

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

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IMAs 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 (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 and youth engagement in the seven highest need cities 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 July 1, 2021 and continuing through June 30, 2022 (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 \$212,338, comprised of an amount not to exceed \$30,334 per Municipality, for a term commencing on July 1, 2021 and continuing through June 30, 2022.

Pursuant to the IMAs, the Municipalities will each deliver, to at least 15 youth, sexual risk avoidance education services and youth engagement work readiness skills. The Programs will operate during after school hours in person or via virtual meetings as necessary.

The Planning Department has advised that neither the Grant Agreement nor the IMAs meet the definition of an "action" under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR, Part 617. Please refer to the Memorandum from the Department of Planning dated May 14, 2021, which is on file with the clerk of your Honorable Board. Therefore, no further environmental review is required. Your Committee concurs with this conclusion.

Your Committee has been advised that the passage of the attached Act requires an

affirmative vote of a majority of the members of your Honorable Board.

Your Committee has been advised that adoption of the proposed legislation is necessary to effectively carry out this worthwhile program. Accordingly, after due consideration, your Committee recommends adoption of the annexed legislation.

Dated: October 4, 2021
White Plains, New York

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COMMITTEE ON

Budget &
Appropriations

Social
Services

Seniors
Youth &
Intergenerational
Services

Dated: October 4, 2021
White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely, pursuant to Chapter 417 of New York State Laws of 2021, and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Committee(s) on:

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

(To be completed by operating department and reviewed by Budget Department)

A) GENERAL FUND AIRPORT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (Districts)

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost \$ 260000

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 260,000

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations

Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations

Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: Trust: T02W: 263-11-T02W-1010, 263-11-T02W-1650, 263-11-T02V-1651, 263-11-T02W-

1680, 263-11-T02W-4380.

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses:

Annual Amount \$ 260,000

Describe: SRAEP Grant expenditures incurred by the Youth Bureau, salaries & fringe benefits and contractual services.

Potential Related Revenues:

Annual Amount \$ 260,000

Describe: Reimbursement by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services

Account: 263-11-T02W-9854

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

Current Year: \$8,664

Salaries \$5,278 and Fringe Benefits \$3,386

Next Four years: same as current year-2022 only

Prepared by: Bernie Dean *BD*

Title: Financial Coordinator

Department: CEO/Youth Bureau


DAO
9/10/21
Reviewed By: *[Signature]*

Budget Director

9/10/21

If you need more space, please attach additional sheets.

TO: George Latimer, County Executive
Kenneth Jenkins, Deputy County Executive
John Nonna, County Attorney

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

DATE: May 14, 2021

SUBJECT: **ACTIVITIES NOT SUBJECT TO STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
REVIEW**

As required by the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617 (“SEQR”), the Board of Legislators (“BOL”) is the body that must assess the environmental significance of all actions that the BOL has discretion to approve, fund or directly undertake. The Planning Department has historically conducted the necessary environmental review for the BOL to undertake its responsibility under SEQR. Additionally, contracts going before the Board of Acquisition and Contracts (“BAC”) must be reviewed for conformance with SEQR.

Pursuant to Section 617.2(b) of SEQR, “Actions” are defined as:

- (1) projects or physical activities, such as construction or other activities that may affect the environment by changing the use, appearance or condition of any natural resource or structure, that:
 - (i) are directly undertaken by an agency; or
 - (ii) involve funding by an agency; or
 - (iii) require one or more new or modified approvals from an agency or agencies;
- (2) agency planning and policy making activities that may affect the environment and commit the agency to a definite course of future decisions;
- (3) adoption of agency rules, regulations and procedures, including local laws, codes, ordinances, executive orders and resolutions that may affect the environment; and
- (4) any combinations of the above.

As part of the Planning Department’s ongoing review of its processes, we are streamlining the process for SEQR review and related document preparation for the BOL and BAC. The most effective method to achieve a more timely SEQR review is to create a list of categories of activities **that do not meet the definition of an “action”** as defined in SEQR. This list will reference activities that are routine and which do not change the use, appearance or condition of any natural resource or structure, nor do they involve policies or regulations that may affect the environment. The creation of this list in no way eliminates the BOL’s or BAC’s responsibilities

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under SEQR. Rather, it establishes a workflow for items that are routine and do not, under the law, require environmental review.

Accordingly, the Planning Department advises that no environmental review is required and no SEQR documentation is necessary for submission with BOL legislation or with resolutions or contracts requiring BAC approval regarding activities on the attached list.

County departments and agencies may reference this memorandum in the legislation in order to document compliance with SEQR for actions listed herein. As such, this memorandum should be kept on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. Legislation should include a statement similar to the following: "The proposed project does not meet the definition of an action under 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 May 14, 2021, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators."

