

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Overview For The Town of Hamden, CT

Presented to the Finance Committee - February 7, 2022
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Agenda

- ARPA Overview
- ARPA's Purpose
- Town of Hamden's ARPA Allocation
- Eligible Use of ARPA Funds
- Community Engagement
- Questions

American Rescue Plan Act Overview

- Everything is subject to Federal Single Audit and Federal Uniform Procurement Guidelines
- On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#) into law. This \$1.9 trillion package is intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, address public health shortfalls and help with the economic impacts
 - The American Rescue Plan allocated \$65.1 billion to counties; \$45.6 billion to Metropolitan cities throughout the Country
- Connecticut cities and town will be receiving \$2.55 billion statewide, with \$1.56 billion to General Government and additional \$990 million to the Board of Education (CCM reports)
- We will receive our allocations directly from the US Treasury Department and the State of Connecticut

American Rescue Plan Purpose

- The funds can be used to help meet various needs for communities
 - Both on a short & long term basis
 - Strategic & catalytic in nature
- Funds will be given to the Town of Hamden in 2 equal payments during FY 2021-FY 2023.
 - Directly from the United States Treasury Department (FY 2022 and FY 2023)
 - Through a State-Pass through Program (FY 2021 and FY 2022)
- Funds need to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and be fully expended by December 31, 2026.

TOWN TOTAL ARPA ALLOCATION

DIRECT FUNDING: \$12,378,044.00
STATE PASS-THROUGH: \$11,762,293.11
TOTAL ALLOCATION: \$ 24,140,337.11

- FY 2021: \$5,881,146.56 (Received)
- FY 2022: \$5,881,146.55 (Projected)

- FY 2022: \$6,189,022.00 (Received)
- FY 2023: \$6,189,022.00 (Projected)

Eligible Use Categories

- Support Public Health Response to the Negative Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic
 - Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare
- Address Negative Economic Impacts
 - Individuals & Households;
 - Businesses;
 - Nonprofits; and
 - Aid to affected industries such as tourism.
- Premium pay for employees critical to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and providing government services previously cut due to pandemic-related revenue shortfalls
- Making needed investments in Town water, sewer, storm water & broadband infrastructure (IT infrastructure)

Ineligible Use Categories

- Cannot be used for the following:
 - Pay down unfunded pension obligations liabilities;
 - Apply as matching funds towards other federal grants;
 - Pay interest or principal on outstanding debt;
 - For consent decrees/ legal settlements; and or
 - Contribute to unassigned Fund balances, undesignated Fund balances.
- Reporting will be necessary to ensure compliance. U.S. Treasury Department put out final rules and guidelines on January 6, 2022.
 - If funds are transferred to a third-party, the Town will still be responsible for reporting

Compliance & Reporting

Public Jurisdiction Type	Report		
	Interim	Project Expenditure	Recovery Plan Performance
States, US Territories, Metropolitan Cities/Counties with 250k Population	Due Date: <i>August 31, 2021</i>	Due Date: <i>January 31, 2022</i> <i>Then Quarterly</i>	Due Date: <i>August 31, 2021</i> <i>Then Annually</i>
Metropolitan Cities/Counties Below 250k Population but \$5+ Million Allocation			<i>Not Required</i>
Tribal Governments			
Metropolitan Cities/Counties Below 250k Population and Below \$5 Million Allocation		Due Date: <i>April 30, 2022</i> <i>Then Annually</i>	
Non-Entitlement Units	<i>Not Required</i>		

Source: Government Finance Officers Association.



**Hamden
Entitlement
Unit**

Suggestions for ARPA Funds

Community Center

- We have out grown our foot print at the Keefe Community Center at 11 Pine St.
- A community center should provide services for the whole person from infants to seniors.
- Food bank, professional kitchen, senior center branch, library branch, classrooms, gymnasium, meeting spaces, etc.

Smaller Projects

- Audio/video upgrades to Council Chambers for hybrid meetings
- Digitize documents and storage
- Technology upgrades for accessibility

Proposed Community Input Meetings

Wednesday, February 16th at 7pm via Zoom

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Thursday, March 3rd at 7pm in the Board of Ed. Gymnasium 60 Putnam Ave.

More dates coming soon

Works Consulted/ Additional Resources:

- US Treasury Guidelines Tabulations available upon request
- [US Treasury 31 CFR RIN 1505-AC77](#)
- <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds/recipient-compliance-and-reporting-responsibilities>
- Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM). “American Rescue Plan Toolkit”.
- GFOA. (2021). The American Rescue Plan. <https://www.gfoa.org/flc-analysis-of-american-rescue-plan>

QUESTIONS

