

- **Has Turning Point requested ARPA funds from other towns?** Yes.
- **If so, what were those amounts and how are they calculated?** Turning Point (TPCAC) reached out to all 22 towns in Addison County. Please see attached a list of those towns and the amounts requested. For lack of understanding as to competing infrastructure priorities in these towns, TPCAC asked for a uniform amount of approximately 5% of their ARPA funds. This amount, while seemingly very substantial in the aggregate, was reflective of TPCAC's evidence-based perception of the need for our services in Addison County (gained from the most recent Community Health Needs Assessment and our own direct observations), respectful of what little we knew about the competing infrastructure needs each Town hoped to address with their ARPA funds, and responsive to our major development project: the renovation of St. Mary's Elementary School (*see below*).
- **Are those funds going towards the same things as Bristol's request?** TPCAC has received very few positive responses to date. Most of the funds we requested were targeted at supporting TPCAC's move to a larger, more centralized location at the former St. Mary's Elementary School in Middlebury. Since that time, we have been awarded some federal funding that should cover the immediate costs of renovating the former school but will not cover successive phases of renovations. Those funds we have received have been applied to maintaining existing programs, while the amount requested from Bristol is specifically targeted at expansion of service and operations.
- **Was grant funding available for the projects you're looking at funding?** There certainly is and we have been pursuing grant funding for these and other projects at the Center. We currently receive some funding from the state, which covers some of our core operating expenses, but does not meet any of the needs described in our proposal to your Board. And, of course, grant funding is extremely competitive for an operation our size.

As the Board may know, the Center was faced with some administrative challenges coming out of the Pandemic. Like most employers, there was an extended period of time when the Center was completely closed, and fundraising could not reasonably be conducted. When the Center resumed operations two years ago this month, it was with a new Executive Director and several new staff members. Approximately one year ago there were considerable staffing and organizational developments that included the departure of several employees, including the Executive Director. What followed were several months of very lean operations, which allowed us to restore our fiscal "footing."

- **How long do you expect the funds to be used for?** The funds would be used for the 12 months following disbursement.

In addition, when looking at your budget breakdown, it wasn't clear to us if the funds were for staff positions or other areas. The original request in October 2021 detailed: (1) IT expenses; (2) Asst. Dir. salary; (3) Center expansion; (4) health benefits; (5) remote 24/7 staff. The October 2021 request was closely associated with the St. Mary's project, which was delayed as we applied for federal funding. The current request of the Board shifted from that project to additional identified needs around expansion of hours and services, so staff salaries figure prominently. The exception is the extent to which the Recovery Coaches in the Emergency Department is funded less than completely by the State.