

**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 adoption of an Act which, if approved, would authorize the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its District Attorney’s Office (the “DA’s Office”), to enter into intermunicipal agreements (“IMAs”) with the Cities of White Plains, Yonkers, Peekskill and New Rochelle, the Villages of Port Chester, Mamaroneck and Larchmont, and the Town of Greenburgh, through their respective police departments, pursuant to which said police departments will partner with the DA’s Office to conduct proactive investigations targeting human trafficking in Westchester County. The term of each IMA will commence upon execution by both parties and will continue for a period of five (5) years thereafter.

Your Committee is advised that the County is in receipt of a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to operate the Westchester County Anti-Trafficking Task Force Program (the “Program”). The goals of the Program are to improve law enforcement’s ability to identify victims of human trafficking, develop new partnerships and information sharing initiatives with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, improve and sustain investigative and intelligence gathering methods, improve information sharing protocols with victim service providers, and enhance prosecution strategies.

In furtherance of these goals, the DA’s Office seeks to partner with local police departments to investigate complaints of human trafficking at locations where such activity is prevalent, such as massage parlors and hotels. Among other things, the investigations will develop evidence of illegal activity by interviewing managers and workers to gain insight into recruitment practices and operations, as well as identify those individuals responsible for financially supporting such activities.

In consideration for services rendered, the County will reimburse each police department an amount not-to-exceed \$45,000 to cover their overtime expenses. Such payments will be made from the proceeds of the grant.

The Planning Department has advised that the proposed IMAs does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. As such, no environmental review is required.

Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 8, 2024, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the voting strength of the Board is required for approval of the attached Act.

The proposed IMAs will greatly enhance the ability of the DA's Office to prosecute perpetrators of human trafficking by gathering intelligence at locations where such illegal activity is common. Accordingly, your Committee most respectfully requests your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Act.

Dated: _____, 2024
White Plains, New York

Margaret A. Cio
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COMMITTEES ON

Legislation
2/12/24

Public Safety
2/20/24

Dated: February 12, 2024
White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.



Emiljana Ulag

**COMMITTEE ON
Legislation**

Dated: February 20th, 2024
White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Public Safety

Margaret A. Cunzio

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: District Attorney HTTF OT IMA

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 \$ 405,000

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 405,000

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

Additional Appropriations

Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: W028G- Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking

Utilizing solely grant funds to fund overtime expenses on the program.

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount 360,000

Describe: Reimbursement of overtime expenses to municipalities.

We will receive federal revenue from the granting agency before reimbursing the municipalities on their overtime expenses.

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount 360,000

Describe: There will not be any revenue to County. We will receive federal grant funding to reimburse the municipality overtime expenses after they incur.

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

Current Year: \$0

Next Four Years: \$0

Prepared by: Olivia Kelly

Title: Coordinator of Administration

Department: District Attorney

Date: _____

Reviewed By: *[Signature]*
Budget Director

Date: 1/17/24

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through the District Attorney's Office, to enter into intermunicipal agreements with various local municipalities, acting through their respective police departments, to conduct proactive investigations targeting human trafficking in Westchester County.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting strength of said Board, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its District Attorney's Office (the "DA's Office"), is hereby authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements ("IMAs") with the Cities of White Plains, Yonkers, Peekskill and New Rochelle, the Villages of Port Chester, Mamaroneck and Larchmont, and the Town of Greenburgh, through their respective police departments, pursuant to which said police departments will partner with the DA's Office to conduct proactive investigations targeting human trafficking in Westchester County.

§2. The term of each IMA will commence upon execution by both parties and will continue for a period of five (5) years thereafter.

§3. In consideration for services rendered, the County shall reimburse each municipality an amount not-to-exceed \$45,000 to cover their police department's overtime expenses.

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

§5. 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. 22 - 2024, 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 4, 2024, and approved by the County Executive on March 5, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 6th day of March, 2024.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

