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DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH BUREAU

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Honorable Members of the City Council
Through the Office of the Mayor
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Dear Honorable Members:

This letter comes to respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation that will enable the Mayor to accept foundation funds in the amount of $85,000, ($42,500 each year) from the The New York Community Trust and its Westchester Advisory Board.

This grant is the 1st of its kind for the city, Youth Bureau, and is specifically designated to expand the Mount Vernon Youth Empowerment Advocacy Council (YEAC) from June 2025- June 2027. Attached in the award letter are the goals that must be completed by the Youth Empowerment Advocacy Council each year. The 1st payment in the amount of $42,500 was ACH delivered on 7/14/25 to the Comptroller's Office. The 2nd installment for year 2 will be payable upon receipt of satisfactory interim report.

Please note that, grant adds no additional expense to the City and should be associated with revenue code A3820.3 and budget code A7330.101; A7330.402; A7330.467; A7330.423; A7330.458; and A7330.467. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (914) 665-2347 or by email at Dburrell@mountvernonny.gov.

Sincerely,

Debbie Burrell-Butler

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Enclosed: Award Letter

CC: Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor
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Brian Johnson, Corporation Counsel