

## ACT 44 - 2026

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

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IMA's ON FILE

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending the adoption of an Act which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Youth Bureau, to enter into inter-municipal agreements ("IMAs") with the Cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Peekskill and White Plains, and the Village of Ossining (the "Municipalities"), pursuant to which the Municipalities, acting by and through their respective Youth Bureaus would provide positive youth development programs under the County's "Invest In Kids" Program (individually, the "Program," and collectively, "the Programs"), for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, in an amount of One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four (\$1,453,344) Dollars, comprised of County share and Municipalities match, payable as attached to the Act submitted herewith.

The total aggregate amount of \$1,453,344, is comprised of a total County share not to exceed \$1,308,000 County and approximately \$145,344 Municipalities' match over the three years.

The proposed IMAs are normally exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to section 3(a) xviii thereof. Nevertheless, a Request for Proposal ("RFP") was issued and the Programs were selected based upon responses to an open request for proposals ("RFP") for positive youth development programs. The Programs will address the needs of approximately 560 at-risk youth aged 0-21 years. The Programs use positive youth development models to focus on providing opportunities for at risk youth to actively acquire the skills and abilities needed to grow up to be competent, caring and healthy adults.

Pursuant to the proposed IMAs, the Municipalities will provide unique youth development initiatives offering positive youth development programs for the County's most vulnerable population. The Programs will implement evidence-based curriculum that targets specific areas of positive youth development. The Programs will administer internal controls to collect and analyze qualitative and quantitative outcomes to measure the efficacy of program goals and their ability to increase positive youth development. Program outcomes will be tracked and monitored by evaluation of the Programs' data; monthly, quarterly, and annual reports submitted to the County Youth Bureau, and through site visits by the County Youth

Bureau Program monitors. The Programs anticipate outcomes of positive skills attainment, social competencies and an increased measure of positive youth development across all measurable areas. Please see a brief synopsis of the program descriptions below:

The purpose of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Girls Embracing Maturity ("GEM") Program is to equip young girls with the core competencies, lifelong skillsets, and attributes that are required for positive maturation. The program will target at-risk middle school-aged girls ages 11-15, who reside in neighborhoods with significant levels of crime and poverty in need of social, physical and emotional support.

The purpose of the New Rochelle Youth Bureau's R.O.D.N.E.Y.'s (Reaching Our Dreams as Nurtured and Empowered Youth) Place program is to provide a positive educational, social, and culturally enriching program to middle school boys of color to teach them skills they need to stay in school and succeed. Through experiential learning, they will strengthen their logical reasoning, goal setting, mental health awareness, financial literacy, and career readiness.

The New Rochelle Youth Bureau's Step University: Elite Steppers aims to create an atmosphere of unity and diversification through stepping and group activity.

The purpose of the Ossining Youth Bureau's Water Safety program is to provide Ossining youth ages 1-18 years old with free swimming instruction to ensure they have the necessary water safety knowledge and swimming skills to take greater advantage of Ossining's riverfront activities including swimming, kayaking, and paddle boarding.

The Ossining Youth Bureau's Ossining Youth Engaged in Success aims to provide afterschool programming including STEM enrichment, physical activity, social emotional learning and homework help year-round for students in grades 6-8. The overall goals of the program are to minimize risky behaviors and promote positive youth development among participants.

The Peekskill Youth Bureau's Rising Stars Program is to provide at-risk youth aged 10 to 13 a safe, structured, afterschool program for academic support, creative enrichment, mentorship, and recreation to support positive youth development.

The White Plains Youth Bureau's Step Up! For Boys is a dropout prevention program that offers individual case management services to individuals, groups, and families to assess and strengthen problem areas in life, school, career, and potentially advocate for the success of the individuals involved in the program.





The White Plains Youth Bureau's Social Justice for Youth program seeks to reduce the recurring involvement of youth, ages 13-18 years, with the justice system by providing alternatives to incarceration through Youth Court and peer advocacy. Additionally, the program also provides youth ages 14-16 years with opportunities to develop their interest in pursuing careers in justice and law by serving as Youth Officers.


The White Plains Youth Bureau's Healthy & Fit for Life Program encourages youth to incorporate good nutrition and fitness into their daily lives and provides counseling support to address the barriers that prevent leading a safe, healthy, and drug-free life. The goal of this program is to help youth develop various facets of their personalities which support positive growth and skills at every age of development.

The Department of Planning has advised that the proposed IMAs do not meet the definition of an action under the 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 January 9, 2026, which is on file with the Clerk of your Honorable Board. Your Committee concurs with this recommendation.

Your Committee has carefully considered this matter and has concluded that it is in the best interest of the County to adopt an Act to authorize the County to enter into these IMAs. It should be noted that an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the attached Act. Accordingly, your Committee recommends the annexed proposed Act for adoption.

