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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM LOCAL WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (YEP) GRANT**

Whereas, by correspondence dated October 10, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon to enter into an agreement with the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Board to accept grant funds in the amount of \$800,068 for the Youth Employment Program (YEP) for the period October 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau continues to provide essential educational and employment services to youth in the City of Mount Vernon, helping them achieve self-sufficiency, develop career skills, and gain valuable work experience; and

Whereas, the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Board has made available grant funding in the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$800,068) to support the Youth Employment Program (YEP) for the program period beginning October 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; and

Whereas, the YEP program serves approximately eighty (80) eligible youth between the ages of 14 and 20, providing educational support, employment training, driver's license assistance, program supplies, and contractual services with program-enhancing vendors; and

Whereas, this grant is reimbursable and requires no matching funds from the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the City and its residents to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Board to accept these funds and implement the Youth Employment Program through the Youth Bureau; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Board to accept grant funds in the amount of \$800,068 for the Youth Employment Program (YEP) for the period October 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the grant is to provide educational and employment services to eligible youth aged 14-20, including but not limited to career exploration, workforce readiness, driver's license support, program supplies, and vendor partnerships that enhance program delivery and participant outcomes.

Section 3. Funding Allocation. Funds shall be recorded in Revenue Code A3989 and appropriated to the following budget codes:

- A7321.101 – Salaries
- A7321.104 – Part-Time
- A7321.203 – Equipment
- A7321.402 – Travel Expense
- A7321.405 – Contracted Outside Services
- A7321.458 – Miscellaneous
- A7321.467 – Program Supplies

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Section 4. Terms of Grant. This is a reimbursable grant with *no* matching requirement from the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: October 22, 2025
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Gleason: Yea Thompson: Yea
Poteat: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

OCT 22 2025

Date

BY

Acting

Mayor

Derrick Thompson
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Acting President

ATTEST:

Michelle Bonilla
City Clerk