

Westchester County Department of Health

2024 Executive Proposed Budget

Core Programs & Functions

- Prevent and Control Communicable Disease
- Protect the Environment
- Inform, Educate and Collaborate with the Community
- Plan, Assess and Evaluate Services
- Support Families and Children with Special Needs

Budget Summary

ITEM	2023	2024
Operating Positions	208	208
Trust Positions	74	73
TOTAL POSITIONS	282	281
Personal Service	19,595,598	19,463,034
Equipment	117,645	132,500
Materials & Supplies	378,365	379,000
Contractual Expenses	193,344,785	187,623,079
Inter-Departmental Charges	6,999,669	7,125,908
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	220,436,062	214,723,521

Budget Summary

ITEM	2023	2024
Inter-Departmental Revenue	4,900	4,900
Departmental Revenue	12,375,300	13,362,700
State & Federal Aid	132,377,046	125,208,806
TOTAL REVENUE	144,757,246	138,576,406
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	75,678,816	76,147,115

New Initiatives & Highlights

- Conduct **TB screening**, and promote and provide vaccinations, health insurance access, health education and linkages to primary care services for newly arrived immigrants.
- Administer funds to improve **Black maternal and infant health outcomes** and reduce racial health inequities through capacity building of key community partners and by expanding access to community-based supportive services for Black birthing people.
- Provide funding to 3 **Federally Qualified Health Centers** to support critical health care services for uninsured and underinsured residents.

New Initiatives & Highlights

- **Reduce tobacco use** through the County Executive's Westchester Tobacco Free program by expanding enforcement efforts; leading educational sessions for retailers on tobacco product sales regulations; contracting with community partners to support tobacco prevention and cessation and monitor progress through the CHIP Champions workgroup.
- Participate with NYSDOH Center for Environmental Health **Lead Rental Registry** workgroup to help develop NYS Rules and Regulations for statewide implementation by April 2025.

New Initiatives & Highlights

- Successfully **monitored 50 travelers** from Uganda for an Ebola outbreak, the highest number of any county in NYS other than NYC.
- **Bolstered clinic services** by resuming operations at our Yonkers clinic and expanding service hours at both clinic locations.
- Enhanced **community outreach efforts** to promote health department programs and clinic services through a bilingual bus poster and bus shelter campaign; the creation of new outreach materials; and attendance at over a dozen after hours and weekend community events during summer 2023.

New Initiatives & Highlights

- Held two “**Community Conversation**” forums attended by over 65 partner organizations to support our CHA/CHIP and foster opportunities to share data and resources to improve population health and health equity.
- Environmental Health hosted the **Annual Children's Camp Workshop** for summer camp operators and an informational workshop for Westchester County municipal leadership on WCDH policies, processes and procedures for pool and food service plan review and permitting.

New Initiatives & Highlights

- **Expanded access to Narcan** by equipping over 3,000 residents with Narcan through Community Opioid Overdose trainings; providing Naloxboxes to housing shelters and colleges; and supplying 500 Narcan kits to municipal police departments.
- Implement a **data visualization tool** to effectively present and share data with residents and community partners.

New Initiatives & Highlights

- **Provider Capacity for Children with Special Needs**
 - NYS approved 12% increase last year for center based Pre-k providers
 - County approved 12% increase 9/1/23 for related services
 - NYS only issued a 1% increase to EI providers last year and an 11% increase has been proposed by the Senate
 - NYSDOH Bureau of Early Intervention supports the increase to EI provider rates for parity in service system and to address capacity issues