



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Please submit Agenda Request Form, **including back up information**, 8 days prior to the requested meeting date. **Public Hearing requests must be submitted 20 days prior to requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines** (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: July 7, 2021
Submitted by: Town Manager Paul T. Micali
Department:
Speakers:

Date of Meeting: July 15, 2021
Time Required: 20 minutes
Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognition/Resignation/Retirement:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds Discussion

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council to review and discuss how to spend \$2,773,229, Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, that the Town received from the State under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), in accordance with RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	31:95-b	Warrant Article:	
Charter Article:	8-15	Town Meeting:	
Other:		N/A	

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Projector:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easel:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Meeting:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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APPROVAL

Town Manager: Yes No: Chair/Vice Chair: Yes No:

Memo



TO: Town Council

FROM: Town Manager Paul T. Micali

DATE: July 7, 2021

RE: **American Rescue Plan Act 2021**

The use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) is prescribed in the Treasury Department's guidelines (below), ARPA Funds have to be spent by 2024. The Town will receive two payments of \$1,386,614 for a total of \$2,773,229. While reviewing the guidelines set forth I have come up with a potential list of what the Town can spend the ARPA Funds on:

1. Screenings Building WWTF
2. Revenue shortfalls (at this time however it appears that overall the net revenue of the Town for fiscal year 2020-21 is a positive so these funds cannot be used.)
3. Stormwater Drainage projects

USE OF LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

According to the U.S. Treasury, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide eligible local governments with a substantial infusion of resources to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, and more equitable economy as the country recovers. Recipients may use these funds to:

- **Support public health expenditures**, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
- **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector
- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet

Within these overall categories, recipients have **broad flexibility** to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities.