



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS (ARPA)

PRESENTATION TO THE WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 (Updated as of September 15, 2021)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

- ARPA Overview
- Process of determining projects for consideration
- Overview of project ideas to date
- Gather feedback from stakeholders and the public
- Next Steps



ARPA OVERVIEW

ARPA GUIDANCE

- The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial and Tribal governments.
- Treasury also released details on how these funds can be used to respond to acute pandemic response needs, fill revenue shortfalls among these governments, and support the communities and populations hardest-hit by the COVID-19 crisis.

ARPA PAYMENTS

- \$4.2M – received in 2021
- \$4.2M – will receive in 2022
- \$8.4M Total

CRITERIA FOR USE OF FUNDS

- 1st tranche must be underway by 12-31-2024
- 2nd tranche must be underway by 12-31-2026
- Eligible Uses:
 - To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts
 - To respond to workers performing essential work during COVID-19 by providing premium pay
 - For the provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such recipient due to COVID-19
 - To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure



PROCESS OF DETERMINING PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

- On Capital Plan or Direct Response to ARPA Guidance
- Project Criteria
 - Arts
 - Infrastructure
 - Resilience/Emergency Preparedness
 - Open Space/Parks
 - Public Health
 - Fiscal/COVID
 - Equity
 - Business
 - ADA
 - Asset Maintenance
 - Economic Vitality
 - Traffic/Transit
 - Human Services



OVERVIEW OF PROJECT IDEAS TO DATE

PROJECT IDEAS – 1ST TRANCHE, IMMEDIATE USE IN ORDER OF IMPACT

\$2,090,000

- **Public Health & Human Services:** Stop Gap Measures \$400k
- **Resiliency:** Tree Trimming \$100k
- **Economic Vitality:** Downtown Parker Harding & Jesup Lots Design \$340k
- **Cybersecurity:** Network protection \$100k
- **Elections:** pending
- **Public Health:** WWHD Generator \$70k
- **Equity:** Bus Shelters \$150k
- **Arts:** Allocation to the Arts \$250k
- **COVID:** Reimbursement to General Fund \$180k
- **Equity:** Police Technology & Wellness \$500k

PROJECT IDEAS – IST TRANCHE, CLOSE TO SHOVEL READY IN ORDER OF IMPACT

\$2,200,000

- **ADA/ Access to Public Facilities:** Town Hall ADA (Phase I) & Space Utilization (Phase II) \$1M
- **Resiliency:** Burying Hill Beach Jetty \$900k
- **Economic Vitality:** Wayfinding for Downtown Parking \$200k
- **Resiliency:** Gorham Island to Riverside Shoreline Enhancement \$100k

PROJECT IDEAS – PROJECTS FOR 2ND TRANCHE IN ORDER OF IMPACT

\$4,650,000

- **Broadband Infrastructure:** Fiber/Regional Broadband \$1.5M
- **Resilience:** Improved Drainage/Flood Prevention \$300k
- **Economic Vitality:** Riverside Boardwalk Extension \$350k
- **Public Health:** WWHD Bayberry Site Renovation \$2M
- **Affordable Housing:** Bricks & Mortar \$500k

TOTAL COSTS

- Total Project Ideas = \$8.94M
- Total Funding = \$8.4M Total
- Over/Under \$0.54M



NEXT STEPS

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- Revise presentation resulting from feedback from stakeholders and public
- Presentation to the Board of Finance (special meeting late Sept or regular meeting on Oct. 6)
- Board of Selectmen finalization (late October)
- Individual projects to follow appropriations process
- Project monitoring and reporting to the Treasury and State OPM