

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) _____

Sent To: _____ Committee _____ Date March 10, 2026

Resolution No. G/ /26

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR RAISE THE AGE AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET – DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, RENSSELAER COUNTY JAIL, AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Part WWW of Chapter 59 of the New York State Laws of 2017 increased the age of criminal responsibility for non-violent crimes to 17 years of age effective October 1, 2018 and to 18 years of age effective October 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, New York State recently notified the County that the County's 2023-2024 Raise the Age (RTA) plan was approved; and

WHEREAS, The plan approved funding for personnel and benefits within Probation and Jail, and electronic monitoring, secure, specialized secure, and non-secure detention and detention transports; and

WHEREAS, The County is eligible for reimbursement of incremental RTA costs incurred in calendar years 2025 and 2026; and

WHEREAS, For the purpose of claiming reimbursement, an RTA eligible youth means, effective October 1, 2018, a 16-year old who commits an act that results in the youth being at risk of becoming or results in the youth being an alleged or adjudicated delinquent, and effective October 1, 2019, a 16 or 17-year old who commits such an act, and the youth is receiving services solely as a result of committing such an act; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

2026 GENERAL FUND REVENUE

ACCOUNT CODE/DESCRIPTION	PROJECT CODE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
Raise The Age - Probation				
A.3140.33906	RTA.2019.PROB.33906	\$0	\$528,646	\$528,646
Raise The Age - Jail				
A.3150.33906	RTA.2019.JAIL.33906	\$0	\$105,280	\$105,280
Raise The Age - Social Services				
A.6010.33906	RTA.2019.DSS.33906	\$0	\$4,211,212	\$4,211,212
TOTAL:		\$0	\$4,845,138	\$4,845,138

2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT CODE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
PROBATION				
Personnel Services				
A.3140.01007				
<i>Senior Probation Officer</i>	RTA.2019.PROB 01007	\$0	\$77,925	\$77,925
<i>Probation Officer</i>	RTA.2019.PROB 01007	\$0	\$135,986	\$135,986
<i>On Call Stipend</i>	RTA.2019.PROB 01007	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
<i>Employment Program (PEP)</i>	RTA.2019.PROB 01007	\$0	\$31,425	\$31,425
Rental -				
Equipment/Maintenance/Facilities				
A.3140.04450	RTA.2019.PROB 04450	\$0	\$3,462	\$3,462
Special Departmental Supplies				
A.3140.04500	RTA.2019.PROB.04500	\$0	\$800	\$800
Office Supplies				
A.3140.04550	RTA.2019.PROB.04550	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Training				
A.3140.04560	RTA.2019.PROB.04560	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Contractual Agency				
A.3140.04700	RTA.2019.PROB 04700	\$0	\$153,217	\$153,217
Professional Services				
A.3140.04900	RTA.2019.PROB 04900	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Employee Benefits				
A.3140.08008	RTA.2019.PROB 08008	\$0	\$115,331	\$115,331
JAIL				
Personnel Services				
A.3150.01007				
<i>Overtime</i>	RTA.2019.JAIL 01007	\$0	\$75,400	\$75,400
<i>Transfers Out</i>	RTA.2019.JAIL 01007	\$0	(\$35,000)	(\$35,000)
Travel				
A.3150.04010	RTA.2019.JAIL 04010	\$0	\$29,400	\$29,400
Employee Benefits				
A.3150.08008	RTA.2019.JAIL 08008	\$0	\$35,480	\$35,480
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Program Expenditures				
A.6123.04700	RTA.2019.DSS 04700	\$0	\$4,211,212	\$4,211,212
TOTAL:		\$0	\$4,845,138	\$4,845,138

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

March 10, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive



**Division of
the Budget**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

BLAKE G. WASHINGTON
Director of the Budget

November 28, 2025

Mr. Steve McLaughlin
County Executive
County of Rensselaer
1600 7th Avenue
Troy, NY 12180

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Thank you for submitting a SFY 2026 Raise the Age (RTA) county plan. Your RTA county plan submission was reviewed by the State Office of Children and Family Services and the State Division of Criminal Justice Services to ensure that investments necessary to successfully implement RTA are made. As required to permit State reimbursement of incremental eligible costs, the State Division of Budget hereby approves the attached RTA county plan for Rensselaer County for SFY 2026. Please note, the approved plan may differ from your submission.