Dated: March 9, 2026  
White Plains, New York

  
  
  
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Margaret A. Cyro

Budget & Appropriations  
COMMITTEE ON

Seniors & Youth

Dated: March 09, 2026  
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*

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# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Invest In Kids - 2026

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      \$ 436000

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 200,000

Source of Funds (check one):       Current Appropriations

Transfer of Existing Appropriations       Additional Appropriations       Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: Operating Acct: 101-11-0400-4380; Recovery 101-11-0400-9734

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses:      Annual Amount \$ 436,000

Describe: Invest in Kids, White Plains Youth Bureau \$150,000 (3); Mount Vernon Youth Bureau \$50,000 (1);  
New Rochelle Youth \$86,000 (1); Ossining Youth Bureau \$100,000 (2); & Peekskill Youth Bureau \$50,000 (1)

Potential Related Revenues:      Annual Amount \$ 200,000

Describe: IDA with DSS includes: White Plains YB Programs \$150,000 (3) and Peekskill YB Programs  
\$50,000 (1)

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

Current Year:      \$0.00

Next Four years: Same as above

Prepared by: Gregg Peterson

Title:      Financial Coordinator

Department: CEO/Youth Bureau

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

2/9/24

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AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into inter-municipal agreements with the Cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Peekskill and White Plains, and the Village of Ossining, acting by and through their Youth Bureaus, for the provision of positive youth development programs under the County's "Invest In Kids" Program.

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

**Section 1.** The County of Westchester ("County") is hereby authorized to enter into inter-municipal agreements ("IMAs") with the Cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Peekskill, and White Plains, acting by and through their Youth Bureaus ("Municipalities"), for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, in an amount of One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four (\$1,453,344) Dollars, comprised of County share not to exceed \$1,308,000 and approximately \$145,344 to be provided by the Municipalities over the three years. The Municipalities will provide their Positive Youth Development Programs as indicated in the attached Schedule "A."

**§2.** The County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents appropriate and necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

**§3.** This Act shall take effect immediately.

**SCHEDULE "A"**

| MUNICIPALITY                | PROGRAM NAME                      | YEAR | IHK AWARD    | MUNICIPALITY MATCH | TOTAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>City of Mount Vernon</b> |                                   |      |              |                    |                        |
|                             | Girls Embracing Maturity GEM      | 2026 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2027 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2028 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             | <i>Total Contract Amount:</i>     |      | \$150,000.00 | \$16,668.00        | \$166,668.00           |
| <b>City of New Rochelle</b> |                                   |      |              |                    |                        |
|                             | R.O.D.N.E.Y.'s Place              | 2026 | \$36,000.00  | \$4,000.00         | \$40,000.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2027 | \$36,000.00  | \$4,000.00         | \$40,000.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2028 | \$36,000.00  | \$4,000.00         | \$40,000.00            |
|                             | <i>Total Component Amount:</i>    |      | \$108,000.00 | \$12,000.00        | \$120,000.00           |
|                             | Step University: Elite Steppers   | 2026 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2027 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2028 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             | <i>Total Component Amount:</i>    |      | \$150,000.00 | \$16,668.00        | \$166,668.00           |
|                             | <i>Total Contract Amount:</i>     |      | \$258,000.00 | \$28,668.00        | \$286,668.00           |
| <b>Village of Ossining</b>  |                                   |      |              |                    |                        |
|                             | Water Safety                      | 2026 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2027 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2028 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             | <i>Total Component Amount:</i>    |      | \$150,000.00 | \$16,668.00        | \$166,668.00           |
|                             | Ossining Youth Engaged in Success | 2026 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2027 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2028 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             | <i>Total Component Amount:</i>    |      | \$150,000.00 | \$16,668.00        | \$166,668.00           |
|                             | <i>Total Contract Amount:</i>     |      | \$300,000.00 | \$33,336.00        | \$333,336.00           |
| <b>City of Peekskill</b>    |                                   |      |              |                    |                        |
|                             | Rising Stars                      | 2026 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2027 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2028 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             | <i>Total Contract Amount:</i>     |      | \$150,000.00 | \$16,668.00        | \$166,668.00           |
| <b>City of White Plains</b> |                                   |      |              |                    |                        |
|                             | Step Up Boys                      | 2026 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2027 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2028 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             | <i>Total Component Amount:</i>    |      | \$150,000.00 | \$16,668.00        | \$166,668.00           |
|                             | Social Justice for Youth          | 2026 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2027 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2028 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             | <i>Total Component Amount:</i>    |      | \$150,000.00 | \$16,668.00        | \$166,668.00           |
|                             | Healthy & Fit for Life            | 2026 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2027 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             |                                   | 2028 | \$50,000.00  | \$5,556.00         | \$55,556.00            |
|                             | <i>Total Component Amount:</i>    |      | \$150,000.00 | \$16,668.00        | \$166,668.00           |
|                             | <i>Total Contract Amount:</i>     |      | \$450,000.00 | \$50,004.00        | \$500,004.00           |

|      | IHK            | Match        | Total Amounts  |
|------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2026 | \$436,000.00   | \$48,448.00  | \$484,448.00   |
| 2027 | \$436,000.00   | \$48,448.00  | \$484,448.00   |
| 2028 | \$436,000.00   | \$48,448.00  | \$484,448.00   |
|      | \$1,308,000.00 | \$145,344.00 | \$1,453,344.00 |

STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
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WESTCHESTER COUNTY        )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 44 - 2026, 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 23, 2026, and approved by the County Executive on March 24, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County  
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

