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Legislator Testa Secures Funding for Cortlandt, Peekskill, Yorktown Youth Programs

\$1.3 million in funding to be distributed throughout County

Westchester County Board of Legislators (BOL) Minority Leader John G. Testa (R) Peekskill, was joined by his colleagues in passing legislation that authorized the County to enter into Inter-municipal agreements (IMA) with a number of municipalities including, Cortlandt, Peekskill and Yorktown to deliver more than \$1.3 million of funding for youth programs. The vote took place at the regular meeting of the BOL. The Legislation passed 17-0. The IMA terms provide for \$870,000 to come from Westchester County and the remainder to be contributed by the municipalities.

The Legislation states that the various programs that will be funded throughout Westchester County were all, “developed to address the needs of youth and encourage their growth into mature and productive adults; they focus on resume and job assistance, college exploration and readiness...safe place during out of school time, dropout prevention and/or academic services...”

The Town of Cortlandt Recreation Department will receive \$6,535 for its general youth recreation programs and for youth employment services.

Peekskill will receive almost \$13,000 for the Leadership Initiatives for Teens (L.I.F.T.) Program. Another \$4,600 will go to the City of Peekskill Youth Boat Building program.

Yorktown will receive \$3,700 for a Police Department Youth Officer who will work with kids in recognizing the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and

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other drugs. Additionally, Yorktown will receive \$4,000 for the Recreation Commission special project.

Legislator John Testa retired in 2013 after a 33 year career as a Peekskill High School teacher. As a former teacher, Legislator Testa understands the importance of youth programs that give kids, especially at-risk kids healthy and constructive options for their time after school. “I was very happy to work with my legislative colleagues to secure these funds for the communities that I represent. I am very familiar with all the programs we are funding and the excellent work that they do.” Legislator Testa said. “When I was a teacher, I saw first-hand how the intervention of after school programs improved the lives of many of my students. Summers and the after school hours are particularly dangerous times for kids who are unsupervised or who don’t have a strong family support system at home. It is imperative that we support these programs financially. This is an excellent investment in our youth and their future.”



Legislator Testa at Monday’s BOL meeting

