

Town of Falmouth, Maine American Rescue Plan Act



Falmouth ARPA Funding

- ▶ Falmouth is a non-entitlement Unit (NEU) which means funding will be administered and come through the State of Maine.
 - State will issue guidelines/forms by early August.
- ▶ Latest funding estimate = \$1.3 million.
- ▶ Covered expenditure period is March 3, 2021 – December 31, 2024.
- ▶ 4 Spending Categories – COVID-related; Premium Pay; Revenue Loss; and; Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure.

COVID-19 or a negative economic impact

- To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
 - Vaccine programs, PPE, medical expenses, enhancing public health data systems, capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs etc.
 - Payroll and benefits for employees dedicated to COVID 19 response and mitigation.
 - Services to promote access to social services.
 - Rebuild public sector staffing to January 27, 2020 employee level

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- Town and School staff met to create a preliminary project list. Project general categories include:
 - Touchless Technology – including no touch traffic tickets, virtual trial testimony, touchless bathroom fixtures in public restrooms, and virtual meeting hardware/software for Town and School meetings.
 - Enhanced On-Line Services – including on-line permitting software, asset management software, website upgrades, and technology infrastructure.
 - PPE and Safety Enhancements – including public safety washer/dryer units, plexiglass police cruiser partitions, contract tracing, and recreation program safety improvements.
 - Public Health/Mental Health and Economic Support – including consulting services for mental health, low-income tax relief, and social service agency grants.

Government Services to the extent of loss of revenue

- Revenue loss is calculated on a total revenue basis based on the Census total revenue definition.
 - Money can be spent on “Government Services”.
 - This is the most flexible category of spending in the Act.
- School Food Service Fund losses were just under \$600K due to revenue losses and free lunch mandates. Project list to be funded in this category include:
 - Child Care Program funding April–June 2021.
 - Support for Activities and Athletic programs.
 - School Nutrition support including funding of the free lunch mandate.

Background Information

1) Fiscal Year End	June	<u>Notes:</u>
Base Year Revenue Period	6/30/2019	FY used for base year calculation
2) Calculation Date	12/31/2020	
Number of Months	18	Months between Base Year and Calculation Date

Estimate Revenue

3) Base Year Revenue	\$ 60,122,480	Use Worksheet to Calculate
4) Growth Rate	4.1%	Use Worksheet to Calculate
Counterfactual Revenue	\$ 63,857,657	Estimated Revenue Without Pandemic
5) Actual Revenue	\$ 63,258,203	Use Worksheet to Calculate

Reduction in Revenue

		<i>Fiscal Year Ended</i>	12/31/2020
Revenue Reduction	\$ 599,454	Incl School	
Revenue Reduction %	-0.9%		

Investments in Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure

- ▶ Uses aligned with Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to expedite project identification.
 - Invest in constructing publicly-owned treatment infrastructure, managing and treating stormwater or subsurface drainage water, facilitating water reuse, and securing publicly owned treatment works.
 - Projects added in this category include:
 - Stormwater Ordinance/Best Practices Development.
 - Watershed Management Plan Development.
 - Build broadband infrastructure to deliver reliable 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload speeds.

Reporting/Audit Requirements

- NEUs are required to submit an Annual Project and Expenditure Report as of September 30 of each year due on October 31 of each year.
- All Spending subject to Single Audit Act applicability and definitions.
 - All spending must be tracked and documented.
 - Annual Audit by our auditors will include ARPA spending reviews for compliance.

PROPOSED PROJECT LIST	Spending Categories			
Project	COVID Impact Response	Premium Pay	Revenue Reduction	Sewer/Broadband
POLICE				
Electronic Ticket - no touch	\$ 12,000.00			
Harbor Camera - weather check	\$ 4,000.00			
Cruiser Cages - plexiglass partitions	\$ 18,000.00			
SMART board - virtual trial testimony	\$ 8,000.00			
Washer/Dryer installation	\$ 4,000.00			
IT PROJECTS				
Enhance Online Services including Permitting Software – this would streamline the permitting process and allow full remote capability for submission, review and download of permits as approved	\$ 100,000.00			
Asset management software upgrade/replacement – this would allow Wastewater and Public Works the ability to modernize, automate, track, etc. their assets and workflow. Possibly replace VUEWorks				\$ 100,000.00
Network upgrades/Citrix enhancements – these items are in the capital budget but will be up for replacement in the next couple of years and would potentially qualify under the technology infrastructure	\$ 60,000.00			
Website Update – redesign current website for easier navigation, information dissemination, online services, etc. to promote remote access	\$ 5,000.00			
Cable TV equipment for hybrid meetings - Town and School	\$ 25,000.00			

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INFRASTRUCTURE				
Stormwater Ordinance Development/Best Practices development				\$ 25,000.00
Watershed Management Plan Development				\$ 50,000.00
ADMINISTRATION				
Low Income Tax relief (placeholder)	\$ 100,000.00			
Public Health/Mental Health (placeholder)	\$ 20,000.00			
Touchless bathroom fixtures at Town Hall	\$ 25,000.00			
Greeter/Contact Tracer Wages	\$ 8,000.00			
Food Pantry Grant (placeholder)	\$ 50,000.00			
Admin time for ARPA Administration - all departments	\$ 20,000.00			
FIRE				
Virtual Meeting	\$ 2,000.00			
Washer/Dryer	\$ 20,000.00			
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS				
Mason Motz - touchless bathroom fixtures	\$ 50,000.00			
Recreation Program Health & Safety Improvements (placeholder)	\$ 20,000.00			

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FALMOUTH SCHOOLS					
Allocation to technology infrastructure (FES School/Town live streaming meetings and HS communications upgrade - phone/PA system upgrade which includes improving parent/student/teacher communications via phone/email). Total project estimated cost \$120,000.	\$ 51,000.00				
Child Care Program (District) - Tuition loss (April - June 2020). Program shut down due to COVID.			\$ 64,000.00		
Other revenues - athletics participation fees, gate fees, facility rentals, testing fees (reduction due to COVID impact on programs)			\$ 45,000.00		
School Nutrition Deficit - current year loss approx \$300K, future unknown (pending legislation for "free" meals)			\$ 490,000.00		
Totals	\$ 602,000.00	\$ -	\$ 599,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	

Grand Total

\$ 1,376,000.00