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AMENDED
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
TO BE HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Wednesday **November 4, 2026** **7:00 P.M.**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Legislative Prayer**

3. **Roll Call**

PROCLAMATIONS

Small Business Recognition Month

4. **Correspondence**
   a) **County Auditor**

5. **Pre–filed resolutions:**

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Crowley, Legislator Regan, Legislator Russo)

5a. Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A076 – Health Department – Early Learning Center– Increased Travel and Service Revenue Is Expected to Offset Higher Lease and Transportation Expenses (Item #4b)

5b. Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A078 – Sheriff's Department – Reflect Actual Amount Awarded – Governors' Traffic Safety Committee (Item #15)

5c. Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A079 – Sheriff's Department – Recognize reimbursement received from NYS Stop DWI Foundation, Inc. to cover Overtime Expenses for Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) (Item #16)

5d. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A081) – Finance – Legal Aid Society – State Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform Program (Item #4c)

5e. Approval – Fund Transfer (26T252) – Sheriff's Department – State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) FY24 Funds (Item #17)

5f. Approval – Fund Transfer (26T254) – Sheriff's Department – Funds to Purchase Seven (7) Cameras to provide an increase of coverage in area being recorded and eliminate possible blind spots within Correctional Facility (Item #18)

5g. Approval – Fund Transfer (26T262) – Mental Health & Social Services – Reappropriate Funds – Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for employees at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office (Item #5)

5h. Approval – Fund Transfer (26T287) – Bureau of Emergency Services – 911 Dispatch Center Overtime (Item #7)

5i. Approval – Fund Transfer (26T298) – Department of Public Works – Funds to cover Automotive Supplies and Repair Expenses through the end of the Year (Item #8)

5j. Consideration of 2 Local Law Proposals

- Approval – Revised Local Law Establishing The $6.5 Million 2026–2027 Essential Infrastructure Equipment and Preservation Cooperation Program (Item #9)

- Approval – Amended Local Law – 10 Million – Municipal Public Works and Infrastructure Cooperation Project (Item #11)

5k. Approval – Fund Transfer (26T289-Revised) – County Executive – $6.5 Million 2026–2027 Essential Infrastructure Equipment And Preservation Cooperation Program (Item #10)

6. Other Business

a.) Enter Into the Book of Proceedings – Veto of Resolution #262 of 2026

b.) Reconsideration – County Executive's Veto – Resolution #262 of 2026 - Local Law To Amend Article 3, Section 3.04-A(d) And Article 7, Section 7.04(B)(8) of The Putnam County Charter In Relation To The Vote Required To Override Certain Budget Vetoes

7. Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

8. Recognition of Legislators

9. Adjournment

Proclamation

Small Business Recognition Month – November 2026

WHEREAS, small business constitutes the single most important segment of our free enterprise system, and our small businesspeople are the backbone of our economy; and

WHEREAS, a successful small business is evidence of the independence, initiative, and hard work of the owner/operator and this spirit has been, and will continue to play an important role in maintaining and improving the vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, small businesspeople take a leading role in civic affairs to improve the quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the Putnam County Business Council and the local Chambers of Commerce, small businesspeople provide a variety of services, both business and social, to the community at large; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have and will continue to provide employment opportunities for our residents and contribute conveniences and services, both in person and online, to our communities; and

WHEREAS, the November-December holiday season is important to the annual success of many of our small businesses; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim November 2026 as Small Business Recognition Month and urge all citizens to join them in recognizing the contributions small businesses make to county-wide development and Shop Small Business to support our local small businesses so that they can remain vital and flourish in Putnam County.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Daniel G. Birmingham, Chair, Putnam County Legislature

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Michele Alfano- Sharkey
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#4a

TO: Putnam County Legislature

FROM: Michele Alfano-Sharkey
County Auditor MAS

DATE: October 26, 2026

RE: Refund of Taxes

This is the report for October 26, 2026, provided by Real Property Tax Law- Section 554 and 556.

There was no activity during this reporting period.

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Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: **November 4, 2026**
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A076) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – EARLY LEARNING CENTER – INCREASED TRAVEL AND SERVICE REVENUE EXPECTED TO OFFSET HIGHER LEASE AND TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a budgetary amendment (26A076) to recognize the increased travel and service revenue expected to offset higher lease and transportation expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Increase Revenues:		
10296000 432773	**Preschool Program–Educ & Tran Hncp Child**	**200,000**
Increase Expenses:		
10296000 54678	**Preschool Program– Leased Transportation**	**200,000**

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0–
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
Legislator D'Angelo		
Legislator Gouldman		
Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
Legislator D'Angelo		
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Legislator Montgomery		
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Chairman Birmingham		

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Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: **November 4, 2026**
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT 26A078 – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – REFLECT ACTUAL AMOUNT AWARDED – GOVERNORS' TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (26A078) to recognize an actual amount awarded to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department on behalf of the Governors' Traffic Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office will participate in the statewide Police Traffic Services Program with the goal to increase seat belt usage and reduce dangerous driving behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Increase Revenues:

17311000 443893 10021	**Sheriff Patrol – Police Traffic Services**	**12,750**
17311000 443899 10024	**Sheriff Patrol – Buckle Up**	**4,500**
		17,250

Increase Appropriations:

17311000 51093 10021	**Sheriff Patrol – Overtime/Police Traffic Svcs.**	**12,750**
17311000 51093 10024	**Sheriff Patrol – Overtime/Buckle Up**	**4,500**
		17,250

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0–
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
Legislator D'Angelo		
Legislator Gouldman		
Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
Legislator D'Angelo		
Legislator Gouldman		
Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
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Chairman Birmingham		

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Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: **November 4, 2026**
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT 26A079 – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – RECOGNIZE REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED FROM NYS STOP DWI FOUNDATION, INC. TO COVER OVERTIME EXPENSES FOR DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) CALLOUTS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (26A079) to recognize reimbursement received from NYS Stop DWI Foundation, Inc. to cover Overtime Expenses for Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) callouts during the months of February, June and July of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Increase Revenues:

32311000 443890	Sheriff BCI – Public Safety – Other	372.14
17311000 443890	Sheriff Patrol – Public Safety – Other	734.16
		1,106.30

Increase Expenses:

32311000 51093	Sheriff BCI – Overtime	345.69
32311000 58002	Sheriff BCI – FICA	26.45
17311000 51093	Sheriff Patrol – Overtime	681.98
17311000 51093	Sheriff Patrol – FICA	52.18
		1,106.30

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0–
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
Legislator D'Angelo		
Legislator Gouldman		
Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
Legislator D'Angelo		
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Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

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Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: **November 4, 2026**
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – BUGDETARY AMENDMENT (26A081) – FINANCE – LEGAL AID SOCIETY – STATE AID TO DEFENSE FOR DISCOVERY REFORM PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment 26A081 to recognize receipt of a pass–through award from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice for the State's Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform Program; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

25117000 430890 10224	**Legal Aid Society – State Aid Other–Aid to Defense Discovery Reform**	**147,869**

Increase Expenses:

25117000 54951 10224	**Legal Aid Society – Aid to Defense Discovery Reform – Aid to Pro**	**147,869**

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0–
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
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Legislator D'Angelo		
Legislator Gouldman		
Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
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Chairman Birmingham		

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Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: **November 4, 2026**
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (26T252) – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) FY24 FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (26T252) to utilize FY24 SHSP Grant approved funds to cover various overtime and explosive K9 purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10364501 54646 10228	**Homeland Security: Contracts: FY24SHSP**	**39,633.71**
10364501 54646 10228	**Homeland Security: Contracts: FY24SHSP**	**10,384.95**
		50,018.66

Increase:

10364501 51093 10228	**Homeland Security: Overtime : FY24SHSP**	**39,633.71**
10364501 54150 10228	**Homeland Security: Canine: FY24SHSP**	**10,384.95**
		50,018.66

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0–
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
Legislator D'Angelo		
Legislator Gouldman		
Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
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Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: **November 4, 2026**
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (26T254) – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – FUNDS TO PURCHASE SEVEN (7) CAMERAS TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE OF COVERAGE IN AREA BEING RECORDED AND ELIMINATE POSSIBLE BLIND SPOTS WITHIN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (26T254) to purchase seven new (7) cameras to provide an increase of coverage in area being recorded and eliminate possible blind spots within the Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10011000 54510	**Jail Maint.: Machine Maintenance**	**23,500**
Increase:		
10315000 52140	**Jail General: Audio Visual <$25K**	**23,500**

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0–
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
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Legislator Gouldman		
Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
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Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

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Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: **November 4, 2026**
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (26T262) – MENTAL HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES – REAPPROPRIATE FUNDS – CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING (CIT) FOR EMPLOYEES AT THE PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services and the Youth Bureau has requested a fund transfer (26T262) to reappropriate funds to provide CIT for the employees at the Putnam County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer; be made:

Decrease:

10431000 54646 10115	**Mental Health Local Govt. Unit Contract CIT Training**	**26,923**

Increase:

10431000 55646 10115	**Mental Health Local Govt. Unit –Chargeback Contract CIT Training**	**26,923**

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0–
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
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Legislator Crowley		
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Legislator Gouldman		
Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
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Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
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Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

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Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
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Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (26T287) – BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – 911 DISPATCH CENTER OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services has requested a fund transfer (26T287) to cover 911 Dispatch Center overtime for the remainder of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer; be made:

Decrease:		
14398900 54646	**Contracts**	**93,000.00**
14398900 54646	**Contracts**	**7,114.50**
		100,114.50
Increase:		
133989000 51093	**Overtime**	**93,000.00**
133989000 58002	**Social Security**	**7,114.50**
		100,114.50

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0–
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
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ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
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Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

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Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: **November 4, 2026**
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (26T298) – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – FUNDS TO COVER AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIES AND REPAIR EXPENSES THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR – 2026

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Public Works has requested a fund transfer (26T298) to cover Automotive Supplies and Repair Expenses through the end of the Year, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer; be made:

Decrease:		
03 10513000 54898	**Other Maintenance**	**50,000**
03 10513000 54898	**Other Maintenance**	**20,000**
		70,000
Increase:		
03 10513000 54410	**Supplies**	**50,000**
03 10513000 54730	**Automotive**	**20,000**
		70,000

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0–
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
Legislator D'Angelo		
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Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
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Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

Consideration of 2 Local Law Proposals

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Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: **November 4, 2026**
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/ REVISED LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE $6.5 MILLION 2026–2027 ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT AND PRESERVATION COOPERATION PROGRAM

Section 1. Legislative findings; purpose.

The Putnam County Legislature finds that cooperative purchases, maintenance, and in-kind preservation of existing public infrastructure can promote public safety, service continuity, storm readiness, efficient use of public equipment, and taxpayer savings across county, town, and village boundaries. The Legislature further finds that equipment sharing and coordinated maintenance can avoid duplicative municipal expense.

This Local Law establishes a limited 2026-2027 program for bona fide cooperative undertakings under Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, especially § 119-o. Each undertaking must involve functions that the County and participating municipality may lawfully perform or provide, individually or cooperatively. This law does not expand either party's substantive statutory powers and does not authorize unrestricted aid, a gift, or general municipal revenue sharing.

Section 2. Program established; duration.

There is hereby established the "$6.5 Million Essential Infrastructure Equipment and Preservation Cooperation Program" (the "Program"), with a total aggregate County participation ceiling of $6,500,000 for eligible undertakings implemented during the 2026 and 2027 fiscal years. This is a single two-year program ceiling, not a $6,500,000 authorization for each year, and while pursuant to legislative amendment the term specifies and spans two fiscal years, practically it is limited by the deadlines of the budget process, which necessitates only projects that do not require SEQRA, and that can be effectuated by and through a 2026 appropriation.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
Legislator D'Angelo		
Legislator Gouldman		
Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
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Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

The County may perform auditing, closeout, and other obligations arising from an agreement after that date. No expenditure in 2027 shall occur absent legally available 2027 appropriations, lawful carryover or reappropriation of eligible 2026 balances, and all necessary budgetary authorizations, to extent possible however non-are envisioned.

