

2015 Library Construction Grant Application for the West Seneca Public Library

Whereas the New York State Department of Education, Division of Library Development, under the Public Library Construction Grant Program (“State Grant”) is offering funds up to 50% of approved costs for renovation or rehabilitation of public libraries in New York State, and

Whereas the Town of West Seneca is the owner of the building that houses the West Seneca Public Library, located at 1300 Union Road, in the Town of West Seneca, and maintains the building under an agreement with the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System, and

Whereas the West Seneca Public Library is in charge of its library operations in cooperation with the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System, and per the guidelines for the State Grant and County Grant, must be the applicant for such grants, and

Whereas the West Seneca Public Library is in dire need of rehabilitation and expansion of its library facility and requires additional space for community use, as well as interior modifications and finishings to the planned expansion; and,

Whereas the West Seneca Library Board will construct a 10,236 square foot addition to the existing library building in Phase I, which has not yet commenced, but was recently awarded \$439,018 through the 2014 - 2017 \$14 Million Public Library Construction Grant Program.

Whereas Phase II of the project, which is the subject of the 2015-2018 \$14 Million Public Library Construction Grant Program, will entail the interior modifications of the Phase I expansion, complete with electrical, HVAC and other mechanicals, as well as furniture, furnishings and millwork.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Town of West Seneca, as owner of the West Seneca Public Library building and grounds, recognizes its responsibility to maintain the building and, in accordance with its responsibility, hereby commits to pay the total project cost Phase II less any grant funds received, to be used as local matching funds towards the State Grant, with said funds to be appropriated from a bond note;

And Be It Further Resolved that the Town of West Seneca will only bond the amount not to exceed the total cost of the project for Phases I and II less the grant awards;

And Be It Further Resolved that the Town of West Seneca will be providing matching funds through the sale of bonds, less any NYS Public Library Construction Grant proceeds, to complete Phase II of the West Seneca Library Addition Project, based on the attached project budget, which includes the build out of the addition, inclusive of interior modifications and finishings, estimated to cost \$1,320,000, all contingent on the award of a Public Library Construction Grant;

And Be It Further Resolved that this Town Board hereby authorizes and directs Town Grants Consultant Connie D. Miner to submit the \$14 Million Public Library Construction Grant for the West Seneca Public Library and directs the West Seneca Town Supervisor, Sheila M. Meegan, and West Seneca Library Board of Directors to provide all necessary signatures and documents needed for the Grants Consultant related to the aforementioned project and application for grant funding.

And Be It Further Resolved that the West Seneca Town Board agrees and covenants that the Library building at 1300 Union Road in the Town of West Seneca shall be legally available for use as a public library building for at least 10 (ten) years from the anticipated date of the completion of the aforementioned renovation/rehabilitation project.