

2017 Westchester County Budget Update

The county budget was passed on Monday, December 12th. **Thank you to everyone who sent a targeted letter, attended a budget hearing, or posted on social media!**

Here is brief summary of what makes us happy and what makes us slightly concerned for 2017:

- We are happy that nonprofit contracts were included at the same level as 2016.
- We are happy that \$1 million was added for child care subsidies and a small amount (\$200,000) for new programs serving community needs.
HOWEVER
- We are concerned for non-profits that are struggling to provide services with contracts that have not kept up with increased costs. The \$1 million for child care subsidies is far from enough to meet the needs of low-income and working families.
- We are concerned that the budget relied on taking money from the fund balance and the potential of an airport privatization deal to make the numbers work. **This is not sustainable and the county needs to identify new, long-term reliable revenue to #KeepWestchesterThriving.**