

TOWN OF WEBSTER
STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL
RECOVERY FUNDS
(American Rescue Plan Act)

Timeline

- **June 22, 2021** - The Town submitted a request for funding with the NYS Division of Budget
- **July 1, 2021** - The Town received confirmation of eligibility
- **July 20, 2021** - The Town received a check for \$2,017,194.
 - This represents approximately 50% of the funding.
- **July 31, 2022** - The Town is expected to receive additional funds of \$2,033,666.

Final Rule

- In January, 2022 the US Department of the Treasury issues the Final Rule.
- It's effective for April 1, 2022.
- It sets forth the rules for eligible use of funds.
- The Town is considered a Non-Entitlement Unit (NEU) so the funding flows from NYS rather than the USA.

Use of Funds

The following are some of the primary ways that the funding can be utilized:

- Response to public health emergency
- Economic impact of COVID-19
- Funding for the Town's loss of revenue
- Premium pay for essential workers
- Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure

Proposed Use of Funds

Economic Impact of COVID-19

\$350,000

The Town may offer grants to non-profit organizations that have sustained severe economic impact from the pandemic in response to the public health emergency.

- An Organization receiving a grant will be considered a “subrecipient” and will be subject to reporting requirements.

Proposed Use of Funds

Economic Impact of COVID-19

\$350,000

The eligible organization will have experienced negative economic and disproportionate impacts

- Decreased revenue
- Financial insecurity
- Capacity to weather financial hardship
- Challenges covering payroll, mortgage & operating costs
- Costs may have been incurred prior to 3/3/21

Proposed Use of Funds

Economic Impact of COVID-19

\$350,000

The Town will award the grant funds to eligible applicants

- Grant applications will be due 5/31/22
- During June 2022, a Town sub committee will review the applications and make recommendations to the Town Board
- The Town Board will award the grants on 7/7/22

Proposed Use of Funds

Replacing Lost Public Sector Revenue

\$1,200,860

The Final Rule adds **significant flexibility** for use of funds.

The Town may elect a “Standard Allowance” of up to \$10,000,000 to spend on government services.

Proposed Use of Funds

Replacing Lost Public Sector Revenue

\$1,200,860

Government Services include any service traditionally provided by the Town. Some common examples include:

- Road building, maintenance & other infrastructure
- Health services
- General administration, staff & administrative facilities
- Environmental remediation
- Police public safety services

Proposed Use of Funds

Replacing Lost Public Sector Revenue

\$1,200,860

Town's possible use of funds in the **Government Services** category:

- Modernize information technology hardware, software and cybersecurity
- Highway infrastructure
- Police technical equipment and vehicles
- Town comprehensive plan
- West Webster Hamlet environmental remediation

Proposed Use of Funds

Water and Sewer Infrastructure

\$2,500,000

This category is designed to address the tremendous need to address deferred maintenance issues regarding:

- Drinking water systems
- Treatment of sewage and stormwater
 - Construction of publicly owned treatment works

Proposed Use of Funds

Water and Sewer Infrastructure

\$2,500,000

This Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II will qualify

- It's eligible under EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- Construction is slated to begin in January 2023

Projects related to the Town's pump stations will also qualify

Summary

Proposed Use of Funds

\$4,050,860

\$ 350,000 Grants for Economic Impact

\$1,200,860 Revenue Loss - Government Services

\$2,500,000 Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

Timeline for Use of Funds

- Eligible expenses must be incurred between 3/3/21 - 12/31/24.
- Funds must be obligated by 12/31/24.
- Construction may continue beyond 12/31/24 and the period of performance will run until 12/31/26.

Reporting Requirements

- The Town must file a project expenditure report for the period 3/3/21 - 3/31/22 by 4/30/22.
- Annual reports will be required by April 30th of each year.
- Annual expenditures greater than \$750,000 are subject to a Single Audit.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS