Contract Portal

User Manual

Westchester County Department of Information Technology

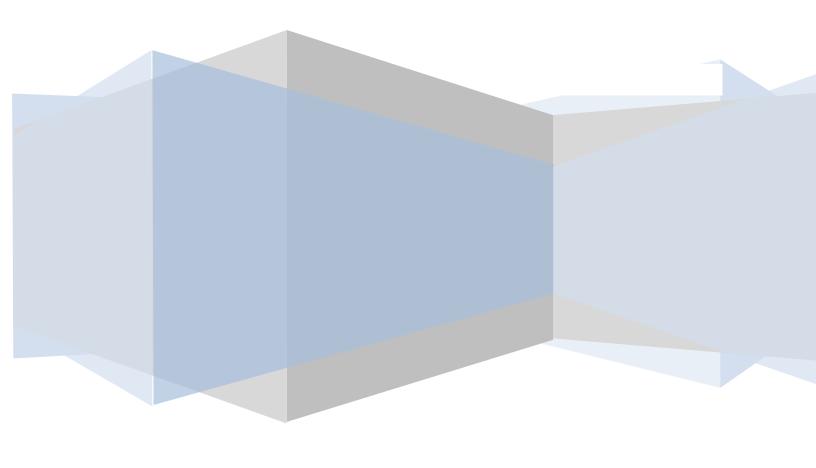






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1. Overview

The Contract Portal is a web-based application that will help authorized county users efficiently manage information related to the County's contracting process by communicating with the Vendors. This is similar to the Vendor Portal where vendors upload documents and manage their information related to the County's contracting process.

Programs established for residents of Westchester County Residents are typically provided by not-for-profit agencies under a contract with the county department responsible for that program. This system provides a framework where the programs and each of the contracts that are within those programs can be defined. It is understood that in some cases, a contract may not be within any program, so the system allows for such scenarios. Department users and vendors can now plan and manage budgets, claims and upload documents for these contracts using their respective portals.

The following is a brief overview of the steps in Contract Portal and Vendor Portal.

- 1. Department user saves information about a program in Contract Portal (Section 4).
- 2. Vendor creates an account in Vendor Portal.
- 3. Department user enters contract information in Contract Portal after procurement and notifies vendor (Section 5).
- 4. Vendor enters and submits budget details and uploads documents for the contract.
- 5. Department reviews budgets and documents and approves or requests modification.
- 6. Once budgets are approved any change to budgets will be through budget modification process (Section 6).
- 7. Vendor enters the claim details with supporting documents and submits it.
- 8. Department reviews the claim and approves or requests to change.
- 9. Once the claim is approved any changes to claim will go through Supplemental claim process.
- 10. Performance benchmarks will be defined by the department by creating performance Indicators for a program and then associating them with a contract and submitting it to Vendors.
- 11. Vendors will create reports and submit them back to the department.

2. Accessing the application

You can go directly to the contract portal by opening your web browser and typing:

<u>http://contractportal.westchestergov.com/</u> into the Address or URL field at the top of a web browser. Contract portal is accessible only within the county network.

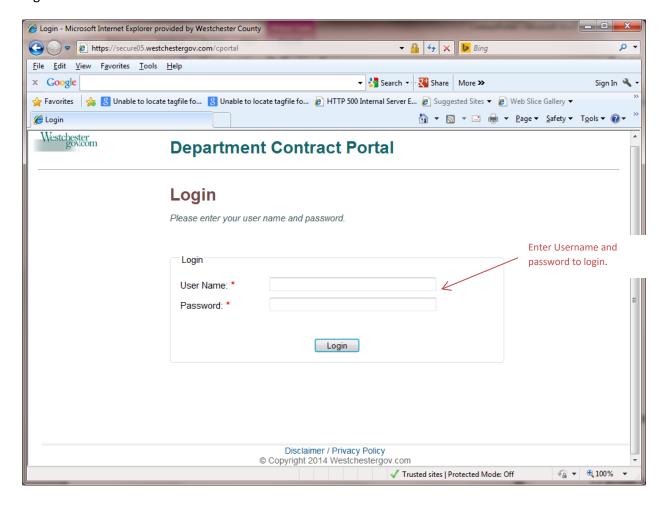
Vendors can access the vendor portal from the Internet by typing https://vendorportal.westchestergov.com into the Address or URL field of a web browser. The user guide for the vendor portal is available at http://www.westchestergov.com/vendorportal.

3. Account Management

Each department will have one or more administrators. These administrators can add as many users as needed within their department.

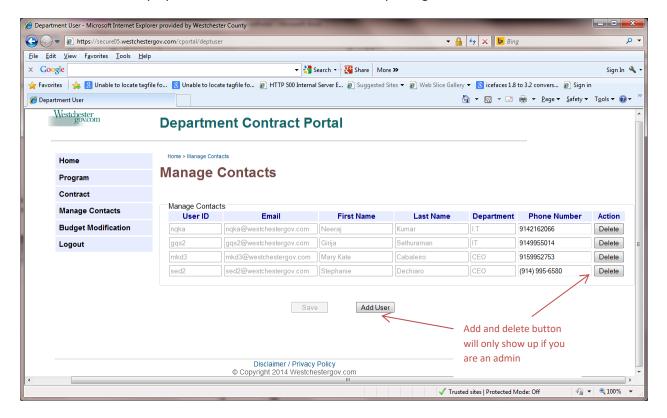
3.1 Account Login

If you are an authorized user of the portal you can use your county network ID and password to login.



