



Memorandum
Office of the County Executive
Michaelian Office Building

To: Honorable Board of Legislators

From: Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive

Date: April 27, 2026

Re: AN Act authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into (i) a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept grant funds to continue a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program and (ii) to enter into inter-municipal agreements with the Cities and/or Villages of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, White Plains and Yonkers for services to be funded with the grant funds.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is an Act which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Youth Bureau, to:

1) enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept grant funds to continue a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (the "Program") to address the need for teen pregnancy prevention, promoting healthy choices and lifestyle and youth engagement in the seven highest-need municipalities in Westchester, which includes Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, White Plains and Yonkers, and related administrative activities in the total aggregate amount of \$260,000, for a term commencing on May 15, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026 (the "Grant Agreement"); and

2) enter into inter-municipal agreements ("IMAs") with the Cities and/or Villages of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, White Plains and Yonkers (the "Municipalities"), for services to be funded with the grant funds, in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$227,983, comprised of an amount not to exceed \$32,569 per Municipality, for a term commencing on May 15, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026.

I have been advised that the proposed IMA is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)xviii thereof, which exempts "Any procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with persons for the creation and support of recreation projects, youth service projects and other appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime and the advancement of the moral, physical, mental and social well-being of the youth of Westchester County."

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

KWJ/jmq

Attachments

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

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 Youth Bureau (the “Youth Bureau”), to: 1) enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept grant funds to continue a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (the “Program”) to address the need for teen pregnancy prevention, promoting healthy choices and lifestyle and youth engagement in the seven highest-need municipalities in Westchester, which includes Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, White Plains and Yonkers, and related administrative activities in the total aggregate amount of \$260,000, for a term commencing on May 15, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026 (the “Grant Agreement”) and 2) enter into inter-municipal agreements (“IMAs”) with the Cities and/or Villages of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, White Plains and Yonkers (the “Municipalities”), for services to be funded with the grant funds, in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$227,983, comprised of an amount not to exceed \$32,569 per Municipality, for a term commencing on May 15, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026.

Pursuant to the IMAs, the Municipalities will each deliver services to at least 15 youth on sexual risk avoidance education, healthy relationships and lifestyle choices, and youth engagement work readiness skills development. The Programs will operate during after school hours in person.

In addition to the IMAs, the remainder of the funds will be used to enter into an agreement with a not-for-profit agency, which agreement will be individually processed subject to all necessary legal approvals, pursuant to which said entity will provide workshops on topics including but not limited to healthy relationships, communicating, practicing consent designed to promote awareness about healthy choices and lifestyle among youth.

Your Committee is advised that the proposed IMA is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)xviii thereof, which exempts “Any procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with persons for the creation and support of recreation projects, youth service projects and other appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime and the advancement of the moral, physical, mental and social well-being of the youth of Westchester County.”

In addition, the Department of Planning has advised that the proposed IMA does 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 9, 2026, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. Your Committee concurs with this recommendation.

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 adoption of the proposed Act.

Dated: _____, 2026
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

ACT NO. 2026 - _____

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into (i) a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept grant funds to continue a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program and (ii) to enter into inter-municipal agreements with the Cities and/or Villages of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, White Plains and Yonkers for services to be funded with the grant funds.

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

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the “County”) be and hereby is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept grant funds to continue a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (the “Program”) to address the need for teen pregnancy prevention, promoting healthy choices and lifestyle and youth engagement in the seven highest-need municipalities in Westchester, which includes Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, White Plains and Yonkers, and related administrative activities in the total aggregate amount of \$260,000.00, for a term commencing on May 15, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026 (the “Grant Agreement”).

§2. The County be and hereby is authorized to enter into inter-municipal agreements (“IMAs”) with the Cities and/or Villages of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, White Plains and Yonkers (the “Municipalities”), for services to be funded with the grant funds, in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$227,983, comprised of an amount not to exceed \$32,569 per Municipality, for a term commencing on May 15, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026.

§3. In addition to the IMAs, the remainder of the funds will be used to enter into agreement with other a not-for-profit agency, which agreement will be individually processed subject to all necessary legal approvals.

§4. Pursuant to the IMAs, the Municipalities will each deliver services, to at least 15 youth, on sexual risk avoidance education, healthy relationships and lifestyle choices and youth engagement work readiness skills development. The Programs will operate during after school hours in person.

§5. 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.

§6. This Act shall take effect immediately.