



TO: Holliston Boards, Committees, Departments, and Organizations
FROM: ARPA Steering Group
DATE: July 1, 2021
RE: ARPA Funds Request Process

The Town has applied for its allocation of federal ARPA funds. The covered period for expending these funds is March 3, 2021 – December 31, 2024 (period of performance through December 31, 2026). The purpose of these funds is to provide a substantial infusion of financial resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

The ARPA funding can be used to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control
- Replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic

The US Treasury has issued guidance for allowable uses of ARPA funds (see *SLRFR-Fact-Sheet-FINAL1-508A.pdf*), including examples of eligible expenditures. As the ARPA Steering Group seeks to provide a framework to the Select Board for how these funds can be used to support recovery in our town over the next few years, we are seeking proposals from boards, committees, and departments (see: [link to request form](#)).

These requests for funding should be submitted to the Steering Group by August 2, 2021. The requests will be screened against Treasury and DLS guidance, and evaluated as to whether there are other possible funding sources. When considering funding requests, you are encouraged to pay attention to initiatives being discussed in listservs and other professional networks.

The August 2 deadline will not be the final opportunity to request funds during the period of performance of the grant. The Steering Group will subsequently meet periodically, and consider requests on a rolling basis. Prior to funding being approved by the Select Board, requests from independent boards and committees would need an affirmative vote on record during a posted meeting.

For any questions, please reach out to the ARPA Steering Group at:
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