Section 3. Eligible Type II cooperative undertakings.

An undertaking is eligible only if (a) it is a genuine joint, cooperative or contract-based service, purchase, or infrastructure-preservation activity authorized by General Municipal Law § 119-o; (b) the County and municipality each have a lawful role and a documented public benefit; (c) the specific action, considering its entire scope and reasonably related components, is properly classified as Type II under 6 NYCRR § 617.5 or another legally applicable Type II provision, so that no environmental assessment or further SEQRA review is required; and (d) the undertaking is expressly described in an executed intermunicipal agreement and project schedule.

Eligible categories, only when all preceding conditions are satisfied, include: (1) joint purchase, lease, ownership, custody, operation or use of equipment, machinery and nonhazardous supplies for maintenance of existing roads, culverts, catch basins, storm drainage, public facilities and emergency-access infrastructure, consistent with 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(31); (2) joint maintenance or repair of existing structures or facilities without substantial change, consistent with § 617.5(c)(1); (3) in-kind replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction on the same site, without crossing applicable Type I thresholds, consistent with § 617.5(c)(2); (4) repaving of existing highways without new travel lanes, consistent with § 617.5(c)(5); (5) existing right-of-way openings limited to repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities, consistent with § 617.5(c)(6); and (6) shared infrastructure-maintenance services, logistics or equipment arrangements specifically incidental to these Type II activities, which by this proposal we are expressly holding to include acquisition of road salt for all jointly maintained and traversed roadways, heating oil as all designated municipal buildings serve as potential shelters during power outages during freezing temperatures, gas and/or diesel for emergency service and/or maintenance vehicles/equipment.

Merely purchasing equipment for a separately proposed non-Type II development does not make the overall undertaking eligible. Projects requiring discretionary environmental review, new construction or expansion not independently classified Type II, land acquisition, capacity enlargement, channel alteration, substantial grading, and new roads or new travel lanes are excluded.

Ordinary unrestricted operating subsidies, general payroll, unrestricted cash grants, beautification and recreation projects are excluded. No applicant may segment an integrated undertaking to secure Type II treatment.

Section 4. Written Type II determination and statutory powers.

The preparation and execution of an IMA placed in the Program file shall constitute a written determination identifying the Type II undertaking as set forth above and the independent legal functions and County-wide or shared public purposes justifying cooperation. Each participant remains responsible for other applicable permits and legal requirements even when SEQRA review is not required.

Section 5. Intermunicipal agreement.

Each undertaking requires a written intermunicipal agreement approved by a majority vote of the voting strength of each participating governing body, together with any further authorization, hearing, referendum or consent that would otherwise be required under General Municipal Law § 119-o(1). The agreement shall describe work or equipment, County and municipal benefits, division of services and costs, procurement lead, custody and ownership, operating and maintenance responsibilities, insurance and risk allocation, performance schedule, inspection and audit rights, and reimbursement, recapture and termination terms.

No disbursement shall be made merely because a municipality has a formula allocation. Payments shall reimburse documented eligible County shares of cooperative expenditures, or constitute lawful progress payments against verified deliverables and supporting documentation. All contracts shall comply with applicable procurement, competitive-bidding, public-works and prevailing-wage requirements.

Section 6. Allocation ceiling among municipalities.

The $6,500,000 ceiling shall be reserved as maximum potential County project participations among the six towns and three villages of Putnam County. A base potential allocation of $50,000 shall first be reserved for each of the nine municipalities. The $6,050,000 balance shall be apportioned by population using the latest decennial United States census, excluding incorporated village population from the town totals for purposes of this formula so no resident is counted twice (See Schedule “A”).

The Commissioner of Finance shall calculate and publish these maximum potential amounts. They establish ceilings only and do not create entitlements. A municipality may apply for one or more eligible activities which will be memorialized in the IMA, subject to its aggregate ceiling and lawful annual budget authority. Upon written notice and opportunity to submit an eligible proposal, the Legislature may by resolution reallocate unused ceilings to other eligible Program projects, without exceeding $6,500,000 overall.

Section 7. Fiscal implementation in 2026 and 2027.

The Program is intended to use up to $6,500,000 originally reserved in 2026 County subcontingency for homeowner tax relief. Any lawful transfer, budget amendment or appropriation needed to make those funds available for the Program shall be effected separately in accordance with the Putnam County Charter, County Code, and applicable fiscal law. Total Program expenditures and obligations shall never exceed $6,500,000.

Section 8. Administration and controls.

Each municipality shall submit a written letter application and proposed agreement schedule specifying the equipment or activity, infrastructure served, Type II basis, joint use or services, anticipated cost, cost-sharing basis, purchasing and procurement plan, custody, and a documented benefit to both governments. The Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of Finance and County Attorney shall review technical, fiscal and legal eligibility. Undertakings shall receive all approvals required by applicable law and the County Charter before contract execution.

For each acquisition, written inventory records shall include only to the extent applicable or practicable, documents that identify ownership, custodial location, permitted joint use, asset tags, useful life, disposition rights, and a fair-value adjustment or return obligation if cooperative use ends prematurely. Participating municipalities shall keep records and permit County audits for at least six years after final payment, or longer if required by law.

Section 9. Reporting; prohibited transfers.

The Commissioner of Finance shall keep a public accounting of allocations, agreements, Type II determinations, expenditures, and remaining available funds. Each municipality shall provide itemized proof of cost and an annual report describing cooperative use and savings. Any ineligible, duplicative, unsupported

or unspent payment shall be refunded to the County. County funds shall not be paid for unrelated municipal operations or used as an unconditional gift.

Section 10. Construction; severability.

This law shall be interpreted consistently with Article IX of the New York Constitution, the Municipal Home Rule Law, General Municipal Law Article 5-G, Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, 6 NYCRR Part 617, and the Putnam County Charter. If a provision is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to the extent they can operate lawfully and independently.