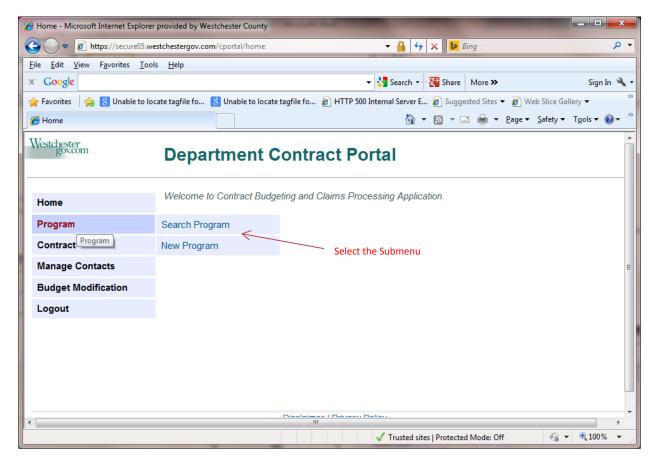
3.2 Manage Contacts

If you are an administrator you can add or delete users in your department. The delete or add button will not be displayed for a user without administrator privileges.



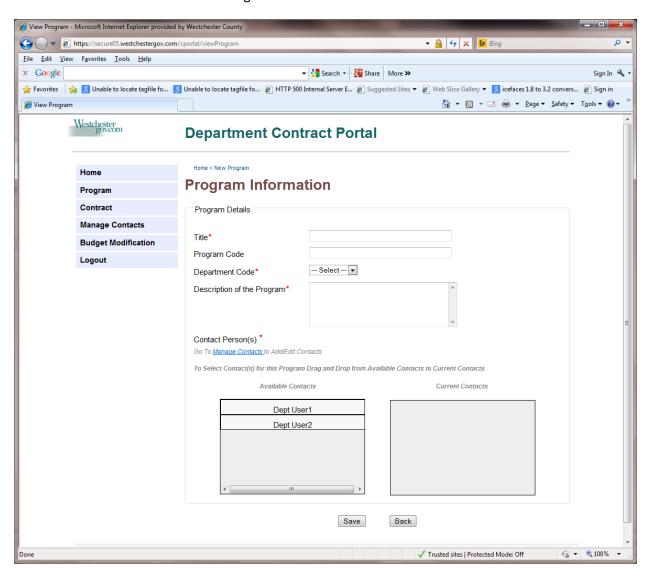
4. Program

Options related to Programs can be accessed by clicking on the 'Program' item in the menu on the left side. This brings up a sub-menu with **Search Program** and **New Program** links that can be used to search for an existing program or create a new program. You can create a new program or search for an existing program and modify program information.



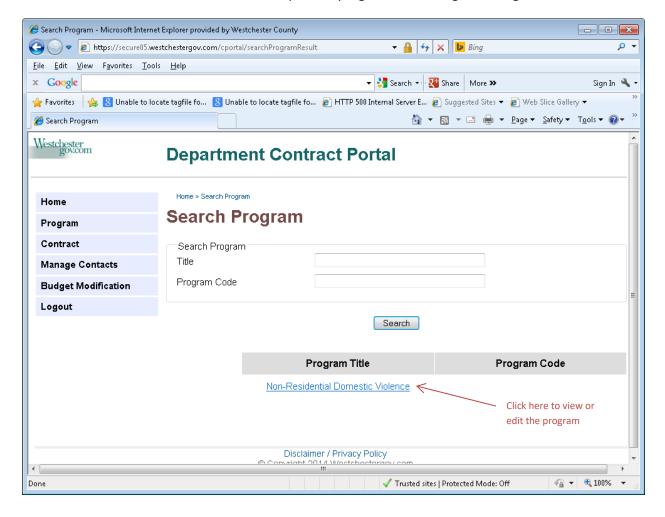
4.1 New Program

You can save information about a program such as the Program Title, the Program Code, Department code, Description etc. in the portal. You can also add multiple contacts for the program by dragging user names from **Available Contacts** and dropping it in the **Current Contacts** box. The information entered can be saved using the **Save** button.



