

Town of Windsor

Memorandum

August 10, 2021

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Town Council
FROM: William G. Saunders, IV, Town Manager WGS IV
SUBJECT: American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Discussion

Background

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a federal act, was passed to invest in localities dealing with the pandemic and impacts of the pandemic. Of the funding, \$19.53 billion was designated to assist localities with a population under 50,000. The funding is similar to Cares Act funds; however, there are a broader range of uses. Primarily, the potential uses include:

- Responding to the pandemic and related negative impacts;
- Replacing lost public sector revenue;
- Providing premium pay for essential workers;
- Investing in water, sewer, storm water, and broadband infrastructure.

Specifics

The Town of Windsor is due to receive a total of \$2,067,317; half of which has been received, the other half will be received in June 2022.

Unlike the Cares Act funding, which passed through IOW County to the Town, these funds are distributed directly to the Town from the Commonwealth of Virginia. This puts the primary administrative and financial duties related to the funding on the Town.

Some potential uses for consideration include:

- Duke Street/Virginia Avenue Water System Upgrade \$620,000
- Other water system upgrades
- Revenue replacement for Windsor Town Center
- Storm water project adjacent to Café (In partnership with IOW) \$135,000
- Other storm water projects

Enclosures
None

Recommended Action
For your information