This memorandum will be distributed to all Commissioners as part of County operations.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Att.

cc: Malika Vanderberg, Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer to the Board of Legislators
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations
Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Steve Bass, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Chief Deputy County Attorney
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Norma Drummond, Commissioner of Planning

**ACTIVITIES THAT DO NOT MEET THE DEFINITION OF AN “ACTION”
PURSUANT TO SEQR AND ARE, CONSEQUENTLY, NOT SUBJECT TO SEQR**

1. **BUDGETS AND AMENDMENTS**

- Municipal budgets and amendments to them – The budgeting process merely sets aside funds without a commitment to their expenditure. Operating expenditures are typically for government-related activities that would also not meet the definition of an action. Even the establishment of the Capital Budget is not subject to SEQR because many of the capital projects are usually not definitive enough with respect to potential impacts to be reviewable at the time the budget is adopted. However, any subsequent authorization, such as bonding, to undertake a particular capital project is an action that requires SEQR compliance before it may be approved.
- The transfer of funds within the County operating and capital budgets for the purpose of balancing accounts – It is understood that these actions are purely budgetary, where accounts with excess funds are moved to accounts with existing or anticipated deficits. It is further understood that the activities covered by these accounts have either already occurred or been reviewed in accordance with SEQR, are Type II actions or actions that are not subject to SEQR, or are actions that will require future approval prior to being undertaken, at which time further SEQR review may be appropriate.
- Rescissions or reduction of bond acts to cancel unspent funds.

2. **SERVICES**

- Consultant services – Contracts or agreements that provide for administrative services, training, reports for Boards and Commissions, but not including studies or design of physical improvements, which has been listed under SEQR as Type II.
- Social Services – Actions or agreements that provide services to persons in need, such as employment assistance, family/domestic intervention and respite care.
- Youth services – Actions or agreements that provide for youth services, such as a Resource Allocation Plan, Invest-in-Kids Program, after-school programs, camp programs and head-start programs.
- Senior programs & services – Actions or agreements that provide for services to seniors, such as provision of information/education, home care, nutrition & transportation assistance, caregiver support, and acceptance of federal and state grants providing for such services (e.g., OAA Title III grants and NYSOFA grants, including CSE, CSI, CRC, EISEP, NYSTP, WIN & NSIP).
- Public Safety services – programs that promote public safety, such as STOP-DWI, Police Night Out, and intermunicipal agreements (IMAs) for shared training, equipment and response to emergencies.
- Fire services – Fire district IMAs for shared training, equipment and response to emergencies.
- Legal services – Contracts for outside counsel, litigation or associated monetary settlements.
- Medical Services – Contracts with medical providers for medical examinations, testing or vaccinations of County employees or the public.

3. PERSONNEL MATTERS

- Actions related to employment or employees.
- Contracts for temporary staff assistance.
- Legislation pertaining to establishment and membership of boards and commissions.

4. FINANCES

- Tax Anticipation Notes.
- Bond acts to finance tax certiorari payments.
- Banking contracts/agreements for money management services.
- Mortgage tax receipts disbursements (County Clerk).
- Refinancing of affordable housing mortgages.
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements.

5. LAWS

- New laws or amendments of existing laws that regulate the sale or use of products for the protection of public health.
- New laws or amendments of existing laws that regulate businesses for the protection of consumers.
- Pertaining to consumer protection, not including professional licensing, which have been classified as Type II.
- Pertaining to animal welfare, excluding regulations involving habitat management.
- Pertaining to public safety.
- Pertaining to taxation, such as establishment of new taxes or tax exemptions.
- Pertaining to establishment or modification of fees.
- Pertaining to notices, publications and record keeping.
- Pertaining to hiring or contracting procedures.
- Pertaining to the functioning of County government, such as term limits, board appointments, etc. that do not impact the environment.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Amendments to existing agreements for changes in name or consultants.
- Prisoner Transport IMAs.
- Tourism Promotion Agency designation.
- Software licenses.
- IMAs for temporary housing in existing facilities (homeless, inmate, troubled youths, domestic violence victims).

WCDP
5/14/2021

ACT NO. 182 – 2021

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 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 Board of Legislators 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 and youth engagement in the seven highest need cities 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 July 1, 2021 and continuing through June 30, 2022 (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 \$212,338, comprised of an amount not to exceed \$30,334 per Municipality, for a term commencing on July 1, 2021 and continuing through June 30, 2022.

§3. Pursuant to the IMAs, the Municipalities shall each deliver, to at least 15 youth, sexual risk avoidance education services and youth engagement work readiness skills. The Programs will operate during after school hours in person or via virtual meetings as necessary.

§4. The County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby empowered to execute all instruments and take all actions reasonable and necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

§5. This Act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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WESTCHESTER COUNTY) ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 182 - 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 October 4, 2021, and approved by the County Executive on October 8, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 14th day of October, 2021.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

