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Cooperstown Chamber Visitors' Center Receives \$100k for Capital Improvements

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COOPERSTOWN, 12/11/17 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I/Ref-Oneonta) today joined officials from the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce to announce a \$100,000 state grant to fund capital improvements at the chamber’s visitors’ center.

“Cooperstown plays a central role in our region’s economy and the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce is crucial to so many activities that take place in the village,” said Senator Seward. **“The visitors’ center is a key point of contact, connecting chamber businesses with local consumers**

and tourists from around the world. This \$100,000 state grant is an investment that will ensure that the century-old Cooperstown Chamber continues as a catalyst to help local businesses thrive while serving as a true gateway to everyone who sets foot in the historic village.”

Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Matt Hazzard said, “The grant extended to the chamber by Senator Seward shows his strong commitment to tourism and business in Cooperstown and the region. For 100 years, the chamber has served as an advocate for business and served as the regional visitor's center for over 40 years. This grant will help us complete much needed work at the visitors’ center and kiosk, dramatically improving the visitor experience for the thousands that travel to Cooperstown each year. We cannot thank Senator Seward enough for awarding this grant.”

Among the items to be included as part of the capital project: historical signage; window restoration; building expansion and landscaping; improved entrance and stairs; newly configured bathrooms; and additional features to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.

“I have consistently partnered with businesses and chambers of commerce throughout the 51st Senate District to meet their needs and help them thrive. State government must work with our job creators to increase opportunities for growth – by investing state dollars where there is a demonstrated need and by advancing policies that lower the cost of doing business and encourage economic development,” Seward concluded.

The \$100,000 grant is under the state’s Economic Development Assistance Program (EDAP) and is administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY).