The State is also in receipt of the tax cap compliance/fiscal hardship certification for calendar year 2025. As authorized by State Finance Law section 54-m and Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2025, Rensselaer County is eligible for state reimbursement of incremental RTA costs included in the attached plan incurred in calendar year 2025.

Please submit any questions to LocalRTAGuide@ocfs.ny.gov

Thank you again for your commitment to ensuring the successful implementation of Raise the Age. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jesse Olczak".

Jesse Olczak
Chief Budget Examiner

RENSSELAER

Approved Items - Rensselaer

Cluster	Instrument Tabs	2025-26 (CY 2025 for Detention)			Total		
		\$ Requested	\$ Recommended	Difference	\$ Requested	\$ Recommended	Difference
Public Safety	Probation Staffing	\$329,242	\$329,242	\$0	\$329,242	\$329,242	\$0
	Probation Services	\$199,404	\$199,404	\$0	\$199,404	\$199,404	\$0
	All Other - Public Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Public Safety	\$528,646	\$528,646	\$0	\$528,646	\$528,646	\$0
Human Services	LDSS	\$690,960	\$690,960	\$0	\$690,960	\$690,960	\$0
	Detention	\$3,696,087	\$3,696,087	\$0	\$3,696,087	\$3,696,087	\$0
	All Other - Human Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Human Services	\$4,387,047	\$4,387,047	\$0	\$4,387,047	\$4,387,047	\$0
	Total	\$4,915,693	\$4,915,693	\$0	\$4,915,693	\$4,915,693	\$0

Details of Items NOT Approved

Rensselaer County 2025-26

	Pre-populated Amount	Requested amount
Personnel	Total Cost	
Probation Officer	\$132,026.00	\$135,986.00
Annual salary for two Full time probation officers =\$67,993		
Senior Probation Officer	\$76,363.00	\$77,925.00
Annual salary for a Senior PO \$77,925		
Total	\$208,389.00	\$213,911.00
Fringe Benefits	Total Cost	
Probation Officer	\$69,646.00	\$74,681.00
Annual Fringe, two probation officer each=approx. \$37,340.50		
Senior Probation Officer	\$40,239.00	\$40,650.00
Annual Fringe= Approx. \$40,650.00		
Total	\$109,885.00	\$115,331.00
Equipment	Total Cost	
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	Total Cost	
Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Funds to cover the cost of Interactive Journals, materials for Girls Circle and to purchase Men of Honor Activity Guide Bundle.		
Total	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Travel and Subsistence	Total Cost	
Travel and Training	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Funds to attend training and to support travel to trainings if necessary. The department would like more officers to be trained to teach Girls Circle and the Men of Honor groups. 70 cents per mile as appropriate.		
Total	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
All Other Expenses	Total Cost	
Vocational/Educational/Employment	\$31,425.00	\$31,425.00
Funds to supplement the Probation Employment Program (PEP). Currently during the Summer months our Youth Department supplements PEP, with this funding we would expand to a yearly program opportunity for RTA. Employment hours for approximately 10 working youths 2000 hours @\$15.50=\$31,000. Employment Readiness Journals 25@\$5 =\$135, Birth Certificate 5@\$30+\$150, Government ID(Non-Driver ID)10@\$14each=\$140.		
Transportation	\$400.00	\$800.00
Funds to cover the cost of bus passes for program participation. \$4/per pass. 200 bus passes would equal \$800		

In order to complete your Raise the Age (RTA) 2025-26 budget, please review this prepopulated budget developed from the annualized 2024-25 portion of your existing contract. If you feel this budget meets your needs, a simple affirmation on this excel document will suffice. Next to the "affirmed" cell type Yes or No. This is not your contract approval, simply a way for DCJS to determine if we may move forward with the review/approval process. Once the budget is presented to the Division of Budget (DOB) and approved, a DCJS representative will contact you to finalize the RTA contract.

If you feel that additional funds are needed in any category to be adequately reimbursed for incremental costs due to RTA, you may make the request with a brief explanation of need and a justification for the increase in funds. In addition, for any reduction to a category please provide a brief explanation. Your funding increase or decrease request/explanation should be made by creating a Word document and attaching it to your sharepoint folder. Any requested funding changes must be reflected on this spreadsheet tab by utilizing the "requested dollar amount" column. All changes, either an increase or decrease, must be highlighted in yellow. If there are no changes to a budget category then no action is needed for that row. DCJS will review your request. Also, please take this opportunity to review your county's actual expenses to see if any budget category may be reduced.

