



**HARRISON**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Memo

E-17

**To:** Mayor Rich Dionisio and Members of the Town Board

**From:** Galina Chernykh

**CC:** Jacqueline Greer, Maureen MacKenzie

**Date:** 6/9/2022

**Re:**

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Dear Mayor Dionisio and the Members of the Town Board:

It is requested that the following funds be transferred:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
\$60,000	002.7410.100.01-02 Salary	002.7410.100.0409 Computer equipment

**Total: \$60,000**

Due to rising costs and unresolved service issues, Westchester Library System (WLS) does not offer the same value proposition that it has in the past and is no longer the right fit to provide support for all of the library's IT needs.

The library is paying \$97,454 to WLS for IT support this fiscal year. Internet circuits are inflexible and inappropriately sized, leased hardware and software are outdated, and lingering, unresolved support issues negatively impact the provision of certain services.

The library is planning to purchase hardware through Corporate Computer Solutions, Inc (CCS). CCS is on the State contract, is local in Harrison, and best understood the procurement needs of a municipal library. Owning hardware and outsourcing IT support to a third company would save \$22,000 annually and provide a better experience for library patrons.

WLS would continue to manage the library's collection and residents would continue to have access to the shared catalog of materials from other WLS member libraries.

Galina Chernykh, Library Director