Section 11. Effective date.

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State in the manner prescribed by Municipal Home Rule Law § 27, subject to any applicable prerequisite to effectiveness. No IMA payment may occur before completion of all required approvals and a valid, and is contingent upon available appropriation.

Schedule "A"

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All receive $50,000 and balance to be split based on population and paid 2026

Total	6,500,000
Less 9 @ 50,000	(450,000)
Balance	6,050,000

	POPULATION PER DECENNIAL CENSUS	POPULATION PERCENTAGE (%)	DISTRIBUTION 12/15/26	DISTRIBUTION 12/30/26	Total 2026
TOWN OF CARMEL	33,576	34.38%	50,000	2,079,850	2,129,850
TOWN OF KENT	12,900	13.21%	50,000	799,085	849,085
TOWN OF PATTERSON	11,541	11.82%	50,000	714,902	764,902
TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN	7,221	7.39%	50,000	447,302	497,302
TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY	11,762	12.04%	50,000	728,592	778,592
TOWN OF SOUTHEAST	15,550	15.92%	50,000	963,238	1,013,238
VILLAGE OF BREWSTER	2,508	2.57%	50,000	155,357	205,357
VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING	1,986	2.03%	50,000	123,022	173,022
VILLAGE OF NELSONVILLE	624	0.64%	50,000	38,653	88,653
	97,668	100.00%	450,000	6,050,000	6,500,000

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LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2026

APPROVAL/A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE $6.5 MILLION ESSENTIAL MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESILIENCY COOPERATION PROGRAM

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1. Legislative intent and purpose.

The Putnam County Legislature finds that the repair, rehabilitation and improvement of essential public infrastructure throughout Putnam County serves important County-wide public purposes, including protection of life and property, preservation of roads, bridges, drainage systems and public facilities, protection of water quality, emergency access, resiliency, accessibility, and the efficient use of public resources.

The Legislature further finds that many infrastructure needs affect more than one level of local government and that coordinated County-town-village planning, rehabilitation and construction can reduce duplicative costs, extend the useful life of public assets, improve public safety and resiliency, and lessen the local tax burden that would otherwise result from separately funding necessary infrastructure work.

Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into agreements for the cooperative or joint performance of their respective functions, powers and duties. It is therefore the purpose of this Local Law to establish a one-time, targeted County program through which Putnam County may participate with its towns and villages in qualifying essential infrastructure rehabilitation, public-safety, accessibility and resiliency undertakings pursuant to written intermunicipal agreements.

Nothing in this Local Law shall be construed as authorizing an unconditional grant or gift of County funds to another municipality. County funds shall be expended only as the County's share of an approved cooperative undertaking pursuant to an intermunicipal agreement and a lawful appropriation.

Section 2. Establishment of Program.

There is hereby established the Putnam County Essential Municipal Infrastructure and Resiliency Cooperation Program (the "Program"). The Program is intended as a one-time use of the $6,500,000 previously reserved in the 2026 County budget for homeowner tax relief, redirected to qualifying cooperative infrastructure undertakings that repair or rehabilitate existing public assets, address documented public-safety or resiliency needs, and reduce or avoid costs otherwise borne by local taxpayers while advancing a County-wide public purpose.

Participation by any town or village shall be voluntary and shall require approval and execution of an intermunicipal agreement pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law.

Section 3. Eligible cooperative undertakings.

County participation under this Program shall be limited to projects involving the repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction or targeted improvement of existing essential public infrastructure, or a documented public-safety, accessibility or resiliency need, and that are lawfully capable of being undertaken cooperatively by the County and the participating municipality.

Eligible undertakings may include, to the extent authorized by law:

1. repair, reconstruction or rehabilitation of public roads, bridges, culverts, retaining walls, drainage systems, catch basins, storm sewers and related transportation or drainage infrastructure;
2. roadway safety, slope-stabilization, guardrail, intersection, pedestrian, sidewalk, crosswalk and accessibility improvements where undertaken as part of an identified public-safety or infrastructure project;
3. flood-control, flood-resiliency, hazard-mitigation, stormwater-management, erosion-control and water-quality improvements;
4. repair, rehabilitation or targeted improvement of water, wastewater, sewer or related utility infrastructure where both the County and participating municipality are legally authorized to participate;
5. repair or rehabilitation of essential municipal buildings or public-safety facilities, including roofs, structural components, electrical, mechanical, heating, ventilation, emergency-power, fire-suppression and similar building systems, where the work serves a documented governmental, public-safety or continuity-of-operations need;
6. shared public-works or emergency-response equipment, or equipment integral to an approved infrastructure undertaking, where joint use or coordinated acquisition produces a documented governmental efficiency;
7. design, engineering, permitting, surveying and other professional services directly necessary for an approved eligible undertaking; and

other substantially similar essential infrastructure, public-safety, accessibility or resiliency projects specifically approved by the County Legislature upon a written determination that the project constitutes a lawful County purpose and a lawful subject of municipal cooperation.

Routine municipal operating expenses, general payroll, unrestricted or cyclical paving and maintenance, beautification, recreation amenities, economic-development subsidies, acquisition of ordinary passenger vehicles, and wholly new or expansionary facilities that are not necessary to remedy a documented infrastructure, public-safety, accessibility or resiliency need shall not be eligible.

Section 4. Intermunicipal agreement required.

No County funds shall be disbursed or encumbered for the benefit of a participating municipality unless the County and that municipality first execute a written intermunicipal agreement pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law.

Each intermunicipal agreement shall identify the specific cooperative undertaking; state the respective responsibilities of the County and participating municipality; establish the County financial participation and any municipal financial or in-kind participation; specify the permitted use of County funds; establish project milestones and documentation requirements; provide for compliance with applicable procurement, competitive bidding, prevailing wage and public-works laws; provide the County reasonable audit and inspection rights; require the return of funds not expended in accordance with the agreement; and provide that all County obligations are subject to a lawful and available appropriation.

