

ACT NO. -20\_\_

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$525,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE MOBILE EXHIBIT ENCASEMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$525,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$525,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE SUCH COST; 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, \$525,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of the acquisition and installation of the Declaration of Independence mobile exhibit encasement for the Department of

Information Technology; all as set forth in the County's current year Capital Budget, as amended. To the extent that the details set forth in this act are inconsistent with any details set forth in the current year Capital Budget of the County, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby amended. The estimated maximum cost of said objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$525,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$525,000 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 applicable to the objects or purposes for which the bonds authorized by this Act are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 35 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 \$525,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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 7. This Act shall take effect in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
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COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER            )

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 Officer 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 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.

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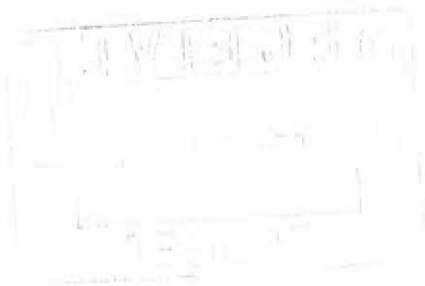
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object or purpose: to finance the cost of the acquisition and installation of the Declaration of Independence mobile exhibit encasement for the Department of Information Technology; all as set forth in the County's current year Capital Budget, as amended

amount of obligations to be issued: and period of probable usefulness: \$525,000; five (5) years

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_  
White Plains, New York

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



**CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET**

**Project ID:\***

BIT63

CBA

**Fact Sheet Date:\***

08-30-2024

**Fact Sheet Year:\***

2024

**Project Title:\***

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
MOBILE EXHIBIT ENCASUREMENT

**Legislative District ID:**

**Category\***

BUILDINGS, LAND &  
MISCELLANEOUS

**Department:\***

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**CP Unique ID:**

2691

**Overall Project Description**

The County of Westchester’s original copy of the Declaration of Independence dated July 9, 1776, is currently housed at the Westchester County Archives. The objective and goal of manufacturing this encasement is twofold. To preserve the document for future generations as well as enable the County to safely display the document at various locations throughout the County. Its initial display is slated for July 2026, celebrating the 250th anniversary of Westchester’s role in the Revolutionary War. It is believed that this particular copy, which is currently one of five in existence, was read aloud on the steps of the courthouse in White Plains. The encasement will be constructed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in collaboration with staff from the National Archives in Washington, DC. The main objective and final product of the collaboration between NIST and the County of Westchester is to design, successfully test, and produce a state-of-the-art encasement that secures and optimally preserves the Declaration of Independence. The case will be designed such that it can be hermetically sealed and filled with argon gas. It will be designed and based on the principle that it is a passive system. The encasement will be stored in a vault within the Westchester County Archives when not on display.

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| <input 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
<b>Gross</b>	525	0	0	0	0	0	0	525
<b>Less Non-County Shares</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net</b>	525	0	0	0	0	0	0	525

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

<b>Current Bond Description:</b> The current bonding will fund the construction of the mobile encasement needed to securely store and preserve an original copy of the Declaration of Independence being housed at the Records and Archive Center.	
<b>Financing Plan for Current Request:</b>	
Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	525,000
Cash:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 525,000</b>

**SEQR Classification:**

TYPE II

**Amount Requested:**

525,000

**Expected Design Work Provider:**

- County Staff                       Consultant                       Not Applicable

**Comments:**

The 2024 Capital Budget Amendment request of \$525,000 is shown Under Review. This is advancing funds requested in 2025 with the May 1, 2024, capital submission of the 2025 – 2029 capital program. If the CBA is approved, the 2025 funds can be reduced accordingly.

**Energy Efficiencies:**

**Total Financing History:**

0

**Recommended By:**

**Department of Planning**

MLLL

**Date**

09-03-2024

**Department of Public Works**

RJB4

**Date**

09-03-2024

**Budget Department**

DEV9

**Date**

09-04-2024

**Requesting Department**

DDMK

**Date**

09-04-2024