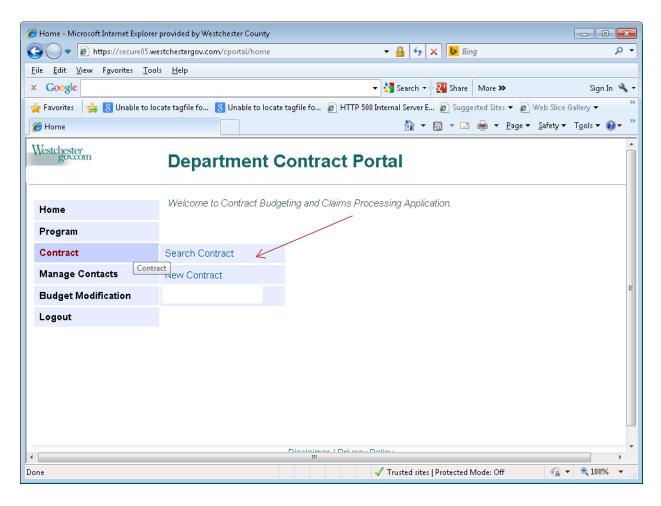
4.2 Search Program

You can search for programs in your department by entering the title of the program or the program code. You can click on the search results to open the program for viewing or editing.



5. Contract

Department users must define contract and save information about it within the system after completing their procurement process. Department users will associate a vendor and one or more programs to a contract. The vendors will then be able to enter a budget and upload documents for this contract using the **Vendor Portal**. The **Contract** item on the left side menu has **Search Contract and New Contract** sub menu items.

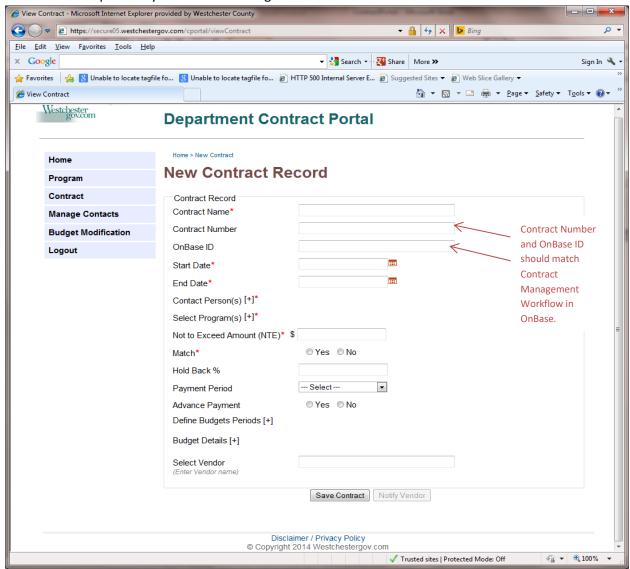


5.1 New Contract

You can enter contract information in the system after procurement. Required fields are marked with an asterisk. The information entered can be saved using save button. After saving a contract, **Notify Vendor** button will be enabled. By clicking on the **Notify Vendor** button, the vendor will get an automated notification email from the system. Once vendor gets notified about a proposed contract associated with them, they can start entering budget details or upload documents for that contract.

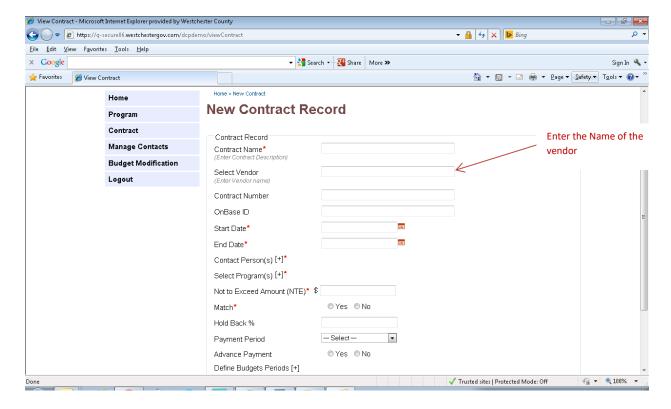
5.1.1 Contract Number and OnBase ID

Contract Number and OnBase ID should be entered exactly as they were entered into the Contract Management workflow in OnBase. If are there no records for this contract in the Contract Management workflow in OnBase yet, you can leave these fields empty and enter it once you have that information. Even though Contract Number and OnBase ID are not required fields, a vendor will not be able to upload any documents through the Vendor Portal without this information.



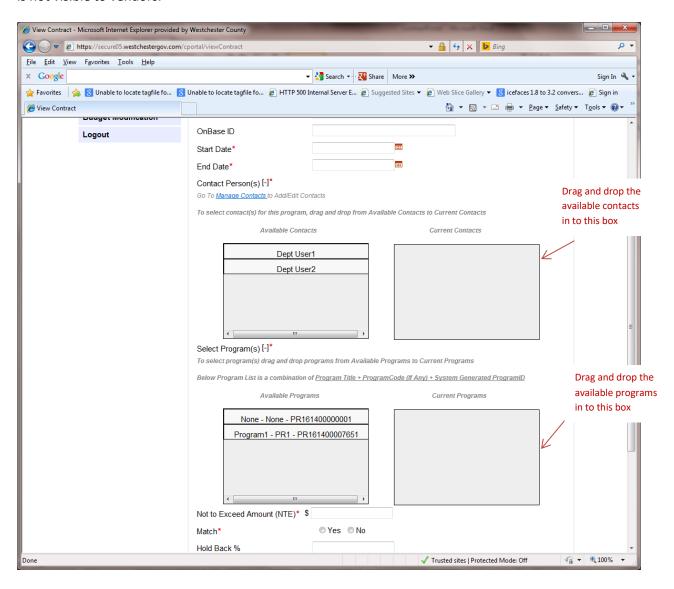
5.1.2 Selecting and Notifying a Vendor

Department users must then associate a vendor to a contract. They can search for a vendor in the system by typing the name of the vendor in **Select Vendor**. Only Vendors that are registered in Vendor Portal will show up in the autocomplete list.



