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TO: BUDGET, CAPITAL, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
FROM: JOE MAREANE
DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2017
RE: ACCEPTANCE OF STATE GRANT FOR LIBRARY

Last year, the Legislature authorized a \$1.4 million project to renovate several locations in the Tompkins County Public Library Building, primarily the space vacated by the Finger Lakes Library System. \$1.1 million of the project cost is being supported with funds raised by the Library and its Foundation; the remainder is being paid by the County to replace carpets throughout the building.

As a part of its fundraising effort, the Library requested State assistance through Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, and was awarded, \$300,000 in State funds through the State and Municipal (SAM) Projects grant. The grant is managed by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY).

Because DASNY requires that all SAM grants be issued to municipal corporations, the money will come to the County directly from the State (and be applied to the \$1.1 million share of the cost supported by the Library Foundation).

Therefore, the Legislature must authorize acceptance of the \$300,000 State and Municipal (SAM) grant from New York State.