Each agreement shall further provide that the participating municipality shall use the County contribution to offset or avoid municipal expenditures that otherwise would have been required for the approved undertaking, thereby reducing the local fiscal burden associated with that project.

Section 5. Allocation among municipalities.

The $6,500,000 Program amount shall be made available among the six towns and three villages of Putnam County as maximum project participation amounts, not as unconditional entitlements or direct aid.

To assure meaningful participation by each municipality, $50,000 shall first be reserved as a minimum potential project allocation for each of the nine municipalities. The remaining balance of $6,050,000 shall be allocated among the municipalities based upon their relative populations according to the most recent decennial federal census; provided, however, that for purposes of this allocation, the population of an incorporated village shall be excluded from the population attributed to the town in which that village is located so that no resident is counted twice.

The Commissioner of Finance shall calculate and publish the resulting maximum project participation amount for each municipality. Such calculation shall establish only the maximum amount potentially available for eligible cooperative undertakings with that municipality and shall not create a right to payment in the absence of an approved project, an executed intermunicipal agreement and an available County appropriation.

If a municipality declines to participate, fails to execute an intermunicipal agreement within the period established by the County Legislature, or cannot identify an eligible undertaking, the Legislature may by resolution reallocate the unused amount among other eligible Program undertakings, provided that any reallocation remains consistent with the purposes of this Local Law.

Section 6. Funding and appropriation.

The Legislature hereby authorizes the use of up to Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($6,500,000) previously placed in County subcontingency for the 2026 Homeowner Tax Relief Program for the purposes established by this Local Law.

Any transfer from subcontingency or other budgetary amendment necessary to make such funds available for expenditure shall be accomplished by the budgetary resolution or resolutions required by the Putnam County Charter, the Putnam County Code and other applicable law. Nothing in this Local Law shall itself be construed to authorize an expenditure in the absence of a valid appropriation in the proper County account.

Program funds may be disbursed as reimbursement for documented eligible costs, as progress payments tied to completed project milestones, or by another lawful method specified in the applicable intermunicipal agreement. Advance lump-sum payments for unrestricted municipal use are prohibited.

Section 7. Project approval and administration.

Each participating municipality shall submit a project description sufficient to demonstrate that the proposed undertaking satisfies the eligibility requirements of this Local Law and is legally capable of being undertaken cooperatively with the County.

The Commissioner of Public Works, in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney, shall review proposed undertakings for program eligibility, fiscal sufficiency and legal compliance. No project shall proceed unless approved in the manner required by the Putnam County Charter, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law and other applicable law.

The County Executive and appropriate County officers are authorized, within their respective lawful powers and subject to legislative appropriation and approval requirements, to execute and

administer intermunicipal agreements and to take such administrative actions as are reasonably necessary to implement the Program.

Section 8. No unconditional municipal aid; no entitlement.

Nothing in this Local Law shall be construed to authorize a general revenue-sharing payment, an unrestricted grant, a gift of County funds, or a payment solely for a purpose of the recipient municipality. All County expenditures must be tied to an approved cooperative undertaking in which the County is legally authorized to participate.

No town or village shall acquire a vested right or entitlement to any portion of the Program funds merely by virtue of the allocation formula contained in Section 5.

Section 9. Reporting and transparency.

For each approved undertaking, the participating municipality shall provide the County with documentation of expenditures and project progress in the manner required by the intermunicipal agreement. The Commissioner of Finance shall maintain a public accounting of amounts committed, disbursed and remaining under the Program.

Upon substantial completion of a project, the participating municipality shall certify the eligible costs incurred and describe the public infrastructure improvement completed with County participation.

Section 10. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 11. Construction.

This Local Law shall be construed consistently with Article IX of the New York State Constitution, the Municipal Home Rule Law, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, the Putnam County Charter and all other applicable law. Nothing herein shall be construed to enlarge the substantive powers of the County or any participating municipality beyond those otherwise granted by law.

Section 12. Effective date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law; provided, however, that no expenditure shall be made except pursuant to a duly authorized intermunicipal agreement and a lawful and available County appropriation.

Consideration of 2 Local Law Proposals: (#5j)

Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: **November 4, 2026**
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – AMENDED LOCAL LAW - 10 MILLION - MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COOPERATION PROJECT

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1. Legislative intent and purpose.

The Putnam County Legislature hereby finds and determines that the maintenance, improvement, rehabilitation and development of public infrastructure throughout Putnam County serves important County-wide public purposes, including protection of public health and safety, preservation of public assets, improvement of transportation and drainage systems, protection of the environment, promotion of emergency preparedness and resiliency, and the efficient delivery of governmental services.

The Legislature further finds that many public works and infrastructure needs are regional or intermunicipal in nature and that cooperation between the County and the towns and villages located within Putnam County can result in more efficient use of public resources, greater coordination of capital improvements, avoidance of duplicative governmental expenditures, and benefits to residents throughout the County.

Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into agreements for the cooperative or joint performance of their respective functions, powers and duties.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Local Law is to establish a two-year County-wide program pursuant to which Putnam County may undertake public works and infrastructure projects cooperatively with participating towns and villages through written intermunicipal agreements pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law.

Nothing in this Local Law shall be construed as authorizing an unconditional grant or gift of County funds to another municipality. All County expenditures pursuant to this Local Law shall be made in furtherance of an approved cooperative public works or infrastructure undertaking and pursuant to a written intermunicipal

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
Legislator D'Angelo		
Legislator Gouldman		
Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
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Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

agreement, and shall be projects already defined as falling within the purview of public works and infrastructure. Nothing in this law redefines or expands the scope of such already existing departmental functions.

Section 2. Establishment of Project.

