

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

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending the approval of an Act, which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (“Department”), to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement (“RPA”) with Putnam County (“Participating Partner”) in order to receive funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (“DHSES”) under DHSES’s FY 2023 Technical Rescue/Urban Search and Rescue Assets Grant Program (“2023 Technical Rescue & USAR Program” or “Program”). As your Honorable Board is aware, Section 119-o of the New York State General Municipal Law requires your Honorable Board’s approval whenever the County enters into intermunicipal agreements (“IMA”) with other municipalities which involve shared services or performing services one for the other.

Your Committee is advised that DHSES is awarding One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars to the County, as the principal point of contact with DHSES for application, management and administration of grant agreement - TR23-1006-E00 (“Grant Agreement”), in order for the Department to draft specifications and purchase Technical Rescue equipment for the Department’s Technical Rescue Response Team and the Participating Partner’s Technical Rescue Team. Funding for this initiative is provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security through its State Homeland Security Program.

Your Committee is further advised that under the RPA, the Department will, amongst other things, purchase stabilization and shoring equipment, rope rescue equipment and related items and structural collapse rescue equipment to provide shared search and rescue services within Westchester County and/or Putnam County, as required by the Grant Agreement. Also, pursuant to the RPA, the Department is to take delivery of the equipment, perform repair and maintenance of same under warranty and maintenance contract(s), and distribute same to the Participating Partner as well as establish an equipment inventory process to be used by the Participating Partner.

In addition, the Department will be responsible to continue to train with regional partners, maintain all title and interest to the Technical Rescue Equipment, submit all required fiscal reporting documents and maintain all appropriate records pertaining to the Program. Furthermore, the Participating Partner shall be responsible for coordinating with the Department to implement all projects funded under the 2023 Technical Rescue & USAR Program.

Your Committee is also advised that the term of the RPA will commence upon execution and remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.

The Department has informed your Committee that implementation of the 2023 Tech Rescue & USAR Program between the Department and the Participating Partner will enhance regional response during critical search and rescue operations as well as promote the development, sustainment and/or enhancement of technical rescue/urban search and rescue assets amongst the County and the Participating Partner which will greatly assist in critical search and rescue operations within Westchester and Putnam counties.

The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, the authorization of the proposed RPA may be classified as a Type “IP” action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (“SEQR”). Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

Your Committee has been advised that a majority of the voting strength of the Board of Legislators is required to adopt the annexed Act. After review and careful consideration, your Committee recommends favorable action upon the proposed legislation.

Dated: _____, 2026
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

ACT NO. 2026- ____

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement with Putnam County in order to receive funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under the FY 2023 Technical Rescue/Urban Search and Rescue Assets Grant Program.

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

Section 1. The County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (“Department”), is hereby authorized to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement (“RPA”) with Putnam County, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (“Participating Partner”) in order to receive funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (“DHSES”) under DHSES’s FY 2023 Technical Rescue/Urban Search and Rescue Assets Grant Program (“2023 Technical Rescue & USAR Program” or “Program”) to draft specifications and purchase Technical Rescue equipment such as stabilization and shoring equipment, rope rescue equipment and related items and structural collapse rescue equipment, for the Department’s Technical Rescue Response Team and the Participating Partner’s Technical Rescue Team.

§2. The RPA will commence upon execution and remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.

§3. The County Executive or his authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all instruments and to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

§4. This Act shall take effect immediately.