

Lyons Public Library Facilities Committee Meeting  
2:00 p.m. January 15, 2026  
Lyons Public Library

**Present:** Kristina Braell, Leslie Shaw, Gary Bennett, Joan Wallis

**Also Present on Zoom:** Abby Ritz, Laura Fox, Kim Wildman (USDA New York State) and Anita Morse (USDA Area Specialist for Wayne County)

Kim Wildman stated that USDA grant funds are not available for real estate, only for equipment (such as appliances, shelving, and other removable items). They are not yet available this year and she has no idea how much money will be available.

Other avenues of federal funds include Congressionally Directed Spending (ear-marked funds) available through congressional representatives (Schumer, Gillenbrand) and Community Project Funding (Tenney).

Rural Development Grant funds have a 25% match requirement.

When applying for federal ear-marked funds use ***Library Facility Improvement*** to describe use of funds

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Wallis