The Program is intended as a one-time use of the $6,500,000 previously reserved in the 2026 County budget for homeowner tax relief, redirected to qualifying cooperative infrastructure undertakings that repair or rehabilitate existing public assets, address documented public-safety or resiliency needs, and reduce or avoid costs otherwise borne by local taxpayers while advancing a County-wide public purpose. By and through this legislation $5,000,000 of those funds shall be reappropriated for use in the 2027, budget, and $5,000,000 shall be placed in an assignment of fund balance and designated for use for this project in the 2028 budget.

Thus, there is hereby established the "10 Million to Taxpayers: Municipal Public Works and Infrastructure Cooperation Project" (the "Project").

The County may enter into intermunicipal agreements with any town or village wholly or partially situated within Putnam County for the joint or cooperative planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, improvement, maintenance or implementation of eligible public works or infrastructure projects.

Participation by a town or village shall be voluntary and shall be conditioned upon execution of an intermunicipal agreement meeting the requirements of this Local Law.

Section 3. Eligible public works and infrastructure undertakings.

County funds made available pursuant to this Local Law may be used only in connection with a cooperative or joint governmental undertaking authorized by law and identified in an intermunicipal agreement.

Eligible undertakings may include, to the extent lawfully within the powers of the County and participating municipality:

1. highways, roads, bridges, culverts and related transportation infrastructure;
2. stormwater management, drainage, flood-control and resiliency improvements;
3. water, wastewater or other utility infrastructure where the County is legally authorized to participate;
4. public safety and emergency-response infrastructure;
5. public buildings or facilities serving a County or intermunicipal governmental purpose;
6. environmental protection and remediation projects;

7. accessibility, pedestrian or transportation improvements;
8. shared public works equipment, facilities or services, including transparency measures allowing homebound individuals to participate in government through video/zoom/team or other internet/IT access measures;
9. planning, engineering, design and related professional services directly associated with an approved cooperative project; and
10. such other public infrastructure projects as are determined by the County Legislature to constitute a lawful County purpose and lawful subject of an intermunicipal agreement pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law.

No expenditure shall be authorized solely because an undertaking constitutes a lawful town or village purpose. The undertaking must also constitute a lawful County purpose or involve a function, facility, service, activity or undertaking in which the County is legally authorized to participate that is captured and memorialized in their intermunicipal agreement.

Section 4. Intermunicipal agreement required.

A. No municipality shall be entitled to receive, expend or otherwise obtain the benefit of County funds under this Project unless the County and municipality first execute a written intermunicipal agreement pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law.

B. Each intermunicipal agreement shall, at a minimum:

1. specifically identify the public works or infrastructure undertaking;
2. describe the respective governmental purposes and responsibilities of the County and participating municipality;
3. establish the County's financial participation and the municipality's financial or in-kind participation, if any;
4. specify the manner in which County funds may be expended;
5. provide for appropriate accounting and documentation of expenditures;
6. prohibit expenditure of County funds for any purpose outside the approved undertaking;
7. require compliance with all applicable bidding, prevailing-wage, procurement and public-works requirements;
8. provide the County with reasonable audit and inspection rights;
9. require return to the County of any funds not expended in accordance with the agreement;
10. provide that all expenditures are subject to the availability and lawful appropriation of County funds; and

11. contain such additional terms as are necessary to protect the interests of the County and ensure compliance with applicable law.

Section 5. County participation and allocation.

The annual appropriation of $5,000,000 shall be allocated among Putnam County's six towns and three incorporated villages pursuant to an equitable distribution formula, whereby a base potential allocation of $50,000 shall first be reserved for each of the nine municipalities. The remaining $4,550,000 shall be apportioned by population using the latest decennial United States census, excluding incorporated village population from the town totals for purposes of this formula so no resident is counted twice (See Schedule "A").

The Commissioner of Finance shall calculate and publish these maximum potential amounts. They establish ceilings only and do not create entitlements. A municipality may apply for one or more eligible activities which will be memorialized in the IMA, subject to its aggregate ceiling and lawful annual budget authority. Upon written notice and opportunity to submit an eligible proposal, the Legislature may by resolution reallocate unused ceilings to other eligible Program projects, without exceeding $5,000,000 overall. All distributions shall be contingent upon the execution of an intermunicipal agreement with the County and shall be used exclusively for eligible purchases or projects in accordance with the terms of such agreement which shall be approved by the legislature.

Section 6. Fiscal Year 2027 funding.

For County Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) is hereby authorized for the 10 Million to Taxpayers: Municipal Public Works and Infrastructure Cooperation Project.

Such amount shall be included and appropriated in the County's Fiscal Year 2027 budget in the appropriate account or accounts in accordance with the Putnam County Charter and applicable law.

No expenditure or encumbrance shall occur except pursuant to an approved intermunicipal agreement and an available appropriation.

Section 7. Fiscal Year 2028 funding.

It is the intent of the County Legislature to provide an additional Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) for the Project during County Fiscal Year 2028, pursuant to the same terms and structure.

Such funding shall be subject to appropriation in the duly adopted Fiscal Year 2028 County budget, the availability of funds, and all requirements of the Putnam County Charter and applicable law.

Nothing herein shall authorize an expenditure during Fiscal Year 2028 in the absence of a valid Fiscal Year 2028 appropriation.

Section 8. No unconditional municipal aid.

Nothing contained in this Local Law shall be construed to authorize the payment, distribution or transfer of County funds to a town or village for its unrestricted use.

County funds shall be used solely for the County's share of the costs of an approved cooperative or joint public works or infrastructure undertaking pursuant to an intermunicipal agreement.

A participating municipality shall have no right to substitute another purpose for the purpose identified in its intermunicipal agreement without prior approval by the County in accordance with law.

Section 9. Administration.

The County Executive, Commissioner of Finance, Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of General Services and such other County officials as may be appropriate are authorized, within their respective lawful powers and subject to legislative appropriation and approval requirements, to take such administrative actions as are necessary to implement this Local Law.

Nothing contained herein shall diminish or transfer any power vested by the Putnam County Charter in the County Legislature, County Executive, Commissioner of Finance or any other County officer.

Section 10. Approval of agreements.

