

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Brett LaRose Fire Chief <bristolfiredepartment@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 12:28 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Cc: Ian Albinson (ianalbinson+sb@gmail.com)
Subject: Re: ARPA funds

Ok. Thank you for that information. I am also exploring HSGP funds as my source tells me a generator for emergency communications may be eligible?
Regardless of where the funding comes from, I will put together a proposal and ask to get on the SB agenda to present. I acknowledge that I need their authorization to proceed with any aspect of this project.

-Brett

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 11:54 AM Bristol Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org> wrote:

Hi Brett,

There is still a lot of ARPA funding that has not be allocated. It doesn't hurt to ask. I cannot predict what the Selectboard would decide.

Feel free to put together a proposal.

--Valerie

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Good morning,

The purpose of my email is to ask about the availability of the town's ARPA funds to support installing a generator for the fire department's (and rescue squad's) repeater systems at the base of the radio tower off Monkton Road. I have been in contact with the site manager to ask if installing a generator would be problematic and they said it would not. The fire department does not have a backup power source at this location. We currently pay a few hundred dollars per year to use a repeater on Chipman Hill in Middlebury for power outages, which has proven to be problematic and unreliable.

If we were able to purchase a generator for this location, I would work with Bristol Rescue Squad to draft an agreement to charge a monthly fee as they are not paying anything at this time.

You may recall that Bristol Rescue applied for ARPA funds and originally intended to partner with the FD to help build a repeater tower at the fire station, however their plans changed and instead, purchased a new vehicle, so that plan is no longer a viable one.

I do not have any quotes yet as to the total cost of purchasing and installing a generator as I'm in the very early stages of investigating feasibility. If this were to be an option, I could easily and quickly produce a couple quotes.

Thank you,
-Brett

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