Interpreter	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Funds to cover the cost of interpreter services, cost approximately \$50-\$100 per hour, to serve approximately 15 youths. Maintained costs and number of youth served from previous term.		
Alternative to Detention	\$ 12,960.00	\$3,462.00
Funds to cover electronic monitoring, approximately \$3.05 per youth per day, 14 day period, \$50 connection fee per youth and to serve approximately 60 youth, projected cost of \$3,462. There has been a reduction in cost and number of youth served.		
PARENT PROJECT PROGRAM	\$ 5,872.00	0
No longer have staff trained to teach the Parent Project.		
FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY		
	\$153,217.00	\$153,217.00
Functional Family Therapy (FFT) is a nationally researched and evidence-based model of home-based family therapy. The outcome-driven therapy involves all members within the family working together to prevent out of home placement for JD, AO, or JO youth, ages 12-21 who have pending or adjudicated charges and are presenting with delinquency, violence, substance use, gang related behavior and other behavioral disorders. The clinician will provide home-based services to this population and their families to keep the youth out of home placement. The team will serve approximately 10-12 families at a time for 3-5 months each. Youth will start the program when they are referred to the program by Probation. The youth will remain working with the program for 3-5 months and services will end when Probation and Berkshire Farms determine services should terminate. The total value of the contract is \$153,217 and if the team serves 24 families per year, the total cost per family is \$6384.		
ON CALL STIPEND- For 3 officers at \$1000 to cover emergencies 24/7 as part of the union contract.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Total	\$208,374.00	\$193,404.00
Grant Total	\$530,648.00	\$528,646.00

RAISE THE AGE IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING INSTRUMENT

Local District Social Services Departments

NOTE: All requests for additional reimbursement must be accompanied by a corresponding narrative in the "Justification/Reasonableness" section at the bottom of this page. All requests for reimbursement must include detailed information on current workload and demonstrate the clear need for additional staff resources and other expenses commensurate with RTA data projections for the district.

SFY 2025-26 (April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026)

					Enter 2025-26 Fringe Rate	45.00%
Local District Social Services	FTE in Relation to RTA	Average Salary	Fringe Benefits	Percent of Year Worked	Total Personal Service Costs for the Year	Total Other Than Personal Service Costs for the Year
List Staffing Needs By Title:						
Caseworker	2.00	\$60,633	\$27,285	100%	\$175,836	
	0.00	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	
	0.00	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	
List Other Than Personal Service Costs:						
						\$0
						\$0
Foster Care						\$477,165
Aftercare Services						\$37,960
Grand Total:	2.00	\$60,633	\$27,285		\$175,836	\$515,125

Justification/Reasonableness

Area of request (examples: staffing; contracted services; fleet vehicles; office space; equipment; etc.)	Current workload/capacity	Projected RTA increase	Narrative
List Staffing Needs By Title:			
Caseworker	13.9 cases per caseworker	Additional 20-25 youth placed	2 Caseworkers will handle the projected 20-25 youth placed residentially and the additional youth/families referred to Stepping Stones and Functional Family Therapy for preventive services.

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List Other Than Personal Service Costs:								
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0								
Foster Care	Number of Youth	2	Average Care Days	243	Average Daily Rate	\$981.82	Total Foster Care	\$477,165
Enter each Foster Care Agency and current MSAR rate used to factor the Average Daily Rate:					OCFS MSAR for RTA placements at the following agencies: William George \$943.78 Hillside \$994.83 Lincoln Hall \$1006.84 average rate \$981.82			
Aftercare Services	Number of Youth	2	Average Care Days	365	Approved Daily Rate	\$52	Total Aftercare	\$37,960

RAISE THE AGE IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING INSTRUMENT

Detention (Specialized Secure, Secure, & Non-Secure)

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Calendar Year 2026 (January 01, 2026 - December 31, 2026)

