



TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Town Administrator's Office

346 Bedford Street
Lakeville, MA 02347
(508) 946-8803

June 23, 2021

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Ari J. Sky, Town Administrator
SUBJECT: Status of COVID Relief Funds

CARES Act

As of this date, the Town has submitted a total of \$1,236,940, of which \$336,468 consisted of Town expenditures and \$900,472 of expenditures incurred by the two school districts. Reimbursements totaling \$594,745 have been received to date from Plymouth County, leaving \$642,195 pending reimbursement. Of this amount, the Town and school district are owed \$54,321 and \$587,874, respectively.

American Rescue Plan Act

The Board will have an item on its June 28, 2021, agenda to accept funding awarded to the Town under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). According to the Commonwealth, ARPA funding will be awarded in two tranches totaling \$1,210,073. The first tranche of \$605,037 was transmitted to the Town on June 17th. Expenditures associated with the Town's entire allocation must be obligated before December 31, 2024.

It should be noted that Plymouth County is entitled to \$101,237,378 in ARPA funding, an amount which was derived based on the populations of the County's component units. Utilizing the per capita calculation, \$2,245,589 of Plymouth County's award was based on the population of the Town of Lakeville. As of this date, the County had not yet provided information regarding its plans for disposition of these funds.

Eligible uses for ARPA proceeds are defined broadly in the Act. The U.S. Department of Treasury subsequently released an Interim Final Rule that further clarifies potential uses. The Rule, which is currently under review, lists the following eligible activities:

1. Respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts;
2. Provide premium pay to employees providing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency;
3. Provide government services to the extent of a government's reduction in revenue due to COVID-19; and
4. Invest in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

The eligible uses are significantly clarified through the Interim Final Rule and subsequent FAQ guide. The guidelines are being modified on a frequent basis in advance of the final rule, which is expected to be released in July or August. In the meantime, Town staff is preparing an assessment of potential revenue loss that could be utilized to replenish certain depleted accounts and we will, of course, keep you apprised as new information becomes available.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.