



March 29, 2023

TO: Town Administrators/Managers
Selectmen – Grafton County Towns

The Grafton County Commissioners and Executive Committee have authorized a portion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the County to be allocated to Grafton County municipalities with eligible projects. The following is a summary of how the funds can be used:

- Support public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
- Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors, and;
- Invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and storm water infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Government services is the most flexible eligible use category under the SLFRF program. Municipalities using the lost public sector revenue for projects have broad discretion to use funds for the provision of government services. Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless Treasury has stated otherwise

- Common examples include, but are not limited to:
 - Construction of schools and hospital
 - Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure
 - Health services
 - General government administration, staff and administrative facilities
 - Environmental remediation
 - Police, first responders and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles)

The maximum amount for an application is \$50,000.

Towns can combine applications with other municipalities for projects.

ARPA funding cannot be used as matching funds for other federal grants but may be used in conjunction with other federal funding for projects.

Please refer to the SLRFR Final Rule <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf> for a complete description of eligible uses.

For the application please visit our website: www.co.grafton.nh.us and submit a detail project proposal using the application.

Project Expenditures must be complete by June 30, 2024.

This will be a reimbursement grant and funds will be reimbursed to the town/city within 30 days after receipt of invoices and canceled checks.

Please submit proposals to: Grafton County Commissioners' Office, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, Box #1, North Haverhill, NH 03774. Applications can also be emailed to jlibby@graftoncountynh.gov. The application deadline is May 5, 2023.

Please submit any questions to: Julie Libby, County Administrator – jlibby@graftoncountynh.gov or (603) 787-6941.