

Westchester County

George Latimer
County Executive

July 10, 2024

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 a proposed act ("Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County"), to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") for financial assistance from the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 54, Title 15.

The Act would authorize the County to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the NYSDEC for funds for the Westchester County Climate Action Planning Institute II. The County expects to receive approximately \$100,000.00 from this grant. The 50% match requirement by the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program will be met by participating local governments.

The Westchester County Climate Action Planning Institute II is a facilitated, collaborative working group through which a select group of participating local governments develop individual government operations greenhouse gas emissions inventories and government operations climate action plans.

Based on the importance of the Westchester County Climate Action Planning Institute II, favorable action on the proposed Act is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

Attachments

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**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending approval of an act (“Act”) which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (“County”), to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”) for financial assistance from the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 54, Title 15.

The Act would authorize the County to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the NYSDEC for funds for the Westchester County Climate Action Planning Institute II. The County expects to receive approximately \$100,000.00 from this grant. The Act certifies that the County has identified and secured a corresponding amount in matching funds, approximately \$100,000, from donated professional services from elected officials, staff, and volunteers from the local governments participating in Westchester County Climate Action Planning Institute II, pursuant to the requirements of Environmental Conservation Law Article 54, Title 15.

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The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the grant agreement has been classified as a Type “II” action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Therefore, no further environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation 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 the Act to authorize the County to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the NYSDEC.

Your Committee is advised that an affirmative vote of a majority of your Honorable Board is required to adopt the Act.

Dated: _____, 2024
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

s: CEC 7-10-24

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: NYS Climate Smart Communities 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 \$ 100,000

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 100,000

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

Additional Appropriations Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: 101-11-0730-4830; 101-11-0730-9734

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$100,000

Describe: An Act to authorize the County to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with NYSDEC for funds from NYS Climate Smart Communities Grant Program for the Westchester County Climate Action Planning Institute II.

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount \$100,000

Describe: _____

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

Current Year: _____

Next Four Years: _____

Prepared by: Deb Ogden

Title: Sr. Budget Analyst

Department: Budget

Date: July 11, 2024

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 7/11/24

AN ACT to authorize the County to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for funds from the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program for the Westchester County Climate Action Planning Institute II.

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

Section 1. The County of Westchester is hereby authorized to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in the amount of approximately \$100,000.00 for funds from the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 54 Title 15. The grant funds shall be used for the Westchester County Climate Action Planning Institute II to support participating local governments committed to climate action planning.

§ 2. The County certifies that it has identified and secured a corresponding amount in matching funds, in the amount of approximately \$100,000, from donated professional services from the elected officials, staff, and volunteers from the participating local governments in Westchester County Climate Action Planning Institute II, pursuant to the requirements of Environmental Conservation Law Article 54, Title 15.

§ 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.