

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The Town of Hamden, CT

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Town of Hamden

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
- 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 of Hamden 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)

PROJECTED TOTAL ARPA FUNDS AVAILABLE:
\$18,259,190.55

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

Town of Hamden Department ARPA Asks:

1. Youth Services: Summer Youth Employment and Training

- These funds cover youth and adult wages, supplies and other associated costs, plus a Job Coach.
- \$100,000.00

2. Library: Digital Navigation

- Staffing; Outreach/Marketing; Technology
- \$129,058.00

3. Fire Department: Self-Contained Breath Apparatus

- Self-contained breathing apparatus with Scott SEMS II system
- \$625,000.00

4. Community Campus

- Construction of Community Campus
- \$15,419,625.00

\$100,000 of ARPA Funds for Youth Services: Summer Youth Employment and Training

Hamden Youth Services Bureau

Memo

To: Lauren Garrett, Mayor
Curtis Eatman, Finance Director
Rick Galarza, Deputy Finance Director
Sean Grace, Chief of Staff
Karen Bivens, Director, Arts, Recreation, Wellness

From: Susan Rubino, Youth Services Coordinator

Date: June 21, 2022

Re: \$100,000 Request for YS Budget ARPA FUNDS FY 2022-23

This is a request for \$100,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to cover the cost of Summer Youth Employment and Training not covered by DOL and DCF funds.

Hamden Youth Services has received 143 youth applications for summer jobs. 50 of those jobs will be covered by DOL (\$67,000) and DCF (\$15,000). These funds cover youth and adult wages, supplies and other associated costs. Each youth costs approximately \$1,050.00 (\$14.00 per hour X 15 hours X 5 weeks). This leaves 93 youth X \$1,050 = \$97,650.00 plus a Job Coach, approximately \$2,350.00 = \$100,000.00.

Please contact me should you have any questions and/or require additional information and advise as to how to proceed.

Thank you for investing in our youth!.

\$129,058 of ARPA Funds for Library: Digital Navigation

- Continue funding Hamden Public Library's Digital Navigation Project from October 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Individuals left behind by technology suffer from a high level of digital illiteracy. It takes more than a short intervention to help these individuals understand technology and develop the skills necessary to independently use the Internet for participation in the digital world.
- Being able to extend this program will improve the ability of Hamden's most technologically vulnerable to become full digital citizens.
- People can use the internet to access government services, make appointments, socially engage with family and friends, apply for benefits, seek employment, enjoy lifelong learning opportunities, participate in virtual recreation, and so much more.

\$625,000 of ARPA Funds for Fire Department: Self-Contained Breath Apparatus

- Self-contained breathing apparatus with Scott SEMS II system
- 40 mm Industrial Respirator; 50 Scott x3 Pro Air Packs; 100 Scott AV-3000 HT Facemasks; 50 Scott Regulators; Bauer Compressor Air Fill System
- Life Time Warranty
- Current Air Fill Compressor Installed in 2005
- 50 Air Packs expiring in December 10th, 2022
- \$625,000 Quote obtained in May, 2022

\$15,419,625 of ARPA Funds for Community Campus

- Commercial Kitchen
- Senior Center Branch
- Gymnasium
- Community Rooms
- Educational/Programming Space
- HCLC Classrooms
- Library Branch
- Health Center (in partnership with provider)
- Community Services
- Youth Services
- Recreation
- Early Childhood Education
- Warming Center
- Food Pantry

Community Campus Layout



Suggestions for ARPA Funds

Smaller Projects

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

Please go to
<https://www.hamden.com/854/ARPA>
for all backup documents!

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>