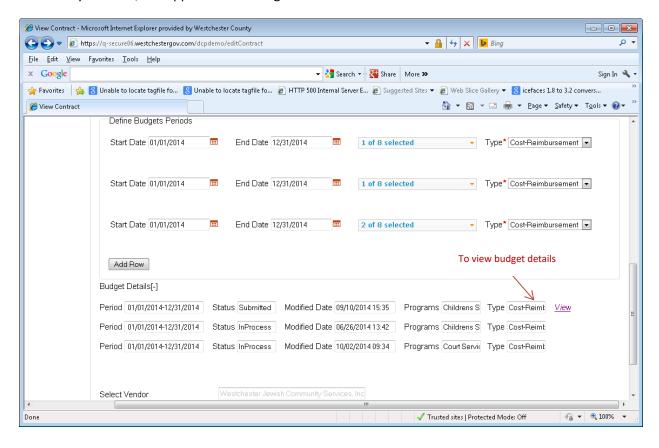
5.1.3 Contact Person(s) and Select Program(s)

Contact Person(s) and Select Program(s) fields can be expanded by clicking on the [+] sign next to them. In the Available Contact box you will see all the users from your department. To assign contact person(s) for this contract, you can drag and drop from the Available Contacts box to the Current Contacts box. Current contacts will be displayed to vendors so that they can contact those on the list should they have any questions or concerns. There should be at least one contact named in the Current Contacts box. Users that are designated Contacts will get automated emails from the system for all updates regarding this contract. You can also drag and drop programs for this Contract from the Available Programs box to the Current Programs box. Please note that the Contact Person(s) and the Select Program(s) fields are required. If there are no programs associated with a contract, drag and drop "None" from the available program list. Not to Exceed Amount in this page is not visible to vendors.

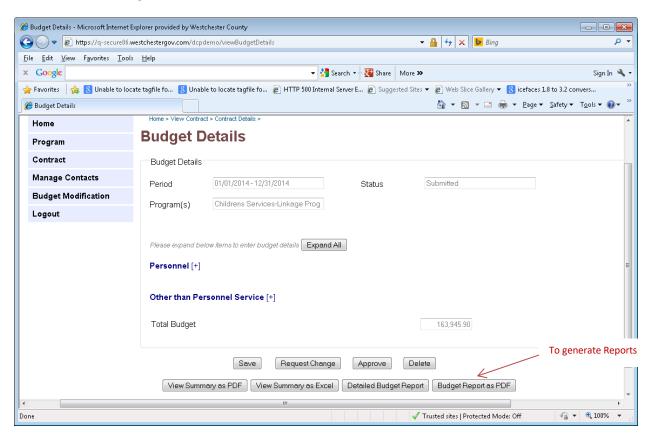


5.1.4 Budget

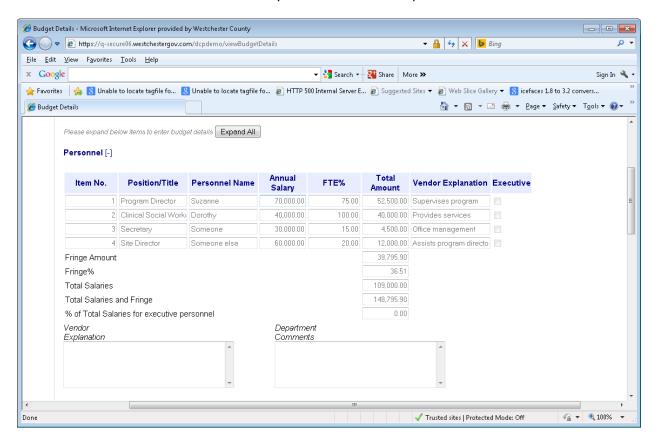
This is where Departments will define budget periods for each contract. If you do not want a vendor to submit budgets for this contract through the portal, you can skip this section. You can define more than one budget period for a contract. Also, one or more program can be selected for each budget period. Finally, you will have to select the budget type (such as cost-reimbursement, Lump sum and unit cost) for each budget. Budget information, including status and links to view budget entered by vendors, will appear under Budget Details.



