

Community Campus Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Town of Hamden

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FAQ

- ▶ What's the difference between Community Campus and a Community Center?
 - ▶ The Community Campus is a vision for the Old Hamden Middle School property (20+ acres). It is a two-phase project that conceptually includes:
 - ▶ Phase One
 - ▶ A community center that houses several Town offices and staff for the delivery of essential government services.
 - ▶ Outdoor park space (open space).
 - ▶ Arts and Cultural Center
 - ▶ Health Center
 - ▶ Library
 - ▶ Gymnasium
 - ▶ Senior Center
 - ▶ Phase Two
 - ▶ Sports fields and recreational spaces



FAQ

- ▶ How will we pay for the estimated \$38 Million in project costs for Phase One of the Community Campus?
 - ▶ The Town has secured funding from CT Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), Community Investment Fund (CIF) 2030
 - ▶ **\$5.4M**
 - ▶ The Town has committed funds from its annual Community Development Block Grant through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
 - ▶ **\$300K**
 - ▶ The Town has requested funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 allocation.
 - ▶ **\$15M**
 - ▶ The Town is seeking additional funding from the following sources:
 - ▶ CIF 2030 - **\$10.6M**
 - ▶ Congressionally Directed Spending - **\$3.5M**
 - ▶ Connecticut Library Association - **\$500K**
 - ▶ The Town expects to devote staff time and administrative oversight to the project.
 - ▶ For a 5-year project these costs are estimated at **\$2.7M.**



FAQ

- ▶ How will we pay for the estimated \$21 Million in project costs for Phase Two of the Community Campus?
 - ▶ Phase Two consists of approximately 14 acres of the total parcel and is the development of this space into sports and recreation fields.
 - ▶ The Town is exploring public private partnerships to support the costs associated with Phase Two of the Community Campus.
 - ▶ Additional funding mechanisms are being pursued.



FAQ

- ▶ When is Phase One of the Community Campus expected to be complete?
 - ▶ Spring/Summer 2028
- ▶ How does the completion date impact ARPA Funding?
 - ▶ ARPA funding devoted to the project has a deadline for expenditure. Those funds must be spent prior to December 2026.
 - ▶ Other funding sources do not have such a deadline and can be used for the latter work on the community campus
- ▶ When is Phase Two of the Community Campus expected to be complete?
 - ▶ A timeline will be provided when the funding sources and conceptual plans are realized.
 - ▶ Phase Two can be pursued concurrently when funding is secured.



FAQ

- ▶ How will the Town engage with the community to develop a project plan for the community campus?
 - ▶ Community engagement is integral to the development of the Community Campus. The Town and its consultants will engage with stakeholders in the Town to realize concepts that are sensitive to the experiences of impacted neighborhood(s).
 - ▶ The Town will form a steering committee made up of community stakeholders and Town representatives from the Legislative Council and Administration.
 - ▶ The Town has held public input meetings regarding ARPA funding.
 - ▶ February 7, 2022
 - ▶ July 18, 2022
 - ▶ September 19, 2022
 - ▶ October 12, 2022
 - ▶ The Town and/or it's consultants will continue to work with community stakeholders to develop a plan for all phases of the community campus.
 - ▶ Community engagement will be prioritized in the Town's selection of consultants and contractors.

