropriations



Seniors & Youth



FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Invest In Kids - 2023

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 \$ 445,480

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 200,000

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations

Transfer of Existing Appropriations Additional Appropriations Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: Operating Acct: 101-11-0400-4380; Recovery 101-11-0400-9508

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$ 445,480

Describe: Invest in Kids, White Plains Youth Bureau \$150,000 (3); Mount Youth Bureau \$50,000 (1); New Rochelle Youth \$46,422 (1); Ossining Youth Bureau \$99,058 (2); Peekskill Youth Bureau \$50,000 and Yonkers \$50,000 (1)

Potential Related Revenues: Annual Amount \$ 200,000

Describe: IDA with DSS includes: White Plains YB Programs \$150,000 (3) and Peekskill YB Programs \$50,000 (1)

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

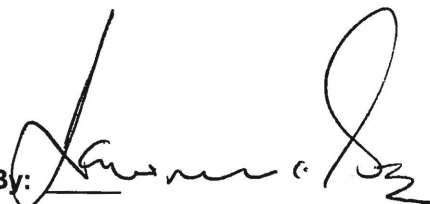

Current Year: \$0.00

Next Four years: Same as above

Prepared by: Bernie Dear 

Title: Financial Administrator

Department: CEO/Youth Bureau


Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

3/16/23

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

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§2. The County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents appropriate and necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

§3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.
WESTCHESTER COUNTY)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 62 - 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 April 3, 2023, and approved by the County Executive on April 4, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 5th day of April, 2023.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

