

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 22, 2022

State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLRF) Program

Part of the American Rescue Plan Act



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Connecticut

Municipalities to receive \$1.56B

- **Distributed on a modified Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.**
- **Plainville is considered a “non-entitlement” municipality which means that the Town will receive our allocation indirectly with the State as a passthrough**



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Plainville

Plainville will receive our allocation in two “tranches”

- **June 2021 (already received)**
- **June 2022**

These funds are considered “prospective” meaning they are for costs associated after March 3, 2021.

Funds must be “obligated” by **December 31, 2024 and “liquidated” by **December 31, 2026****



ARPA FINAL RULE

Final rule defines four (4) broad eligible categories:

- 1. Responding to the public health emergency and the negative economic impacts of COVID-19**
- 2. Revenue Loss**
- 3. Provide Premium Pay**
- 4. Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure.**



PROHIBITED USES

- **Paying down unfunded pension liabilities**
- **Paying interest or principal on outstanding debt**
- **Paying for consent decrees or legal settlements**
- **Contribute to reserve or rainy-day funds**



PLAINVILLE

Town of Plainville will be receiving a total of \$5,189,198

One half of this amount (\$2,594,599) has been received to-date.

None of these dollars have been spent to date.



ARPA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Last year the Town Council appointed an ARPA Planning Committee.

The Committee consisted of:

- **Three Town Council Members**
- **Town Manager & Assistant Town Manager**
- **Town Finance Director, Town Attorney, Director of Roadways, Superintendent of Water Pollution Control, and Director of Technical Services.**

Invited members included:

- **Senior Center Director**
- **Youth Service Director**
- **Library Director**



PLAINVILLE'S PROPOSED PATH FORWARD

Of the four broad categories eligible for ARPA spending the Committee has recommended using the “Revenue Loss” to access and spend the funds

1. Responding to the public health emergency and the negative economic impacts of COVID-19
- 2. Revenue Loss**
3. Provide Premium Pay
4. Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure.



WHY REVENUE LOSS?

This category was chosen because it is *simpler* and does not require extensive reporting requirements. It also provides for *additional latitude* in how the monies can be spent.



WHY REVENUE LOSS?

Under the “Revenue Loss” category the funds can then be spent on what the Federal Government has termed: **Government Services**

Government Services

Generally, “any service that is traditionally provided by a government for their residents.”

- This could include capital expenditures.
- Can’t be used on prohibited activities.



FEBRUARY 22, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING

The question for this evening's Public Hearing is whether the Town should utilize the “Revenue Loss” category to access the funds to be used for “government services”.

Utilizing Revenue Loss does not prohibit the use of the funds for the other three categories should the Town Council decide to do so.



ARPA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The ARPA Planning Committee is also recommending that the majority of the ARPA monies be used for Capital Expenditures - Most of which have been included in the Town's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The thought process generally was that the CIP Plan impact going forward would be reduced thus becoming a benefit to most of the Plainville taxpayers (as they would not have to pay for them through local taxes).

A copy of the list of potential projects can be found at:

<https://www.plainvillect.com/home/files/proposed-use-arpa-funds>



Possible Use of ARPA Funds

Summary as Recommended by ARPA Planning Committee

February 3, 2022

Sewer Projects

Mountain View Pump Station Upgrade	87,000	already completed/Credit to sewer fund
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Fire Department Projects

Class A Apparatus Replacement	750,000	Scheduled for FY25
Radio System Replacement (FD)	500,000	CIP Requesting \$200K per year for 5 years
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (FD)	300,000	CIP Requesting \$100K per year for 3 years
Firehouse Window Replacement	130,000	Budgeted over 3 Years

Police Department

Equipment/Software (TBD)	200,000	TBD
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Public Works

Sidewalk Repair & Replacement	600,000	CIP Requesting \$200K per year for 5 years
Vac-Con Catch Basin Cleaner	450,000	2 Vac-cons = \$840K w/ possible sale of old ones
Convault Gas Tank System (10K Gallons)	300,000	replace underground tanks @ Town Garage

School Facilities

PHS Replace Aging Boilers w/ High Eff. Units	600,000	CIP Requesting \$300K per year for 2 years
Toffolon - Replace Chiller	300,000	1 Year
PHS Repair Exterior of '54 Section	150,000	CIP Requesting \$50K per year for 3 years

Miscellaneous

Fiber Project	500,000	Currently being installed to connect Town Bldgs.
Infrastructure Improvements - White Oak	150,000	would generate \$100K from developer
Plainville Library	100,000	Replace Lost Revenue due to COVID
Plainville Housing Authority	25,000	loss revenue & housing assistance
Municipal Center Furniture/Desk Replacement	24,698	Municipal Center & Youth Services Needs
West Cemetery Expansion & Tree Removal	22,500	

Total Recommended ARPA Expenditures	5,189,198
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