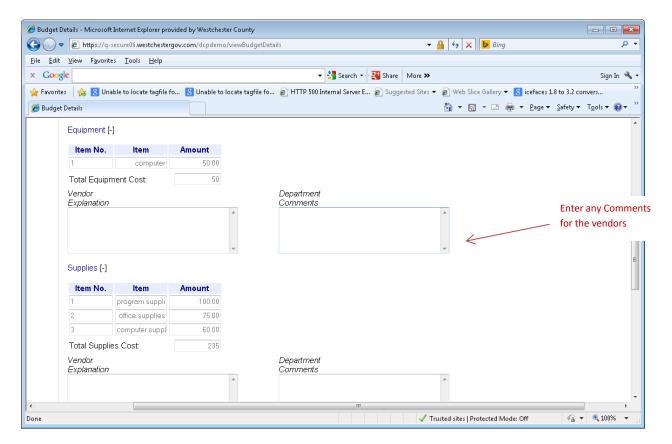
Once a vendor gets a notification email about a proposed contract associated with them, they can start entering budget details. The vendor will only be able to see relevant information about contracts that are associated with them. The Vendor enters budget details depending on the type of the budget. When there is a match percentage, the budget detail will be for the full amount. When the vendor submits budget details, the department contact will be notified by email. Once submitted, the vendor will not be able to make changes to the budget, unless the department requests changes. Department users can review all budgets for a contract. They cannot edit line items that vendors have entered, but they can enter suggestions in the Department comment box under each category and request that the vendor modify those items using the **Request Change** button. This will send an automated email to the vendor requesting the changes. Department users can delete a budget using the **Delete** button, if the budget is not satisfactory, or they can approve the budget using the **Approve** button. Once approved, neither the department nor the vendor cannot modify or delete the budget. Once a budget is approved, the budgeting process is finished and any future changes must be performed through the budget modification process. The detailed budget or a summary of the budget can be exported as a PDF or an Excel document using the buttons in the last row.



You can click on **Personnel** [+] to see personnel line items which include the Fringe Amount, Fringe % etc. Each line has a check box to indicate if it is an executive position, and if marked as such, the **Vendor Portal** will display a warning to the vendor reminding them that they must comply with NYS Executive Order 38. You can see comments entered by vendors in Vendor Explanation box.

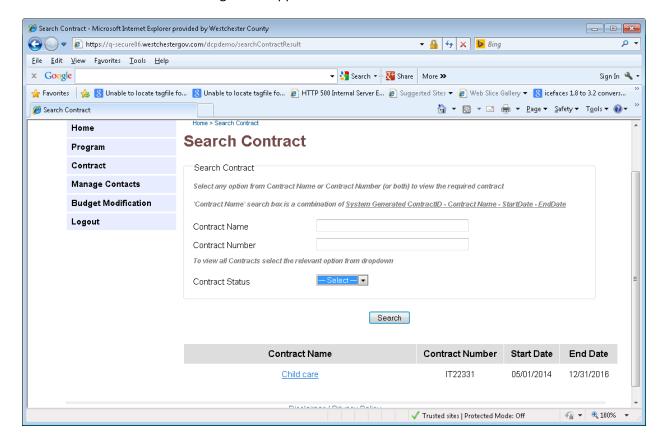


You can click on **Other than Personnel Service [+]** to see rest of the line items. There are subcategories under **Other than Personnel Service** which can be expanded by clicking on [+] next to each subcategory. You can view **Vendor Explanation** for each subcategory and enter your comments in the **Department Comments** field.



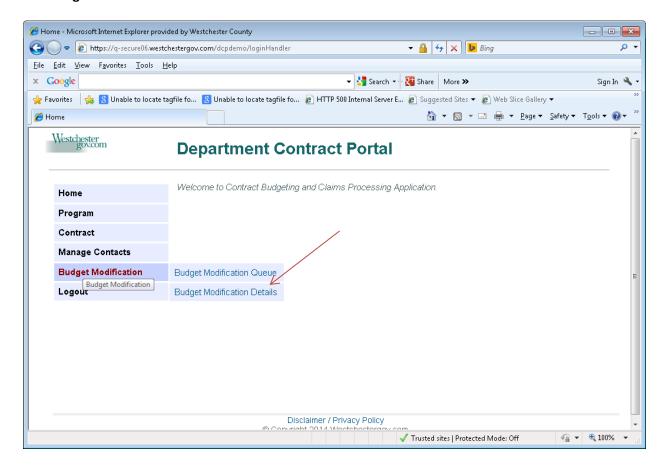
5.2 Search Contract

Once a contract is saved in the system you can search for it using the **Search Contract** link. You can view or edit contract information. You can search for a contract using the contract name, number or status. You can click on the search results to open a contract for viewing or editing. You can edit contract information until all budgets are approved or the contract is executed.



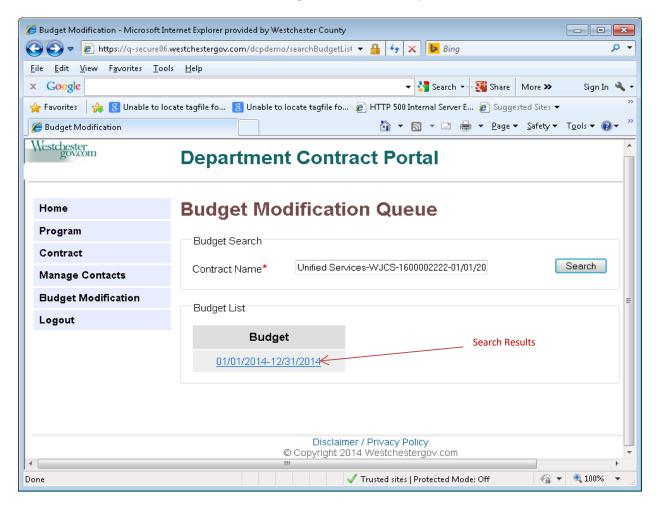
6. Budget Modification

Vendors can submit requests for budget modifications using the **Vendor Portal**. Department contacts will be notified via an automated email when a vendor submits a request for budget modifications. The **Budget Modification** item on the left side menu has **Budget Modification Queue** and **Budget Modification Details** as sub menu items.

