

**Town of Farmington, CT
Town Council- Ad-Hoc Committee
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

Date: October 12, 2021
(Council Members should call the Town Manager's Office if unable to attend.)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Town Hall – Conference Room A
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- A. Call to Order.
- B. Review the following Charge of the Committee and have General Discussion with staff and Committee members.
- C. Next Steps.
- D. Establish a Meeting Schedule.
- E. Adjournment.

CC: Town Council Committee members
Kathleen Blonski, Town Manager
Russ Arnold, Dir. Of Public Works/Town Engineer
Rose Ponte, Economic Development Director
Joe Swetcky, Finance Director
Paula Ray, Town Clerk
Anna Savastano, Management Analyst (Record Keeper)

MOTION

Agenda Item B

Review the following Charge of the Committee and have General Discussion with staff and Committee members.

Charge

To establish a Town Council Ad-Hoc committee to work with Town staff to make recommendations to the Town Council on the next steps involving American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, (Federal Stimulus Monies) received by the Town of Farmington.

Town Council members and town staff will form a working group to review ARPA guidelines, determine next steps, and eventually make recommendations on eligible project(s).

Background Information:

Farmington is anticipated to receive \$7,545,852.06 in funding through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program to address the economic fallout related to the pandemic.

\$3,772,926.03 received by the Town:	June 2021
\$3,772,926.03 remaining 50% to be received:	June 2022
Funds must be obligated by:	December 31, 2024
Funds must be fully expended:	December 31, 2026

Guidance on eligible uses of the ARPA funds comes from the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Eligible guidelines as of September 2021.

- Respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impact
- Respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to such eligible workers of the recipient, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who performed essential work.
- Provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such recipient due to the COVID -19 public health emergency, relative to the revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year to the recipient prior to the emergency.
- Make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Ineligible uses:

- Contributions to Rainy Day funds, Reserves or Similar Funds
- Deposits into Pension Funds
- Offset a reduction in Net Tax Revenue
- Non-Federal match for other Federal Programs

Potential uses not specifically outlined in the ARPA guidance; the following criteria must be met:

- First, identify a need or negative impact of the COVID public health emergency, and;
- Second identify how the program, service or other intervention addresses the identified need or impact.