



Preservation Committee Report -- January 18, 2024

NYS Aid for Library Construction Grant Program: Roof Reconstruction Project

The roof reconstruction project has essentially been completed. Closeout of the project has been approved by the NY State Education Department (Project number 0386-22-9243), and we are awaiting the 10% (**\$3,361**) of the State funding that was withheld pending project completion.

2020 NYS Aid for Library Construction Grant Program: Project 0386-20-2656

The completed components of this grant project include the Jail room renovations, the floor replacement and refinishing in the two main library rooms, the front door renovation, electrical outlet upgrades in the main reading room, a dehumidifier system, and subsurface waterproofing along the northwest foundation wall. Closeout of the project has been approved by the NY State Education Department (Project number 0386-22-9243), and we are awaiting the 10% (**\$5,400**) of the State funding that was withheld pending project completion.

Morgan Opera House Air Conditioning:

Funding of **\$59,200** has been requested through the 2024 New York State Aid for Library Construction Program. Steve Moolin kindly prepared and submitted the application to FLLS, which approved it in late September and forwarded it to NYSED. The Dentes family and Triad have generously donated a combined \$15,000 as matching funds for the project.

At the May 19, 2023 meeting, Trustees approved a contract for \$29,200 to Taitem Engineering of Ithaca to assist the AFL in the design, specifications, and construction-period services for a suitable AC system for the MOH. We anticipate approval of our NYSED grant request in mid to late 2024, with the AC installation completed prior to Summer 2025.

Regional Economic Development Council Grant Application: Windows Renovation

We have again partnered with the Village of Aurora to develop an application for funding the *AFL Windows Renovation Project* through the New York Forward Program. The State program provides awards to small rural communities with grant funding of up to \$4.5 million. Our component of the Village application has been submitted to NYS with the help of Evan Tuthill, Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development. Our updated proposal for renovations of the Library windows has requested a grant of **\$365,000**. The grant awards should be announced soon by NYS. If awarded, AFL would need to provide at least a 25% match, for which we would apply for grant assistance from the Emerson Foundation.