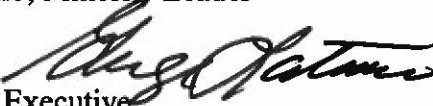


April 26, 2024

TO: Hon. Vedat Gashi, Chair
Hon. Jose Alvarado, Vice Chair
Hon. Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Majority Leader
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer 
Westchester County Executive

RE: **Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: Bond Act – BCR64 –
Correctional Facility Replace Fire Alarm System.**

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators April 29, 2024 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act (“Bond Act”) which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (“County”) to issue bonds in the amount of \$665,000 to finance the following capital project: BCR64.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for April 29, 2024 “blue sheet” calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Westchester County

George Latimer
County Executive

April 26, 2024

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act ("Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue bonds in the amount of \$665,000 to finance the following capital project:

BCR64 – Correctional Facility Replace Fire Alarm System ("BCR64").

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$665,000, would finance the cost of design associated with the replacement of the existing fire alarm system at the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla.

The Department of Correction ("Department") has advised that the existing fire alarm system has reached the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement. The new system will replace existing devices, and use existing wiring with a fiber network between panels to a Fireworks graphic work station. It will also include the installation of a Vesda/Xtralis Ve a system for Blocks 1-3.

Following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is estimated to take eight (8) months to complete and will be performed by in house staff. Construction is estimated to take eighteen (18) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of construction contracts, subject to your Honorable Board's further approval of construction funding.

Based on the importance of this project to the County, favorable action on the proposed Bond Act is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

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Attachment

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

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending approval by the County of Westchester (“County”) of a bond act (“Bond Act”) in the amount of \$665,000 to finance capital project BCR64 – Correctional Facility Replace Fire Alarm System (“BCR64”). The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, will finance the cost of design associated with the replacement of the existing fire alarm system at the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla.

The Department of Correction (“Department”) has advised that the existing fire alarm system has reached the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement. The new system will replace existing devices, and use existing wiring with a fiber network between panels to a Fireworks graphic work station. It will also include the installation of a Vesda/Xtralis Veia system for Blocks 1-3.

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The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project may be 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 environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

It should be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the Bond Act. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 2024
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: BCR64

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Budget

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

Source of County Funds (check one):

Current Appropriations

Capital Budget Amendment

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 665,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.98%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 146,876

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 734,380

Finance Department: Interest rates from April 24, 2024 Bond Buyer - ASBA

SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (exclusive of debt service)

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

Potential Related Expenses (Annual): None

Potential Related Revenues (Annual): None

Anticipated savings to County and/or impact of department operations

(describe in detail for current and next four years):

Departmental operations will be improved in that the replacement of the current fire alarm system

will ensure the safety of residents and staff.

SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 7

Prepared by: William Fallon

Title: Director of Admin. Services

Department: Correction


Date: 4/25/24

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 4/25/24

TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM 
Assistant Commissioner

DATE: April 16, 2024

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
BCR64 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REPLACE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 04-03-2024 (Unique ID: 2530)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no environmental review is required for the proposed action, because the project or component of the project for which funding is requested may be classified as a **TYPE II action** pursuant to section(s):

- **617.5(c)(27):** conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action.
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COMMENTS: The current request is for design only.

DSK/cnm

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Lawrence Soule, Budget Director
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director
Robert Abbamont, Director of Operations, Department of Public Works & Transportation
Susan Darling, Chief Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

ACT NO. -20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$665,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF PREPARATION OF SURVEYS, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES NECESSARY FOR PLANNING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$665,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$665,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted , 20__)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK (by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the voting strength of said Board), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law"), the Westchester County Administrative Code, being Chapter 852 of the Laws of 1948, as amended, to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$665,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning the replacement of the existing fire alarm system at the Correctional Facility; all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended. The estimated maximum cost of said object

or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$665,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$665,000 bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, and the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said \$665,000 bonds authorized by this Act are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 62 (2nd) of the Law, is five (5) years;

Section 3. Current funds are not required to be provided as a down payment pursuant to Section 107.00 d. 9. of the Law prior to issuance of the bonds authorized herein, or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds. The County intends to finance, on an interim basis, the costs or a portion of the costs of said improvements for which bonds are herein authorized, which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County, pursuant to this Act, in the maximum amount of \$665,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. The estimate of \$665,000 as the estimated total cost of the aforesaid object or purpose is hereby approved.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Law, and pursuant to the provisions of §30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of §§50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and duties of the County Board of Legislators relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, relative to prescribing the terms, form and

contents and as to the sale and issuance of the respective amounts of bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and relative to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance of the County, as the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this Act and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by §52.00 of said Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the County of Westchester, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and provision shall be made annually in the budgets of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the notes and bonds to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this Act and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Act or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This Act shall take effect in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act No. -20__ 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 , 20__ and approved by the County Executive on , 20__.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County Board of Legislators this day of , 20__.

(SEAL)

The Clerk and Chief Administrative Office of the
County Board of Legislators County of Westchester,
New York

LEGAL NOTICE

A Bond Act, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Legislators on _____, 20__ and approved by the County Executive on _____, 20__ and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Act may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Westchester, in the State of New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Complete copies of the amended Bond Act summarized herewith shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

ACT NO. _____-20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$665,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF PREPARATION OF SURVEYS, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES NECESSARY FOR PLANNING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$665,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$665,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS (adopted on _____, 20__)

object or purpose: to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning the replacement of the existing fire alarm system at the Correctional Facility; all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended.

amount of obligations to be issued:
and period of probable usefulness: \$665,000; five (5) years

Dated: _____, 20__
White Plains, New York

Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board of
Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York

CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:*

BCR64

CBA

Fact Sheet Date:*

03-27-2024

Fact Sheet Year:*

2024

Project Title:*

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
REPLACE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Legislative District ID:

3,

Category*

BUILDINGS, LAND &
MISCELLANEOUS

Department:*

CORRECTION

CP Unique ID:

2530

Overall Project Description

This project will replace the existing fire alarm system at the Westchester County Correctional Facility.

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|---|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiencies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Labor Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Under Review
Gross	9,625	0	665	8,960	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	9,625	0	665	8,960	0	0	0	0

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of : 0

Current Bond Description: Bonding is requested for design in order to replace the existing fire alarm system, necessary for the health and safety of staff and residents.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	665,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 665,000

SEQR Classification:

TYPE II

Amount Requested:

665,000

Expected Design Work Provider:

- County Staff Consultant Not Applicable

Comments:

Energy Efficiencies:

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2024	665,000	DESIGN

Total Appropriation History:

665,000

Total Financing History:

0

Recommended By:

Department of Planning
MLLL

Date
04-03-2024

Department of Public Works
RJB4

Date
04-03-2024

Budget Department
DEV9

Date
04-04-2024

Requesting Department
WPF4

Date
04-04-2024

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REPLACE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM (BCR64)

User Department : Correction
Managing Department(s) : Correction ; Public Works ;
Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Planning Board Recommendation: Project without physical planning aspects of concern to the Westchester County Planning Board.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Under Review
Gross	9,625			665	8,960				
Non County Share									
Total	9,625			665	8,960				

Project Description

This project funds the replacement of the existing Fire alarm system throughout the entire Correctional Facility complex.

Current Year Description

The current year request funds design.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2024	665,000			665,000

Impact on Operating Budget

The impact on the Operating Budget is the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds.