



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

April 6, 2026

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: (i) authorize the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services ("Department"), to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance ("BJA"), pursuant to which the County will accept grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,545 (the "JAG funds") under the BJA FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program ("JAG grant program"), for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027 (the "Agreement"); and (ii) authorize the County, acting by and through its Department, to enter into an inter-municipal agreement ("IMA") with the City of Yonkers and the City of Mount Vernon (the "Municipalities"), in which the County shall administer the distribution of the JAG funds to the Municipalities, for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027.

Pursuant to the IMA, of the \$75,545 of the JAG Funds, the County will disburse \$36,640 to the City of Yonkers, and will disburse \$21,019 to the City of Mt. Vernon. City of Yonkers will use the disbursed JAG funds to fund approximately 445 hours of police overtime, particularly those that reduce gun violence, such as high saturation, law enforcement patrols to combat crime, quality of life complaints, and for investigations such as burglary, robbery, auto related crimes and gun tracings. City of Mount Vernon will use the disbursed JAG funds for technology improvements and equipment by enhancing its Body Worn Camera program and to purchase additional body worn cameras to promote public trust, accountability, and transparency. The County will use the remainder of the balance of the JAG Funds of \$17,886 to fund overtime costs to coordinate investigations with the narcotics unit, DEA task force as well as the FBI task force to combat the growing fentanyl and heroin epidemic as well as other violent crimes within Westchester County.

The County will disburse the JAG funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the both the Agreement and the IMA, and only after 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.

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

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester 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: (i) enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”), pursuant to which the County will accept grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,545 (the “JAG funds”) under the BJA FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG grant program”), for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027 (the “Agreement”); and (ii) authorize the County, acting by and through its Department, to enter into an inter-municipal agreement (“IMA”) with the City of Yonkers and the City of Mount Vernon (the “Municipalities”), in which the County shall administer the distribution of the JAG funds to the Municipalities, for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027.

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The Planning Department has advised that the IMA does not meet the definition of an “action” under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”), 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.

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: _____, 2026
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

ACT NO. _____-20_____

AN ACT to authorize the County of Westchester to (i) enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to accept grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,545 under the FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, (ii) enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the City of Yonkers and the City of Mount Vernon.

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

Section 1. The County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety (“Department”), is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”), pursuant to which the County will accept grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,545 (the “JAG funds”) under the BJA FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027 (the “Agreement”).

§2. The County, acting by and through its Department is hereby authorized to enter into an inter-municipal agreement (“IMA”) with the City of Yonkers and the City of Mount Vernon (the “Municipalities”), pursuant to which the County shall administer the distribution of the JAG funds to the Municipalities, for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. Pursuant to the IMA, of the \$75,545 of the JAG Funds, the County will disburse \$36,640 to the City of Yonkers, and the County will disburse \$21,019 to the City of Mt. Vernon.

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§3. 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.

§4. This Act shall take effect immediately.