Each intermunicipal agreement entered pursuant to this Local Law shall be approved in the manner required by Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, the Putnam County Charter and all other applicable law.

No agreement shall obligate the County beyond amounts lawfully appropriated and available for the Project.

Section 11. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 12. Supersession.

To the extent authorized by the Municipal Home Rule Law, this Local Law is intended to exercise the County's home-rule powers with respect to the County's property, affairs, government, fiscal administration and participation in cooperative governmental undertakings.

Nothing herein shall be construed to supersede any provision of State law that the County is prohibited from superseding.

Section 13. Effective date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law; provided, however, that no expenditure shall be made hereunder except pursuant to a duly adopted County budget or other lawful appropriation, an is contingent upon the signing of an intermunicipal agreement with any participating municipality.

Schedule "A"

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2027 $5,000,000 Distribution

All receive $50,000 and balance to be split based on population

Total	5,000,000
Less 9 @ 50,000	(450,000)
Balance	4,550,000

	POPULATION PER DECENNIAL CENSUS	POPULATION PERCENTAGE (%)	DISTRIBUTION 1/15/27	DISTRIBUTION 4/15/27	DISTRIBUTION 7/15/27	DISTRIBUTION 10/15/27	TOTAL
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TOWN OF KENT	12,900	13.21%	50,000	200,321	200,321	200,321	650,964
TOWN OF PATTERSON	11,541	11.82%	50,000	179,218	179,218	179,218	587,654
TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN	7,221	7.39%	50,000	112,133	112,133	112,133	386,400
TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY	11,762	12.04%	50,000	182,650	182,650	182,650	597,949
TOWN OF SOUTHEAST	15,550	15.92%	50,000	241,473	241,473	241,473	774,418
VILLAGE OF BREWSTER	2,508	2.57%	50,000	38,946	38,946	38,946	166,839
VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING	1,986	2.03%	50,000	30,840	30,840	30,840	142,521
VILLAGE OF NELSONVILLE	624	0.64%	50,000	9,690	9,690	9,690	79,070
	97,668	100.00%	450,000	1,516,667	1,516,667	1,516,667	5,000,000

2028 $5,000,000 Distribution

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Less 9 @ 50,000	(450,000)
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APPROVAL/PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2026

Amend Title

10 MILLION TO TAXPAYERS: MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COOPERATION PROJECT A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE PUTNAM COUNTY MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COOPERATION PROJECT

Title

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The Legislature further finds that many public works and infrastructure needs are regional or intermunicipal in nature and that cooperation between the County and the towns and villages located within Putnam County can result in more efficient use of public resources, greater coordination of capital improvements, avoidance of duplicative governmental expenditures, and benefits to residents throughout the County.

Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into agreements for the cooperative or joint performance of their respective functions, powers and duties.

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Nothing in this Local Law shall be construed as authorizing an unconditional grant or gift of County funds to another municipality. All County expenditures pursuant to this Local Law shall be made in furtherance of an approved cooperative public works or infrastructure undertaking and pursuant to a written intermunicipal agreement, and shall be projects already defined as falling within the purview of public works and infrastructure. Nothing in this law redefines or expands the scope of such already existing departmental functions.

Section 2. Establishment of Project.

Amend

The Program is intended as a one-time use of the $6,500,000 previously reserved in the 2026 County budget for homeowner tax relief, redirected to qualifying cooperative infrastructure undertakings that repair or rehabilitate existing public assets, address documented public-safety or resiliency needs, and reduce or avoid costs otherwise borne by local taxpayers while advancing a County-wide public purpose. By and through this legislation $5,000,000 of those funds shall be reappropriated for use in the 2027, budget, and $~~1,500,000~~ 1000000 shall be placed in sub-~~contingency and~~ an assignment of fund Balance and designated for use for this project in the 2028 budget, thus~~, requiring only $3,500,000 to be additionally appropriated in 2028.~~

APPROVAL – AMENDED LOCAL LAW - 10 MILLION - MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COOPERATION PROJECT

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The County may enter into intermunicipal agreements with any town or village wholly or partially situated within Putnam County for the joint or cooperative planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, improvement, maintenance or implementation of eligible public works or infrastructure projects.

Participation by a town or village shall be voluntary and shall be conditioned upon execution of an intermunicipal agreement meeting the requirements of this Local Law.

Section 3. Eligible public works and infrastructure undertakings.

County funds made available pursuant to this Local Law may be used only in connection with a cooperative or joint governmental undertaking authorized by law and identified in an intermunicipal agreement.

Eligible undertakings may include, to the extent lawfully within the powers of the County and participating municipality:

1. highways, roads, bridges, culverts and related transportation infrastructure;
2. stormwater management, drainage, flood-control and resiliency improvements;
3. water, wastewater or other utility infrastructure where the County is legally authorized to participate;
4. public safety and emergency-response infrastructure;
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8. shared public works equipment, facilities or services, including transparency measures allowing homebound individuals to participate in government through video/zoom/team or other internet/IT access measures;
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Section 4. Intermunicipal agreement required.

A. No municipality shall be entitled to receive, expend or otherwise obtain the benefit of County funds under this Project unless the County and municipality first execute a written intermunicipal agreement pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law.

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1. specifically identify the public works or infrastructure undertaking;
2. describe the respective governmental purposes and responsibilities of the County and participating municipality;
3. establish the County's financial participation and the municipality's financial or in-kind participation, if any;
4. specify the manner in which County funds may be expended;
5. provide for appropriate accounting and documentation of expenditures;
6. prohibit expenditure of County funds for any purpose outside the approved undertaking;
7. require compliance with all applicable bidding, prevailing-wage, procurement and public-works requirements;
8. provide the County with reasonable audit and inspection rights;
9. require return to the County of any funds not expended in accordance with the agreement;
10. provide that all expenditures are subject to the availability and lawful appropriation of County funds; and
11. contain such additional terms as are necessary to protect the interests of the County and ensure compliance with applicable law.

Section 5. County participation and allocation.

