

Westchester County Board of Elections

***2022 Commissioners' Budget Request
as presented in the proposed Executive Budget***



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Core Programs & Functions

- Accept voter registrations in person, centrally and at other locations, or by mail or electronic means;
- Process party enrollment and address changes for registered voters;
- Cancel registrations as necessary due to death, out-of-county moves and incarceration for a felony offense;
- Maintain voter records related to registrations;
- Issue a certification of a voter's voting record on request;
- Accept applications for absentee ballots for all elections and distribute ballots for same;
- Provide nine days of early voting for all primary and general elections;



Core Programs & Functions (continued)

- Recruit, train and employ poll workers to conduct elections;
- Record an official canvass of every election;
- Have custody of, purchase, repair and maintain all voting equipment used to conduct such elections;
- Accept, review and certify petitions for public office, party positions and propositions to be placed on a ballot;
- Maintain maps of political subdivisions and polling places;
- Provide training on election procedures, machine classes and other assistance to school, fire, water and library districts using optical scan voting machines and lend voting machines as needed.



2021 General Election

- Registered Voters: 654,450
- Polling Places: 338
- Absentee Ballots requested: 13,859
- Absentee Ballots returned: 7,384



Budget Summary

ITEM	2021 Appropriated	2022 Requested
Operating Positions	106	106
Trust Positions	0	0
TOTAL POSITIONS	106	106
Personal Service (Gross)	\$ 9,022,732	\$ 9,239,236
Other Personal Service	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 2,105,000
Equipment	\$ 79,500	\$ 77,700
Materials & Supplies	\$ 2,760,803	\$ 2,941,820
Expenses	\$ 6,678,625	\$ 7,664,112
Inter-Departmental Charges	\$ 2,308,120	\$ 2,576,561
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$22,066,358	\$24,604,429

Budget Summary

ITEM	2021	2022
Inter-Departmental Revenue		
Departmental Revenue	\$ 1,678,734	\$ 1,728,488
State & Federal Aid	\$ 159,882	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,838,616	\$ 1,728,488
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	\$20,227,742	\$22,875,941



COVID-19 Response

- Review of Polling Places physical layout to implement social distancing
- Personal Protective Equipment for staff and voters
- Procedures for mask-wearing, social distancing, and non-compliance with same at polls
- Contactless Absentee Ballot Drop-Off
- Social Ambassadors added to manage above during voting



Highlights and Initiatives

- As the pandemic eases, easier to locate polling places.
- On-line training began in 2021 for potential poll workers.
- With census complete, redistricting will result in changes to Election District boundaries requiring updates to maps and voter registration systems.
- Compliance with new Cybersecurity Requirements is due no later than August 1, 2022 (e.g. 14-character passwords for all devices).

