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LAGRANGE IS RECIPIENT OF GRANT

LAGRANGE NY, MARCH 23 2011: The Town of LaGrange is the recipient of a grant that will enhance office space and security in the Town Justice Court. The New York State Office of Court Administration (OCA) has been promoting an on-going grant program to support the Justice Court system. "LaGrange has actively and successfully pursued these grants during the time that I have been Supervisor, and has saved the taxpayers thousands of dollars in court related costs" said Supervisor Jon Wagner.

The latest grant award will allow for the expansion of a currently overcrowded Court office, including enhanced security to safeguard its employees. The office size will be increased to accommodate ever expanding case file space due to a very active court calendar. A secure pass through will be added to accommodate the receipt of bail and fine money in a more secure manner. The grant will pay for the

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construction costs associated with the expansion and security as well as for furniture needed in the expanded space.

The grant received for construction and furniture amounts to a total of \$24,778.99.

"Prior OCA security inspections have revealed a need for enhanced measures to be taken for improved security in our facility". "Thankfully LaGrange has been able to utilize this grant program and provide most of those enhancements without impacting the town budget" continued Wagner.

Previous OCA grants allowed for such items as; furniture, the installation of alarm systems, security barriers and metal detectors.

"The Town of LaGrange is very grateful that the Office of Court Administration had the forethought to establish the Action Plan for the Justice Court (JCAP) grant program. The program was put into place to provide Justice Courts with the resources and equipment necessary to fulfill a critical role in the Justice System. Without the aid, implementing enhanced security recommended by OCA would be impossible especially during the extended period of budget and spending cuts that LaGrange has been experiencing since 2008" Wagner concluded.