The annual appropriation of $5,000,000 shall be allocated among Putnam County's six towns and three incorporated villages pursuant to an equitable distribution formula, whereby forty-five percent (45%), or $2,250,000 annually, shall be distributed equally among the nine municipalities, guaranteeing each municipality $250,000 annually; thirty percent (30%), or $1,500,000 annually, shall be distributed proportionately based upon population, calculated so as to avoid double-counting residents of incorporated villages; and twenty-five percent (25%), or $1,250,000 annually, shall be allocated based upon objectively demonstrated infrastructure needs, including infrastructure condition, public safety considerations, capital improvement priorities, opportunities for intermunicipal cooperation, and potential cost savings. All distributions shall be contingent upon the execution of an intermunicipal agreement with the County and shall be used exclusively for eligible public works and infrastructure projects approved in accordance with the terms of such agreement.

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Section 6. Fiscal Year 2027 funding.

For County Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) is hereby authorized for the 10 Million to Taxpayers: Municipal Public Works and Infrastructure Cooperation Project.

Such amount shall be included and appropriated in the County's Fiscal Year 2027 budget in the appropriate account or accounts in accordance with the Putnam County Charter and applicable law.

No expenditure or encumbrance shall occur except pursuant to an approved intermunicipal agreement and an available appropriation.

Section 7. Fiscal Year 2028 funding.

It is the intent of the County Legislature to provide an additional Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) for the Project during County Fiscal Year 2028, pursuant to the same terms and structure.

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Section 5. County participation and allocation.

The annual appropriation of $5,000,000 shall be allocated among Putnam County's six towns and three incorporated villages pursuant to an equitable distribution formula, whereby a base potential allocation of $50,000 shall first be reserved for each of the nine municipalities. The remaining $4,550,000 shall be apportioned by population using the latest decennial United States census, excluding incorporated village population from the town totals for purposes of this formula so no resident is counted twice (See Schedule "A").

The Commissioner of Finance shall calculate and publish these maximum potential amounts. They establish ceilings only and do not create entitlements. A municipality may apply for one or more eligible activities which will be memorialized in the IMA, subject to its aggregate ceiling and lawful annual budget authority. Upon written notice and opportunity to submit an eligible proposal, the Legislature may by resolution reallocate unused ceilings to other eligible Program projects, without exceeding $5,000,000 overall. All distributions shall be contingent upon the execution of an intermunicipal agreement with the County and shall be used exclusively for eligible purchases or projects in accordance with the terms of such agreement which shall be approved by the legislature.

Section 6. Fiscal Year 2027 funding.

For County Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) is hereby authorized for the 10 Million to Taxpayers: Municipal Public Works and Infrastructure Cooperation Project.

Such amount shall be included and appropriated in the County's Fiscal Year 2027 budget in the appropriate account or accounts in accordance with the Putnam County Charter and applicable law.

No expenditure or encumbrance shall occur except pursuant to an approved intermunicipal agreement and an available appropriation.

Section 7. Fiscal Year 2028 funding.

It is the intent of the County Legislature to provide an additional Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) for the Project during County Fiscal Year 2028, pursuant to the same terms and structure.

Such funding shall be subject to appropriation in the duly adopted Fiscal Year 2028 County budget, the availability of funds, and all requirements of the Putnam County Charter and applicable law.

Nothing herein shall authorize an expenditure during Fiscal Year 2028 in the absence of a valid Fiscal Year 2028 appropriation.

Section 8. No unconditional municipal aid.

Nothing contained in this Local Law shall be construed to authorize the payment, distribution or transfer of County funds to a town or village for its unrestricted use.

County funds shall be used solely for the County's share of the costs of an approved cooperative or joint public works or infrastructure undertaking pursuant to an intermunicipal agreement.

A participating municipality shall have no right to substitute another purpose for the purpose identified in its intermunicipal agreement without prior approval by the County in accordance with law.

Section 9. Administration.

The County Executive, Commissioner of Finance, Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of General Services and such other County officials as may be appropriate are authorized, within their respective lawful powers and subject to legislative appropriation and approval requirements, to take such administrative actions as are necessary to implement this Local Law.

Nothing contained herein shall diminish or transfer any power vested by the Putnam County Charter in the County Legislature, County Executive, Commissioner of Finance or any other County officer.

Section 10. Approval of agreements.

Each intermunicipal agreement entered pursuant to this Local Law shall be approved in the manner required by Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, the Putnam County Charter and all other applicable law.

No agreement shall obligate the County beyond amounts lawfully appropriated and available for the Project.

Section 11. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 12. Supersession.

To the extent authorized by the Municipal Home Rule Law, this Local Law is intended to exercise the County's home-rule powers with respect to the County's property, affairs, government, fiscal administration and participation in cooperative governmental undertakings.

Nothing herein shall be construed to supersede any provision of State law that the County is prohibited from superseding.

Section 13. Effective date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law; provided, however, that no expenditure shall be made hereunder except pursuant to a duly adopted County budget or other lawful appropriation, an is contingent upon the signing of an intermunicipal agreement with any participating municipality.

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Committee: **Audit & Admin.** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: **November 4, 2026**
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (26T289-REVISED) – COUNTY EXECUTIVE – $6.5 MILLION 2026–2027 ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT AND PRESERVATION COOPERATION PROGRAM (Ref Item # ??)

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested a fund transfer (26T289- Revised) to move funds from Sub-Contingency, Homeowner Tax Relief, into an expense line for County Contribution for distribution to Towns and Villages for the purposes that serve public good including infrastructure and/or Town and Village Improvements that do not require SEQRA and that can be effectuated by and through a 2026 appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer; be made:

GENERAL FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10198600 54950	**County Contribution-Distribution to Towns and Villages**	**6.500,000**

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54990	**Sub-Contingency**	**6,500,000**

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0–
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio		
Legislator Crowley		
Legislator D'Angelo		
Legislator Gouldman		
Legislator Montgomery		
Legislator Regan		
Legislator Russo		
Legislator Sayegh		
Chairman Birmingham		

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO
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