

# Public Safety Meeting Agenda



Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor  
White Plains, NY 10601  
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Monday, March 22, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Joint with Budget & Appropriations

## MINUTES APPROVAL

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[2021-187](#)

**IMA-Justice Assistance Grant-Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle**

AN ACT to authorize the County of Westchester to enter into a four-year intermunicipal agreement with the Cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle for the administration of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for 2020.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Guests: Department of Public Safety Commissioner Gleason & Lt. Charles Geraci

### II. OTHER BUSINESS

### III. RECEIVE & FILE

### ADJOURNMENT

George Latimer  
County Executive

February 25, 2021

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 an Act which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services ("Department"), to enter into an intermunicipal agreement ("IMA") with the cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle (the "Municipalities") for the distribution to the Municipalities of grant funds received from the Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") for 2020. The IMA will be for a four-year term from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023.

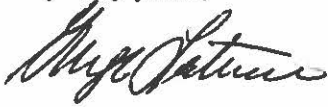
Pursuant to the IMA, the County will administer the distribution of funding from the U.S. Department of Justice provided under the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG program for fiscal year 2020. Under the IMA, the Department will receive funding to help cover overtime expenses. Of the \$103,345 in JAG funding to be provided to the County, the County will disburse an estimated aggregate total of \$77,509 for various law enforcement programs, as follows: The City of Yonkers will receive an estimated amount of \$45,805 of JAG funds; the City of Mt. Vernon will receive an estimated amount of \$23,229 of JAG funds; and the City of New Rochelle will receive an estimated amount of \$8,475 of JAG funds. The County will use the anticipated remainder of \$25,836 in JAG funds for the Department's law enforcement programs. The County will disburse the JAG funds in accordance with the IMA terms and following receipt of all appropriate documentation from the Municipalities.

The JAG grant program allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions.

The Planning Department has advised that the activity undertaken pursuant to the proposed Agreement constitutes a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"), and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR, Part 617, Section 617.5(c)(20), and no further environmental review is required. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

Based upon the foregoing, I recommend the adoption of the annexed proposed Act.

Very truly yours,



George Latimer  
County Executive

**THE 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 (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety (“Department”), to enter into an intermunicipal agreement (“IMA”) with the cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle (the “Municipalities”) for the distribution to each of the Municipalities of grant funds received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for 2020 (“JAG”). The IMA will be for a four-year term from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023.

Pursuant to the IMA, the County will administer the distribution of funding from the U.S. Department of Justice provided under the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG program for fiscal year 2020. Under the IMA, the Department will receive funding to help cover overtime expenses. Of the \$103,345 in JAG funding to be provided to the County, the County will disburse an estimated aggregate total of \$77,509 for various law enforcement programs, as follows: The City of Yonkers will receive an estimated amount of \$45,805 of JAG funds; the City of Mt. Vernon will receive an estimated amount of \$23,229 of JAG funds; and the City of New Rochelle will receive an estimated amount of \$8,475 of JAG funds. The County will use the anticipated remainder of \$25,836 in JAG funds for the Department’s law enforcement programs. The County will disburse the JAG funds in accordance with the IMA terms and following receipt of all appropriate documentation from the Municipalities.

The JAG grant program allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions. The Department has applied for this grant as part of its continuing effort to pay for overtime expenses associated with the operation of the County’s Criminal and Family Court operations.

The Planning Department has advised that the activity undertaken pursuant to the proposed Agreement constitutes a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”), and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR, Part 617, Section 617.5(c)(20), which is an action determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and therefore does not require further environmental review. Your Committee concurs with this conclusion.

Approval of the proposed IMA must be by an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of your Honorable Board. Based upon careful consideration of the foregoing, your Committee recommends the adoption of the aforementioned Act.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
White Plains, New York

**COMMITTEE ON**

# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial JAG GRANT     NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

## OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

### SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND                       AIRPORT FUND                       SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

### SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense \_\_\_\_\_

Total Current Year Revenue \_\_\_\_\_

Source of Funds (check one):     Current Appropriations                       Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations                       Other (explain)

Identify Accounts:    G 029- 38-029W Source of Funds: BJA-COPS JAG GRANT

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses:                      Annual Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Describe:    N/A

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues:                      Annual Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Describe:    N/A

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

Current Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Four Years: 2019-2023 Expenses \$103,345 and Revenue \$103,345

Prepared by:    Siva Gopalkrishna

Title:    Supervisor-Fiscal Operations

Department:    Public Safety


Date:    January 29, 2021

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date:    2/25/21

TO: Thomas Gleason, Commissioner  
Department of Public Safety

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM   
Director of Environmental Planning

DATE: January 26, 2021

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR AGREEMENTS  
WITH YONKERS, MOUNT VERNON AND NEW ROCHELLE FOR  
DISTRIBUTION OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS**

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**PROJECT/ACTION:** Intermunicipal agreement between the County, acting by and through the Department of Public Safety, and the cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle for the distribution of grant funds received from the Justice Assistance Grant for 2020. Grant funds will be used for additional staff time for investigative services, the purchase of equipment, and similar activities that do not affect the physical environment. The IMA will be for a four-year term from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023.

**With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no further environmental review is required because the project/action:**

- DOES NOT MEET THE DEFINITION OF AN "ACTION" AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 617.2(b)**
- MAY BE CLASSIFIED AS TYPE II PURSUANT TO SECTION 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

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff  
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive  
Norma Drummond, Commissioner  
Siva Gopalkrishna, Supervisor, Fiscal Operations, DPS  
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

AN ACT to authorize the County of Westchester to enter into a four-year intermunicipal agreement with the Cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle for the administration of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for 2020.

