



## MEMORANDUM

PEEKSKILL YOUTH BUREAU

**To:** Matthew Alexander, City Manager  
**FROM:** Tuesday Paige McDonald, Executive Director, Youth Bureau  
**DATE:** December 26, 2025

**RE: REQUEST APPROVAL TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD FROM WESTCHESTER COUNTY – LIFT- RISING STARS PROGRAM**

The Peekskill Youth Bureau requests approval from the City of Peekskill to accept a grant award in the amount of \$55,556.00 from the Westchester County Youth Bureau Invest-In-Kids funding used to implement our 2026 Advancing Leadership Initiatives for Teens (LIFT) – RISING STARS Program.

In 1993, the Westchester County Invest-In-Kids Program was established under the Westchester County Youth Bureau Charter as a mechanism for provision of local tax levy dollars for expanded use of the positive youth development model in addressing the needs of at-risk youth under the age of 21 in eleven urban communities: Elmsford, Greenburgh, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, White Plains and Yonkers. The positive youth development model focuses on providing opportunities for youth to actively acquire skills and abilities to become competent, caring healthy adults.

This funding supports the implementation of our comprehensive, year-round Advancing LIFT program for city youth ages 10-14.

Contracts for these services require a 10% city cash match of (\$5,556.00) for a total program budget of \$55,556.00. This match is realized from the Youth Bureau's general operating budget line 7144.

The City of Peekskill Youth Bureau will begin this work in January 2026 and requests approval from the City of Peekskill to accept this grant money.

Please add this item to the January 5, 2026 COW Agenda for discussion.

Thank you.

Attachment: Award Letter