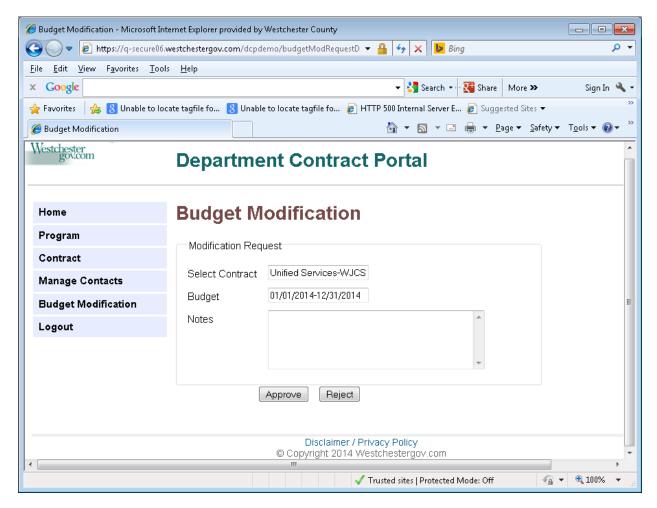


6.1 Budget Modification Queue

Once a department gets an email notification about a new Budget Modification Request from a Vendor, you can use the **Budget Modification Queue** link to see the request. Type part of the Contract Name and click Search to see the Budget Modification Request for that contract.

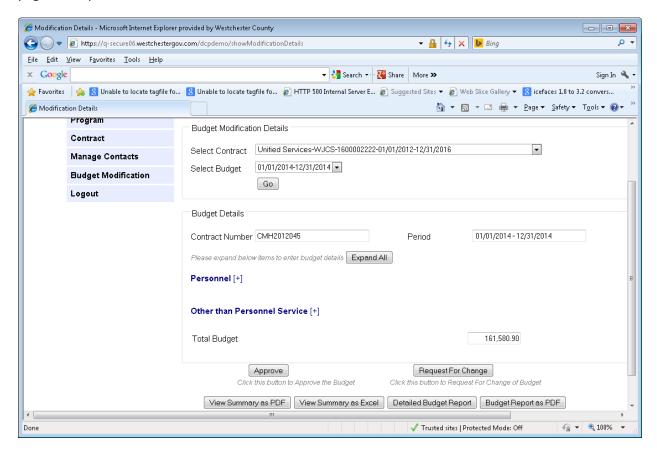


When you click on the Budget Period in the search results, you will see the Budget Modification requests. After reviewing the Notes provided by the Vendor, you can approve or reject the request using the buttons below. An automated email will be send to Vendors notifying the status of their requests. Once requests are approved, vendors can start modifying the budget.



6.2 Budget Modification Details

You can use the **Budget Modification Details** link to see budget changes made by a vendor. You can approve or request changes, similar to the original budget process. Once approved, the budget modification will be saved as a revision of the budget and the latest revision will be used for the payment process. Department users can see original budgets and revisions by going to the contract page in the portal.



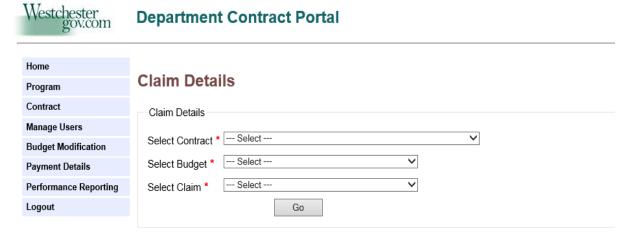
7. Claims

Vendor submits claims for the budgets which need to be verified and approved for the payment. Vendors also can file for a supplemental claim if there are any discrepancies in the claim amounts in the approved claim. The menu item Payment Details has two sub menu items Claims Details and Supplemental Claim.

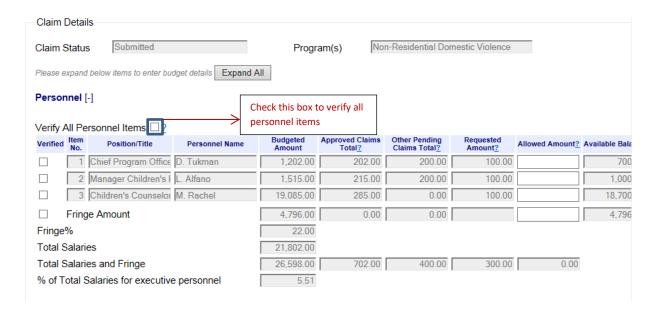


7.1 Claim Details

The Claim Details screen allows you to view the claim details for a budget submitted by the vendor. You can search for the claim by selecting the contract, budget, the claim which you want to view and click on the button Go to display the claim details.