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

follows:

**Section 1.** The County of Westchester (“County”) is hereby authorized to enter into a four-year inter-municipal agreement (“IMA”) for the period from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023 with the cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon, and New Rochelle for the administration of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG”) for 2020. Of the \$103,345 in JAG funding to be provided to the County, the County shall disburse an estimated aggregate total of \$77,509 for various law enforcement programs, as follows: The City of Yonkers shall receive an estimated amount of \$45,805 of JAG funds; the City of Mt. Vernon shall receive an estimated amount of \$23,229 of JAG funds; and the City of New Rochelle shall receive an estimated amount of \$8,475 of JAG funds. The County shall use the anticipated remainder of \$25,836 in JAG funds for law enforcement programs. The County shall disburse the JAG funds in accordance with the IMA terms and following receipt of all appropriate documentation from the above municipal entities.

**§2.** The County Executive, or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such actions and to execute and deliver such instruments as may be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes hereof.

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

THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENT  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

GRANT AGREEMENT

BY and AMONG the CITY of YONKERS, the COUNTY of WESTCHESTER,  
the CITY of MOUNT VERNON and the CITY of NEW ROCHELLE

EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM:  
FY 2020 LOCAL SOLICITATION

This Agreement is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by and  
between:

**COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER** (the "County") a municipal corporation of the State of New York  
having offices at 148 Martine Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, White Plains, NY 10601;

**CITY OF YONKERS** ("Yonkers") a municipal corporation of the State of New York having offices at  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701;

**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON** ("Mt. Vernon") a municipal corporation of the State of New York having  
offices at City Hall, Roosevelt Square, Mount Vernon, NY 10550; and

**CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE**, a municipal corporation of the State of New York having offices at City  
Hall, 515 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801 ("New Rochelle" and collectively with Yonkers, the  
County and Mt. Vernon, the "Parties").

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement is made pursuant to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance  
Grant ("JAG") Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties acknowledge that performance of this Agreement is in the best interests  
of all parties, that the undertaking will benefit the public, and that the division of costs fairly compensates  
the performing party for the services or functions under this agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties to this agreement believe it to be in their best interests to allocate the  
JAG funds as set forth below; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the amount to be made available through the JAG Program is  
\$103,345

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Parties to this agreement agree as follows:



**Section 1.**

The Parties agree that the County shall be their pass-through agent for the JAG Program 2020 Local Solicitation for the term of the grant, which commenced effective 10/01/2019 and continues through September 30, 2023.

**Section 2.**

The Parties agree that should the County be provided with the \$103,345 in JAG funding, then the County will disburse an estimated aggregate total of \$77,509 for various law enforcement programs, as follows:

The City of Yonkers shall receive an estimated amount of \$45,805 of JAG funds; and  
The City of Mt. Vernon shall receive an estimated amount of \$23,229 of JAG funds; and  
The City of New Rochelle shall receive an estimated amount of \$8,475 of JAG funds; and

The County will disburse the JAG funds in accordance with the Grant terms and following receipt of all appropriate documentation from the above municipal entities.

**Section 3.**

The County agrees, assuming receipt thereof, to use the anticipated remainder of \$25,836 in JAG funds for law enforcement programs until the program's expiration date.

**Section 4.**

Each party to this agreement agrees that if these funds are placed in interest bearing accounts that the interest earned on these funds will be used items eligible under the JAG program.

**Section 5.**

Yonkers, Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle (collectively, the Grantees) agree that except for the amount, if any, of damage contributed to, caused by, or resulting from the negligence of the County, the Grantees shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, agents, and elected officials from and against any and all liability, damage, claims, demands, costs, judgments, fees, attorney's fees or loss to the extent arising directly or indirectly out of the willful misconduct or negligent performance or failure to perform hereunder by the Grantees or third parties under their direction or control. In addition each of the Grantees agrees to provide defense for and defend, at its sole expense, any and all claims, demands or causes of action directly or indirectly arising out of this MOU and to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto.

The Grantees further agree to give immediate written notice to the County as to any notice it may receive with respect to any cause of action or claim that has been or may be initiated in connection herewith. The foregoing provisions will survive expiration, termination or other cancellation of this Agreement.

**Section 6.**

The parties to this agreement do not intend for any third party to obtain a right by virtue of this Agreement. By entering into this agreement, the parties do not intend to create any obligations express or implied other than those set out herein; further, this Agreement shall not create any rights in any party not a signatory hereto.

**Section 7.**

The Grantees each individually acknowledges and agrees that it has reviewed the applicable grant agreement and any other relevant documents (together the "Grant"). The Grantees agree to, and will cause any subcontractors or other agents under their control to agree to, comply with all applicable Grant requirements, including without limitation all rules and regulations promulgated in furtherance thereof. The Grantees further agree to supply such information and reports as the County may request. The Grantees will, upon request, provide access to the County to examine all relevant books, records, documents or electronic data of necessary to review compliance with the foregoing.

Any term or condition required by the Grant to be set forth herein, to the extent it is not set forth is deemed incorporated herein by reference. The Grantees each hereby certify that neither they, nor their respective subcontractor(s), are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible to receive said Grant funding.

**Section 8.**

This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. In addition, the parties hereby agree that for any cause of action arising out of this MOU shall be brought in the County of Westchester.

**Section 9.**

All notices of any nature to be provided hereunder shall be in writing and either sent by registered or certified mail postage pre-paid, or delivered by hand or overnight courier, to the parties at the addresses first set forth above or to such other addresses as the respective parties hereto may designate in writing. A copy of any notice shall additionally be sent to the County Attorney and each of the Corporation Counsels.

[No Further Text This Page].

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed.

**CITY OF YONKERS**

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By:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Corporation Counsel

**COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

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By: County Executive George Latimer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON**

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By:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Corporation Counsel

**CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE**

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By:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Corporation Counsel