

Bristol Town Administrator

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 3:20 PM
To: Adam Lougee
Subject: American Rescue Plan Act guidance
Attachments: ARPA letter to towns_8_16_2021.pdf

Dear Addison County Select Boards, Managers, Administrators, and Clerks,

The State of Vermont has issued allocations of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to all of the municipalities in Addison County. Half of the funding goes out this year, and the other half will be distributed in 2022. The state has disbursed the first payment to local governments and the additional first half of county ARPA funding is scheduled to arrive soon, in August or early September. **A letter is attached with additional information.**

We encourage you to **prioritize community investments that will provide long-term economic and community development benefits**. In general, we recommend that you be strategic in leveraging the funds for transformational projects, and reach out to your community for public input. Your town plan goals and priorities are a great place to start for ideas!

ACRPC can facilitate regional-level investments if you would like to partner with your neighboring communities to make your funding go further. Supporting Maple Broadband in some capacity is a great example of how neighboring towns can invest together to create regional infrastructure. We are working with VLCT to create a list of all of the State ARPA program money, so that you can determine whether you may also have access to additional state funding for your projects.

We will use our ACRPC website (acrpc.org/ARPA) to provide information regarding program guidelines and eligibility criteria. If you have questions, or requests, please contact ACRPC.

Thank you, and please reach out with any questions or needs.

Sincerely,

-Andrew L'Roe

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Dear Addison County Municipal Leaders:

August 18, 2021

We write today to invite you to update you on the status of the American Recovery Act Plan (“ARPA”) aid to cities, towns and villages. The State of Vermont has issued allocations for all of Vermont’s “Non-Entitlement communities”, which includes all of the municipalities in Addison County. Half of the funding goes out this year, and the other half will be distributed in 2022. All cities, towns, and villages that opted to receive their American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Funds by electronic means should now have their money; The state disbursed the first payment to local governments on August 9 so please check your bank account. If you opted to receive a paper check, it should arrive within the next two weeks. In addition, the first half of county ARPA funding, also to be distributed to Vermont’s towns, is scheduled to arrive in August or early September.

We encourage all of you to consult ACRPC and the Resources and Information section of the VLCT ARPA website (www.vlct.org/arpa) for more information. We urge you to prioritize community investments that will provide long-term economic and community development benefits. In general, we recommend that you be strategic in leveraging the funds for transformational projects, and reach out to your community for public input. Your town plan goals and priorities are a great place to start for ideas! We are also very interested in facilitating regional level investments if any of you would like to partner with your neighboring communities to make your funding go further. Supporting Maple Broadband in some capacity is a great example of how neighboring towns can invest together to create regional infrastructure.

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Lincoln	Middlebury	Monkton	New Haven	Orwell	Panton	Ripton
Salisbury	Shoreham	Starksboro	Vergennes	Waltham	Weybridge	Whiting



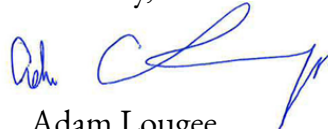
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We will use our ACRPC website (acrpc.org/ARPA) to provide information regarding program guidelines and eligibility criteria. We also intend to create a digital portal illustrating how each town is spending their funding, so you can use the good ideas of your peers on programs that will encourage each community to achieve maximum benefit from the program. Finally, we are working with VLCT to create a list of, and information about, all of the State ARPA program money, so you can determine whether you may also have access to State funding for your projects.

If you have questions, or would like additional information, please contact Andrew L'Roe (alroe@acrpc.org) or me (alougee@acrpc.org).

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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