You can reimburse an amount smaller than the requested amount in case of insufficient/wrong supporting documentation, this amount is entered in Allowed Amount column. Program and Contract users can only enter allowed amount and save the claim. Claim cannot be approved untill the Finance/Admin users verify all the line items. You can check the verify all check box if you want to verify all the line items in a single shot. You can enter comments in the Department comments section.



Explanation for the amount fields shown in a claim screen are given below:

Approved Claims Total - Sum of all the approved amount for each line item of approved claims.

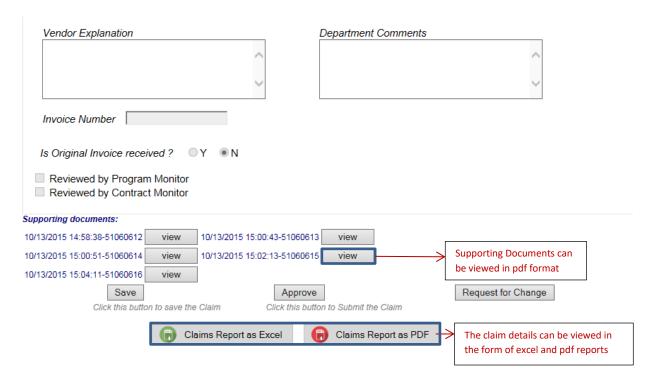
Other Pending Claims Total - Sum of other claims that are pending approval for each line item. For verified line items if allowed amount is different from requested amount, allowed amount is considered for the total.

Requested Amount - Amount requested by vendor for each line item for this claim.

Allowed Amount - Amount approved by county for each line item for this claim

Available Balance – Balance amount remaining to be claimed

Supporting documents uploaded by the vendor are available in the last section, you can download and view the file by clicking on the view button beside each document. Program or Contract users will not have the Verified column.



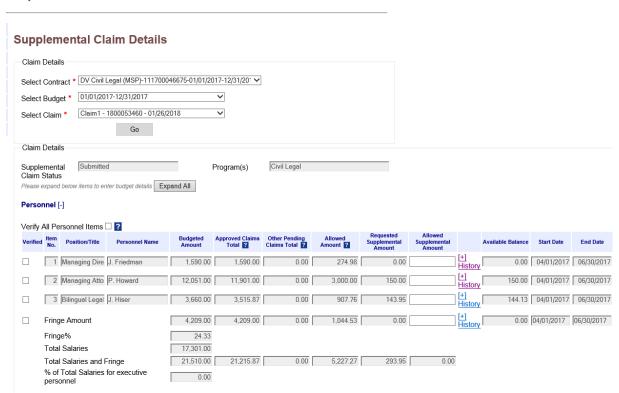
7.2 Supplemental Claim

The supplemental claims workflow is very similar to the Claims workflow. This module can be accessed using the **Supplemental Claim** option from the main menu. To create a supplemental claim select the contract, budget, and the claim that needs to be modified.



Supplemental Claim also has an Allowed amount similar to the Claim Details which is known as Allowed Supplemental Amount, you can enter the supplemental allowed amount and verify the line items before approving similar to the claim details.

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Supplemental claim also has Supporting documents section where vendor users will upload the supporting documents and submit, you can view the document by clicking on View button.

Vendor Explanation		Department Comments			
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Invoice Number					
Is Original Invoice received ? ◎ Y ◎ N					
Reviewed by Program Monitor Reviewed by Contract Monitor					
Supporting documents:					
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Save	Approve		Request for Change		
Click this button to save the Claim Click this button to Submit the Claim					
	Claims Report as Excel	Claims Report as PDF			

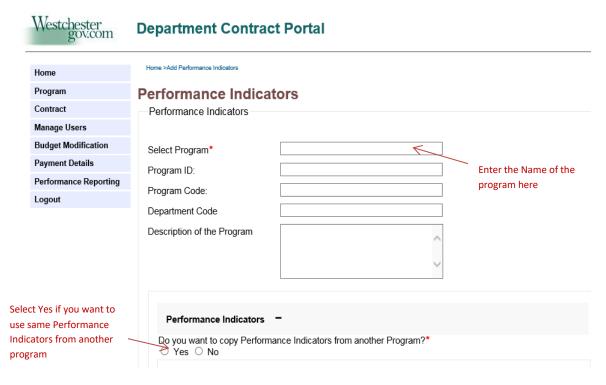
8. Performance Reporting

Performance reporting system collects data that would serve as a measure and evaluate services provided by vendors against the benchmarks provided by Departments. This information can be used for auditing purposes.

