

## **Town Board Work Session 12DEC2023**

### **American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA**

#### **Some Facts:**

- Signed into law by the President Biden on March 11, 2021
- Part of Economic stimulus package totaling \$1.9 trillion
- The Town of Lewisboro has received a total of \$1,284,303.83
- Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024
- Deadline to spend funds is December 31, 2026

### **How funding can be used:**

- COVID 19 expenditures or negative economic impacts
- Premium pay to essential workers
- To cover loss of revenue for the provision of government services
- Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

### **How funds cannot be used:**

- CANNOT use ARPA funds to service debt
- CANNOT use ARPA to pay for settlements / judgments
- CANNOT use ARPA to replenish reserves

**Important: The final rule** (effective since April 1, 2022) offers a standard allowance for revenue loss of up to \$10 million, allowing recipients to select between a standard amount of revenue loss or complete a full revenue loss calculation.

Recipients that select the standard allowance may use that amount – in many cases their full award – for **government services**, with streamlined reporting requirements.

**\*\*\* *We will use the standard allowance for government services.***

**Government services** generally include any service traditionally provided by a government. Here are some common examples, although this list is not exhaustive:

- Revitalize parks and public spaces
- Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure (i.e. culverts, storm drains)
- General government administration, and administrative facilities
- Environmental remediation
- Provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles)

### **Association of Towns advice:**

- Consider ARPA for more unique projects, less likely to be available in future grant opportunities.
- Investments in municipal facilities, amenities and infrastructure are well-suited
  - Non-recurring costs
  - To improve longer term assets
  - Provide community-based benefits over many years

<b>Parks &amp; Rec projects</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>
Pool Equipment	\$55,000
Baseball Field backstops (FV, Onatru, Vista)	\$75,000
Town Park driveway paving (hold off till bath-house )	\$0
Onatru Bathroom updates	\$100,000
Shed at Town Park	\$12,000
<b>Allocated==&gt;</b>	<b>\$242,000</b>

<b>Other (Supervisor)</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Employee Handbook - priority	
<b>Allocated==&gt;</b>	<b>\$5,688</b>

<b>ARPA Funds Received</b>	<b>\$1,284,304</b>	
<b>Town Board Approved Allocation TP Park Playground</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	
<b>Town Board Approved Allocation Feb 27, 2023</b>	<b>\$401,158</b>	<b>Total from above allocations</b>
<b>ARPA Funds Available</b>	<b>\$533,146</b>	

<b>Projects for Consideration</b>	
Pool - 2nd well & disinfection system	\$365,000
Pickleball courts	\$350,000
Pool Bathhouse	\$500,000
LPD Dodge Charger & Outfit Package	\$59,000

<b>Maintenance Dept</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>
<b>Onatru Roofs (order of priority)</b>	
Shop Barn	\$55,200 FEMA
Park Barn	\$0 FEMA
Books Barn	\$0
Picnic Barn	\$0
<b>Allocated==&gt;</b>	<b>\$55,200</b>

<b>Generators</b>	
Highway/Library	\$48,100
Keeler Public Water System	\$15,600
NYS Police	\$34,570
<b>Allocated==&gt;</b>	<b>\$98,270</b>

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