Detention (Specialized Secure, Secure, & Non-Secure)	Total Personal Service Costs for the Year	Total Other Than Personal Service Costs for the Year
Estimated Personal Services Costs		
SD & SSD (combined) PS Costs	\$ 2,646,205	
Estimated Other Than Personal Service Costs:		
SD & SSD (combined) OTPS Costs		\$ 857,852
Non-Secure Detention		\$ 51,750
Detention Transportation		\$ 140,280
Grand Total:	\$ 2,646,205	\$ 1,049,882

Justification/Reasonableness

Area of request (examples: staffing; contracted services; fleet vehicles; office space; equipment; etc.)	Calculate combined SD & SSD costs below	Narrative						
Estimated Care Days (SD & SSD combined)	806	Use previous actual care days and previous actual spending as well as any known factors (increased capacity, contractual increases, staffing increases) to populate the fields to the left. Estimated Total Cost and Estimated Daily Rate will populate automatically.						
Estimated Personal Services Costs (SD & SSD combined):	\$ 2,646,205.00							
Estimated Other Than Personal Service Costs (SD & SSD combined):	\$ 857,852.00							
Estimated Total Cost	\$ 3,504,057	Average Daily Rate	\$ 4,347.47					
CY 2026 Non-Secure Detention	Number of Youth	3	Average Length of Stay	30	Daily Rate	575	Total NSD Costs	\$ 51,750
Non-Secure Detention costs calculations: Number of youth * Average Length of Stay * Daily Rate = Total NSD Costs								
Detention Transportation 01/01/26-12/31/26	Number of youth	20	Total Deputy Hourly Costs		Calculations: Number of hours per round trip X number of trips per youth X number of youth X hourly rate per officer/deputy X number of officer/deputy (per trip) = Total Hourly costs for office/deputy		\$ 110,880	
	Trips per youth	7	Total Mileage Costs		Calculations: Mileage per round trip X number of trips per youth X number of youth X IRS mileage rate = Total Mileage costs		\$ 29,400	
	Hours per Trip	8	Total Tolls Cost		Calculations: Number of trips per youth X number of youth X tolls per round trip = Total Toll costs		\$ -	
	Deputy Hourly Costs	49.5	Total Per Diem Costs		Calculations: (Meal Costs X number of trips per youth X number of youth X number of meals per trip) + (Hotel Costs per trip X number of youth X number of trips per youth X number of Deputies per trip) = Total Per Diem Costs		\$ -	
	Number of Deputies per Trip	2						
	Miles per Trip	300						
	IRS Mileage Rate	0.7						
	Toll Costs per trip							

Hotel Per Diem Amount		Total Detention Transportation Costs	Total Deputy Hourly Costs + Total Mileage Costs + Total Tolls Cost + Total Per Diem Costs = Total Detention Transportation Costs	\$ 140,280
Meal Per Diem Amount				
Number of Meal Per Diems Per Trip				

RAISE THE AGE IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING INSTRUMENT

All Other

NOTE: All requests for additional reimbursement must be accompanied by a corresponding narrative in the "Justification/Reasonableness" section at the bottom of this page. All requests for reimbursement must include detailed information on current workload and demonstrate the clear need for additional staff resources and other expenses commensurate with RTA data projections for the district.

SFY 2025-26 (April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026)

(except STSJP-RTA which follows the STSJP program year and RF-4 Independent Living of 10/1/25 – 9/30/26)					Enter 2025-26 Fringe Rate	0.00%
All Other	FTE in Relation to RTA	Average Salary	Fringe Benefits	Percent of Year Worked	Total Personal Service Costs for the Year	Total Other Than Personal Service Costs for the Year
List Staffing Needs By Title:						
	0.00	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	
	0.00	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	
List Other Than Personal Service Costs:						
Grand Total:	0.00	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0

Justification/Reasonableness

Area of request (examples: staffing; contracted services; fleet vehicles; office space; equipment; etc.)	Current workload/capacity	Projected RTA increase	Narrative
List Staffing Needs By Title:			
0			
0			
List Other Than Personal Service Costs:			

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Locality Totals	
	2025-26 RTA Plan
Probation Staffing	\$ 329,242
Probation Services	\$ 199,404
LDSS	\$ 690,960
Detention*	\$ 3,696,087
All Other	\$ -
Grand Total	\$ 4,915,693

*Detention tab items are the only items running on calendar year and is for 2026