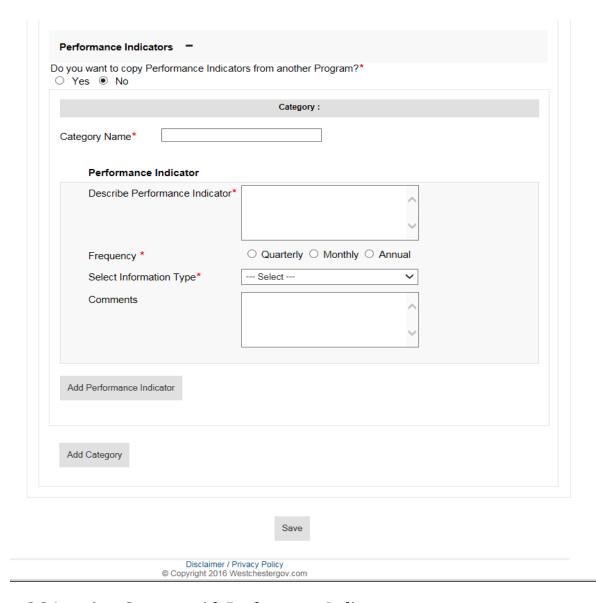
8.1 Performance Indicators

Performance Indicators screen allows you to define performance benchmarks for each program. Once you enter the program name and select a program in suggestion list, the information gets populated automatically if it is already saved in the system or you need to enter the performance indicators.



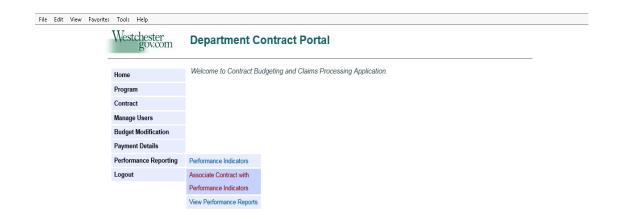


Performance indicators can be copied from another program by Selecting Yes for the question to copy forward. If you decide not to copy over then select No and continue to enter Category Name and respective performance indicators under it. For an additional Performance Indicator click on the Add Performance Indicator button which allows you to enter data for the Performance Indicator. If you need to Add a new category click on Add Category button and enter the new Category name and respective Performance Indicators.

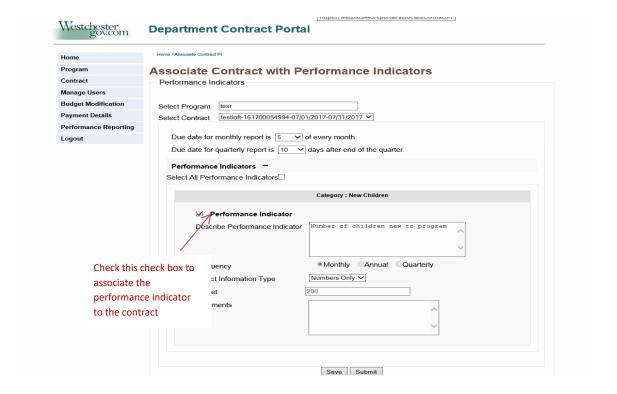


8.2 Associate Contract with Performance Indicators

Performance Indicators of a program can be associated to the respective contracts in this screen. Enter the program name and select the program from the suggestion list which appears once you start entering the program name, then select the contract for which the performance indicators need to be associated with.

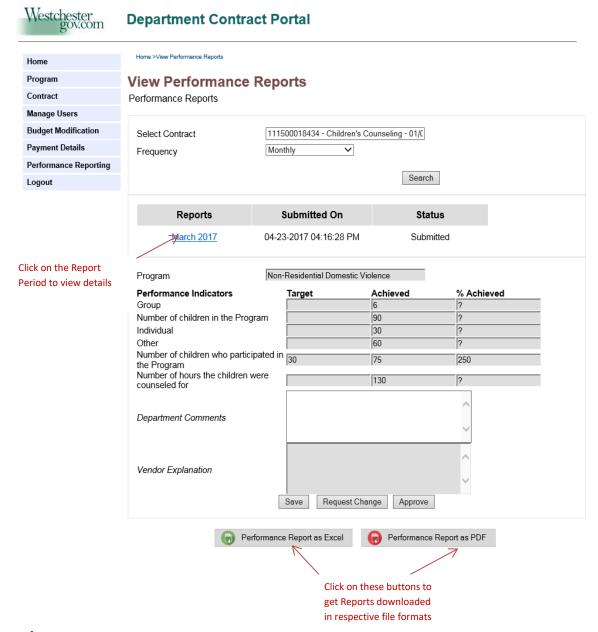


Enter program name and select the contract from the drop down to which the performance indicators need to be associated with. You can select the due date for monthly and quarterly reports. You can save the form by clicking the button Save or Submit it to the Vendor by clicking Submit button. Once submitted vendors can create reports and submit it back to the department.



8.3 View Performance Reports

Performance Reports submitted by the vendors can be viewed in this screen by selecting the appropriate contract and the frequency of the report. Click on the Search button to display all the reports. You can view the details of the report by clicking on the report period which appears blue in color and underlined as shown in the image below. You can also download the report in Excel or Pdf format by clicking on the buttons as shown in the image below



9. Support

If you encounter any issues or have any questions, please contact the Westchester County Help-Desk at **914-995-5513** or by sending an email to **DoITHelpDesk@westchestergov.com**.