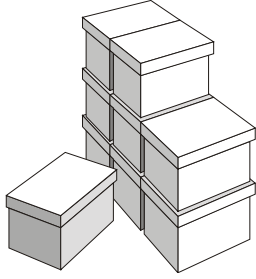


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Interoffice Memorandum

To: Hon. Dan McCoy, County Executive
Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman, County Legislature
From: Bruce A. Hidley, County Clerk
Subject: Request for permission to accept funds awarded by the New York State Local Government Efficiency Grant
Date: October 1, 2024

The County Clerk and the Albany County Hall of Records, in partnership with the City of Watervliet, have been awarded funding via the New York State Local Government Efficiency Grant for the period January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2029. The New York State Department of State has awarded \$308,896, with a 10% project match, to be split between the participating agencies. We are seeking authorization to accept the funding that has been awarded via this grant, as well as the pledged support of the Albany County Legislature in this endeavor, as we continue to expand Albany County's Digital Shared Services Program.

We have received a number of these discretionary grants since 1989 for various digitization projects, including the Albany County Clerk's Office's Pistol Permits and Appropriation Maps, the digitizing and indexing of the Town of Colonie's Vital Records, Contracts, and Payroll Records, the digitization and indexing of the Town of Guilderland's Vital Records, Town Board Meeting Minutes, and Payroll Records, and the Village of Menands' Vital Records, Village Board Meeting Minutes, and Payroll Records.

The Albany County Hall of Records, in partnership with the County's IT Department, and the City of Watervliet, will be utilizing this grant money to assist with the digitization and indexing of the Albany County Deed Books, along with the Vital Records, Oaths of Office, Ordinance Books, and City Council Meeting Minutes for the City of Watervliet. The newly digitized records will be stored on Albany County's Laserfiche Rio Electronic Content Management System. This will result in greater security and ease of access for and to these essential records as Albany County continues to fulfill its commitment to Shared Services.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further information.

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader, Kevin Cannizzaro, Counsel

Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader, Arnis Zilgme, Counsel