

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

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IMA 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 (“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 March 22, 20 21
White Plains, New York

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Public Safety

Budget & Appropriations

COMMITTEE ON

Dated: March 22, 2021
White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely, as per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Committee(s) on:

Budget & Appropriations

Nancy E. Pan

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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: _____

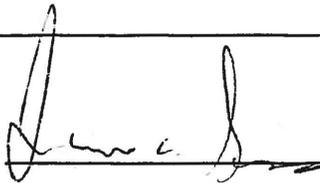
Next Four Years: 2019-2023 Expenses \$103,345 and Revenue \$103,345

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**

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

ACT NO. 40 -2021

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.
WESTCHESTER COUNTY)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 40 - 2021, 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 March 22, 2021, and approved by the County Executive on March 23, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 24th day of March, 2021.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

