

TRUMBULL TOWN
COUNCIL
BOARD OF FINANCE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

DISCUSSION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND POTENTIAL USES

TODAY'S MEETING

- Review ARPA guidelines, eligible uses, timeline
- Presentation by First Selectman and Department Heads on proposed projects for Trumbull
- Discussion on proposed project list
- Process for public input
- Next meeting date: October 27, 2022

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT?

- The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a part of the **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**, delivers \$350 billion to state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The funding portion for Connecticut municipalities is approximately \$1.56 billion
- The US Treasury published the Final Rule for use of the SLFRF / ARPA program funds.

Final Rule: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

Overview of Final Rule: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-FAQ.pdf>

ARPA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ARPA funds are **non-recurring** so their use should be applied primarily to non-recurring expenditures.
- Care should be taken to **avoid creating new programs** or add-ons to existing programs that **require an ongoing financial commitment**.
- ARPA Timeline:
 - Funds must be used for costs incurred on or after **3/31/2021**
 - Funds must be obligated by **12/31/2024**
 - Funds must be expended by **12/31/2026**

ARPA ELIGIBLE USES

- Four eligible categories outlined in the [Final Rule](#):
 1. **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic.
 2. **Support the COVID-19 public health and economic response** by addressing COVID-19 and its impact on public health as well as addressing economic harms to households, small businesses, nonprofits, impacted industries, and the public sector.
 - Eligible uses to respond to negative economic impacts are organized by the type of beneficiary: assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits.
 3. **Provide premium pay** for eligible workers performing essential work, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors.
 4. **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet.

TRUMBULL'S SHARE OF ARPA

- Trumbull's Award
 - May 2021: \$5,278,722.61
 - May 2022: \$5,278,722.61
- Current ARPA Expenditures Total: \$5,090,490.65
- Remaining ARPA: \$5,466,954.57

TRUMBULL ARPA EXPENDITURES 9/1/22

	Total Expended
Infrastructure	\$35,000.00
Finance	
Public Safety	\$389,280.00
Community Improvements	
Social Services	
Other	\$4,600,000.00
Misc	\$66,210.65
Total	\$5,090,491.65

WHAT OTHER TOWNS ARE DOING

	Glastonbury	Shelton	Avon	Newtown
Total ARPA \$	\$10,204,968	\$12,172,151	\$5,408,792	\$7,674,294
Population	35,108	40,756	18,918	27,154
Examples of Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal control center• Energy efficiency• Pickleball courts• Community center programming• Accessibility ramp• Electric mower• Fire apparatus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bleachers• Storage sheds• Cafeteria tables• Chromebooks• Sewer system repairs• Road repairs• City security system• Purchase of two homes for road extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pool repairs• Road drainage• Flood prevention• Playground• HVAC system• IT – Office 365 implementation• Field renovations• Recreation shelters• Fiber network• Restroom renos	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water distribution system• Roof repair• Transfer station improvements• New truck• New pavilion• Senior center bus• Generator• Handicap doors

TRUMBULL – PROPOSED PROJECTS

Projects broken into five categories:

1. Infrastructure

- Ex: Road paving, signage, vehicles, IT

2. Public Safety

- Ex: PPE storage, security, ice rescue suits

3. Community Improvement

- Ex: Splash pad, pool, fields, community theatre

4. Social Services

- Ex: Nonprofit grant program, need based support, counseling center, TPAUD

5. Other

- Ex: Revenue offset, premium pay

TRUMBULL – PROPOSED PROJECT LIST

The full list of proposed projects can be found:

<https://www.trumbull-ct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6109/ARPA-Final-9-1-2022>

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Launch an online form for residents and business owners to submit ideas via Town of Trumbull website
 - Form to be available 9/15-10/15
 - Publicity of form via town website, robocall, email notification, town sign, and more
- Public comment at October joint ARPA meeting

NEXT STEPS

- Public input form: 9/15-10/15
- October 27, 2022: Town Council and Board of Finance will hold a second joint meeting
 - Public comment
- Create a dashboard on website for projects recommended or approved

ADDITIONAL LINKS

Examples of ARPA projects from other towns:

- Newtown: [LINK](#)
- Greenwich: [LINK](#)
- Enfield: [LINK](#)
- Weston: [LINK](#)
- Southbury: [LINK](#)
- Fairfield: [LINK](#)
- Redding: [LINK](#)

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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