

## Bristol Town Administrator

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**From:** Andrew L'Roe <alroe@acrpc.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 11:38 AM  
**To:** Andrew L'Roe  
**Subject:** Fwd: American Rescue Plan funds  
**Attachments:** ARPA letter to Towns.pdf

Dear Addison County Town Administrators and Managers,

Please see the attached letter regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP) aid to cities and towns that just went out to Select Board chairs.

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) and the Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) are collectively offering to help communities plan to invest this once in a generation infusion of funding.

Once rules governing the use of the ARP funds are clear, we will use our websites and distribute information to municipalities regarding program guidelines and eligibility criteria so that each community may achieve maximum benefit from the program. In the meantime, if you have ideas or questions, please contact either Fred Kenney at ACEDC <[fkenney@addisoncountyedc.org](mailto:fkenney@addisoncountyedc.org)> or Adam Lougee at ACRPC <[alougee@acrpc.org](mailto:alougee@acrpc.org)>.

Thanks!

-Andrew L'Roe

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# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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April 14, 2021

Dear Addison County Municipal Leaders:

We write today to invite you to begin a dialogue regarding the American Rescue Plan (“ARP”) aid to cities, towns and villages. For your reference, we expect each municipality will be getting payments from two “pots” of money, a direct payment to cities and towns and then a portion of the county allocation based upon your municipality's population. A chart showing an estimate of the total amount of funding we expect your municipality to receive directly is attached to this letter. Additionally, the Governor and the legislature are working out how they will spend the much greater amount of money ARPA will be sending to the State, some of which may also benefit your municipalities.

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (“ACRPC”) and the Addison County Economic Development Corporation (“ACEDC”) are collectively offering to help communities plan to invest this once in a generation infusion of funding. We understand that provisions for use of the American Recovery Act Plan (“ARPA”) funds are similar to those found in last year’s Coronavirus Relief Fund, with a few important differences, including an extended time frame for investment and some additional uses such as revenue replacement. Under ARPA, communities have until December 31, 2024 to utilize these funds. One notable provision of the ARPA specifies wastewater, water, and broadband investments as priority allowable investments for local governments. Communities also can utilize these funds for purposes not previously allowable such as responding to impacts from the COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality. In short, the ARP provides local government many ways in which to invest the funds it allocates. ACRPC and ACEDC stand ready to help communities have a conversation about how best to invest these funds.

The US Treasury will issue additional guidance related to the funding available and the process for investing and accounting for eligible expenditures in the near future. At this time, we encourage you to prioritize community investments that will provide long-term economic and community development benefits. Examples may include:

- Expanding opportunities for new housing and/or mixed-use commercial development by investing in community infrastructure like water and/or wastewater capacity,
- Making village areas safer and more inviting by improving sidewalks.
- Supporting local childcare needs
- Working with Maple Broadband, the communication union district serving the Addison Region, to make an investment in broadband infrastructure.

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Salisbury	Shoreham	Starksboro	Vergennes	Waltham	Weybridge	Whiting



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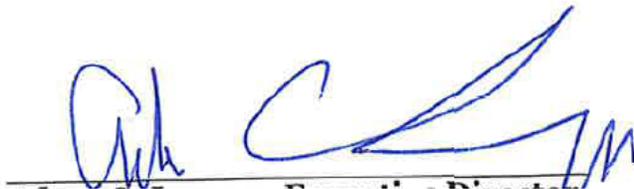
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- Leveraging regional economic development efforts by:
  - Creating shared/regional Revolving Loan Funds (RLFs) and other predevelopment or development funds to support local business development and growth.
  - Setting aside funds to support grant writing and match requirements for other grant funding ACRPC/ACEDC can help your community access.
  - Supporting regional small business technical assistance programs specific to community deployment.

The amount of money any municipality receives may not fully fund a solution, but may enable progress to take concrete actions. Alternatively, working with a neighboring community may offer better returns for both communities. Often, a first step in moving forward is a planning assessment to determine the type and location of desired new development and what elements need to come together to make it work. ACRPC/ACEDC are available to help with these studies.

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Sincerely,



Adam Lougee  
Executive Director



Fred Kenney  
Executive Director



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## Estimated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Funds (est.)</u>
Addison	\$ 400,000
Bridport	\$ 350,000
Bristol	\$1,100,000
Cornwall	\$ 350,000
Ferrisburgh	\$ 800,000
Leicester	\$ 320,000
Lincoln	\$ 370,000
Middlebury	\$ 2,500,000
Monkton	\$ 590,000
New Haven	\$ 500,000
Orwell	\$ 370,000
Panton	\$ 200,000
Ripton	\$ 170,000
Salisbury	\$ 330,000
Shoreham	\$ 360,000
Starksboro	\$ 510,000
Vergennes	\$ 750,000
Waltham	\$ 140,000
Weybridge	\$ 240,000
Whiting	\$ 120,000
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,470,000</u></b>

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