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## **Broome County Applies for \$3 Million in Shared Services Match**

*Broome – One of the First New York State Counties to Apply*

(BINGHAMTON, NY) Broome County Executive Jason Garnar announced today that the county has applied for more than \$3 million in first year savings as a part of the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative plan.

In 2017, the County Executive submitted plans for a County-Wide Shared Services Initiative plan to identify millions of dollars in taxpayer savings across the county, working with municipalities to do so. This in response to Governor Andrew Cuomo's challenge to counties to come up with plans to save taxpayers money.

New York State offered a match on first-year savings for programs implemented in 2018 and Broome County is going after it. On February 21, 2019 the County submitted the required match application, one of the first in the state to do so, applying for over \$3 million in first year savings for Broome County and the project partners.

"This could provide millions of dollars back to Broome County," said County Executive Garnar. "That's money we can use to lower taxes, stabilize our fund balance, and invest in infrastructure."

Broome County was the first in the state to submit a shared services plan in 2017. In 2018, Broome County started to see the benefits and savings by joining the Keenan Pharmaceutical Purchasing Coalition. Broome County Risk Manager, Tom Dellapenna, estimated a savings of nearly \$3 million in the first 8 months of the program, and if accepted, New York State will match that amount.

Another successful local program brings Broome County caseworkers to schools in Binghamton, Maine-Endwell, and Whitney Point. This program provides on-site assistance for local families and taxpayer savings in partnering with Broome County Department of Social Services.