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**MAYOR MINER, SUPERVISOR VENESKY SIGN SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRACUSE AND CICERO**

*In New Agreement, the City of Syracuse and Town of Cicero Will Share the City's Grant Writers to Seek More Federal, State, and Nonprofit Aid*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner and Supervisor Mark Venesky of the town of Cicero today signed a shared services agreement enabling the two municipalities jointly use grant writing services. The agreement will enable the city employ a greater economy of scale in applying for grants and help the town seek out more opportunities for federal, state, and nonprofit funding.

“This agreement between the city of Syracuse and town of Cicero is a great example of the work local leaders have always done across New York: coming together to solve mutual challenges and develop solutions that work for our residents,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “I am proud to work with Supervisor Venesky on this agreement between our communities. I know that by working together, we can increase the federal, state, and private foundation resources available to both Syracuse and Cicero.”

“I am proud to announce that Mayor Miner and I have entered into an historic service agreement between the city of Syracuse and town of Cicero. With this agreement, the town of Cicero will share grant research and writing staff with the city,” said **Cicero Town Supervisor Mark Venesky**. “City employees will help Cicero identify potential monies for projects that will benefit Cicero residents. In turn, Cicero’s participation will help to lower the cost to city residents who are paying to identify the same types of grant money for similar projects. Together, this is a money saving ‘win-win’ for both the city and town of Cicero.”

The agreement, which was signed by the Mayor and Supervisor today during a news conference at city hall, will enable the town of Cicero to employ grant writers from the city of Syracuse Bureau of Research. These professionals are responsible for identifying and applying for funding opportunities available through the federal and state governments, as well as private foundations. The town of Cicero will pay the city of Syracuse up to \$6,000, including fringe benefit costs. The agreement is for a period of one year with the option for annual renewals.

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