Town of Woodstock, CT

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SUMMARY

January 20, 2022

**INTRODUCTION**

* American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021 by President Biden
* Funding is provided by the US Treasury and is intended to provide support to the Town in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in its efforts to contain COVID-19 on its community, residents, and businesses.
* Guidelines are based on the US Treasury Interim Final Rule

**TOTAL AWARD $2,325,579.67**

* TRANCH 1-2021: $1,162,789.84
* TRANCH 2-2022: $1,162,789.84

**\*\*REVENUE LOSS** (Subject to Change) Updated January 6, 2022

* **12/31/2020: $(1,759,053.83) \*Funds are still restricted, but the ARPA allows more flexibility in terms of how the funds may be used**
* **January 6, 2022 – US Treasury Adopts the Final Rule to take effect on April 1, 2022 which now allows a standard allowance for revenue loss of $10 million**
* **January 20, 2022 – The Board of Selectmen will elect to use the standard allowance for government services. The town may follow this guideline before the final rule takes place on April 1, 2022. See page 5 of the Final Rule Overview dated January 2022**

**PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY**

* March 3, 2021 – December 31, 2024 (Future Planning)
* Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024
* Period of Performance ends on December 31, 2026

**ELIGIBLE USES**

* Use funds to respond to the public health emergency or its negative impacts by providing assistance to households, small and non-profit businesses, impacted industries (travel, tourism, hospitality), Covid-19 mitigation and prevention and other purposes that address an economic harm resulting from the pandemic
* Use funds to provide premium pay to eligible workers
* Use funds to make investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure
* \*\*Use funds towards government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the pandemic as follows: NOTE: Items C & D have been updated under the Final Rule Overview

**A**. Reduction in revenues measured relative to the revenue collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the pandemic (FY 19)

**B**. Use funds to avoid cuts in government services

**C**. Permits the use of a 4.1% revenue growth rate for the purpose of determining revenue loss-see update of Final Rule Overview dated January 2002, pg. 9 and pg. 10,

**D**. Measured at four points in time, December 31, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023-see pg. 9 and pg. 10 of the Final Rule Overview

**E**. “The final rule delivers broader flexibility and greater simplicity in the program” as stated on page 4 of the Final Rule Overview dated January 2022

**NON-ELIGIBLE USES**

* Funding cannot be used to pay down unfunded pension
* Applying as matching funds towards other federal grants
* Paying interest or principal on outstanding debt
* Legal settlement payments, except as it relates to matters that requires the provision of services that would respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency
* Contributing to “rainy day” funds
* Offset taxes

**CONSULTING**

* Funds may be used to hire a Program Administrator or Consultant which may include salary and fringe benefits

**REPORTING**

* Woodstock is a NEU (Non-Entitlement Unit-meaning that the population is under 50,000 residents) and therefore, requirements for reporting to the US Treasury is annually by April 30. The first report due for the Town of Woodstock is April 30, 2022.
* NEU’s (Woodstock) are required to complete the Project and Expenditure Report (annually not quarterly)
* Woodstock is not required to complete the Interim Reporting by August 31, 2021
* Woodstock is not required to complete the Recovery Plan Performance Report

**WOODSTOCK’S PLAN-Phase 1 dated January 6, 2022 as approved by the Board of Selectmen**

American Rescue Plan Act 2021 Funding Obligations Phase 1 Proposed Projects January 6, 2022

The Board of Selectmen would like to emphasis on Public Safety in Phase 1 of funding obligations. Funding will be obligated under the Revenue Loss standard allowance of up to $10 million as outlined in the Final Rule Overview dated January 2022.

Below are the approved projects and approximate costs:

1. Updating Emergency Communications: $500,000

• 5 Base Stations (Muddy Brook, Bungay Fire Brigade, WVFA, Town Hall, Highway)

• Mobile and portable radios (including all apparatus)

• Includes parts, labor, and programming

2. Purchase (12) Scott Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Devices for Bungay Fire Brigade to be compliant with WVFA and Muddy Brooke $108,000

3. Tree Removal $120,000

4. Town Hall HVAC Upgrade $95,000

• 13-custom build Daikin Ceiling Water Source Heat Pumps

• Includes parts and labor

5. Reconstruction of Lebanon Hill Rd: $125,000-Partial Cost

• Cold in Place Recycling

• Overlay of Hot Asphalt

6. Muddy Brook – Heavy Rescue Safety Equipment High Pressure Air Bag and Stabilizer Strut Replacement Project $42,000

7. Consulting, Advising and Reporting Contractual Services with NECCOG $25,000

8. Town Administrative Costs: $75,000

9. Materials and Supplies: $20,000

\*Total Proposed Obligations for Phase 1: $1,110,000 (subject to change)

Once additional funding becomes available, the Board of Selectmen will work on Phase 2.

HOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

* Visit the Town of Woodstock website at [www.woodstockct.gov](http://www.woodstockct.gov)
* Attend a Board of Selectmen or Board of Finance Meeting
* Read the Shopper’s Guide and the Woodstock Villager Newspaper
* Listen to WINY Radio Station or like them on Facebook
* Follow the Town of Woodstock’s Facebook Page
* Call the First Selectman’s Office at 860-928-0208 x310
* Send questions or inquiries to the town’s dedicated email at [arpa2021@woodstockct.gov](mailto:arpa2021@woodstockct.gov)

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