

5/9/22 ARPA Minutes

SLFRF (STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS)

The US Treasury Guidelines are what this Workgroup must follow. According to the federal legislation, we may use funds these funds:

1. To respond to COVID-19, public health emergency or it's negative economic impacts
2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the covid-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay &/or stipends to eligible workers defined as police, fire, EMS, Transfer Station, Highway workers, election workers, lifeguards and sanitation workers. (no elected officials can be paid a stipend)
3. For Revenue Loss for the provision of Government Services (including upgrades)
4. For Cities that need Investments in Water, Sewer and Broadbands technology and infrastructure

ARPA Workgroup: Larry Foote(on leave), Selectmen Melvin, Chief Jewett, Chief Alcaindinho, Joe Simone, Peter Gagnon, Jack Kozec & myself Trisha McCarthy

The Workgroup is working on some very important items for our town's infrastructure, buildings, technology, medical equipment, recreation areas, security equipment, portable lighting, just to name a few. We will report to the on these items once we finalize our research and at that point may request the selectmen to go out to bid.

At this time, The Workgroup is requesting a list of items that are paid from the Government Buildings Line item. (this helps us as we look towards improving monies spent in this area).

The Workgroup is recommending to the Board of Selectmen the following stipends be paid at the next pay period:

1. To our Election Workers in 2022 (except elected officials) at \$125.00 stiped per event they work in 2022. (any staff that worked the election through their individual department is not entitled to the stipend-that would be double dipping)
2. To our Transfer Station Workers: to be paid per the same guidelines used for essential workers (police, fire EMS, public safety)
 - Manager and Assistant Manager \$ 2,485.71 (one for 2022)
 - Part time attendants: \$1,242.80 (one time for 2022)

On a rather sad note, we did have a town employee pass because of covid. The Workgroup researched how we could help the family and we have been told to advise family that the Federal Government had set up an account to reimburse out of pocket funeral expenses. If the family is listening, please contact the Emergency Management Department and we can guide you. We are very sorry for your loss.

LASTLY:

I submitted our 1st quarterly report on 4/29/22

We had three categories to report on money spent for Revenue Replacement Category:

1. \$17,069.06 for Vaccine clinics in 2022 & 1st quarter of 2022
2. \$ 4,721.75 for the EOC administration for this Grant in 2021 & 2022
3. \$ 2,799.98 for an upgrade in technology as allowed through the revenue replacement

TOTAL SPENT FROM THE GRANT IS \$24,590.79

Balance of available grant money is: \$491,319.80

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha McCarthy, Acting EMD