

Finance Committee

9/29/2022

Topic: ARPA funds review – Center Street redesign project, fire department, city hall, downtown wifi.

Members present: Davis, Savage, Talbott, Whitcomb

Others present: Mayor Allaire, President Doenges, Alderman Franco, Alderman Gillam, Kate Langlois, Andrew Strniste, Chief Kilcullen, Mark Sadakeirski, Treasurer Markowski, Bill Lovett, Brennan Duffy

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.

The meeting opened with a review of the \$500,000 funding request for a center street redesign and scoping study. It was explained that the money requested would be used to leverage additional funding for this project. It was noted that we are likely 4 years away from initiating the project. Alderwoman Davis inquired what \$500,000 would buy the city. Brennan explained that the money would be used predominately for grant matches. Additionally it was noted that there many potential projects could emerge from as a result of the center street redesign throughout the downtown.

Chief Lovett presented the fire departments ARPA request for self-contained breathing Apparatuses, or air packs. Please see the attached for the document outlining the fire departments presented ARPA request. Alderwoman Davis inquired if it is possible to cut the request in half and to utilize the existing fire equipment fund. Chief Lovett shared his concern with utilizing the equipment replacement fund and its potential impact on future needs. Treasurer Markowski asked if there was room in the operational budget to offset a portion of the cost. Alderman Ettori echoed the thought of Alderwoman Davis, stating that he supports a portion of the funding coming from the fire equipment replacement fund and not just solely from ARPA money.

Mark Sadakeirski outlined items throughout City Hall in need of repair with a total ARPA request of \$52,000. The projects outlined and their corresponding costs are attached in a memorandum presented by Mark Sadakierski.

Alderman Franco provided an update regarding the request for funding downtown city wifi. Alderman Franco suggested earmarking money toward downtown wife with \$300,000 as the suggested amount to earmark toward the project. Alderwoman Davis suggested identifying what other funding sources could be available first prior to committing any ARPA funding.

The police department requests originally warned for this meeting were not presented due to a scheduling conflict.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13pm and this report is for informational purposes only.

City of Rutland - Allocation of Funds Received from ARPA

Board Approved

		<u>BOA minutes</u>	<u>Category</u>
125,000.00	RRA Business Plan Competition - RRA	3/7/2022	Business Development
197,597.25	Fire Base Radios Upgrade	4/4/2022	Capital Improvement
400,000.00	Seed money for Grant match	4/18/2022	Economic Development
300,000.00	Paramount Theatre	4/18/2022	Economic Development
30,000.00	Housing Trust for Housing Study for CSJ Property	5/2/2022	Economic Development - Housing
400,000.00	Housing Revolving Loan (RRA/Neighborworks)	3/7/2022	Economic Development - Housing
400,000.00	CEDR HUB (grant leverage)	2/22/2022	Economic Development
400,000.00	Recreation Main Street Park- estimate (BOA approved RFP process)	2/7/2022	Infrastructure
80,000.00	Digitize Records in Clerk's Office - \$60K-\$80K	11/1/2021	IT Improvements
110,000.00	Chambers Upgrades \$90K to \$110K - in General Comm. For RFP	11/1/2021	IT Improvements
20,000.00	Upgrade City Website	2/22/2022	IT Improvements
85,000.00	IT - Full Service Managed Service Provider (in IT Committee)	2/22/2022	IT Improvements
100,000.00	New Story Support for Grant	5/2/2022	Other
150,000.00	Support for Children's Museum -	6/6/2022	Other
\$ 2,797,597.25	total		

Finance Committee Under Consideration		Category
250,000.00	Fire AirPacks/Thermal Imaging	Capital Purchase
200,000.00	Water Treatment Plant - Land Acquisition	Capital Purchase
325,000.00	DPW Streets - Street Sweeper	Capital Purchase
300,000.00	DPW Streets - Loader	Capital Purchase
20,000.00	Water Distribution - correlator to locate leaks	Capital Purchase
400,000.00	Waste Water Treatment Plant - Replace Roof - 5 buildings	Capital Improvement
150,000.00	Parking - Kiosk Upgrade	Capital Improvement
160,000.00	City Hall Building Upgrades/ PD HVAC (PD controls estimate \$110K)	Capital Improvement
40,000.00	PD Dispatch upgrade	Capital Improvement
60,000.00	PD ADA Compliance (estimate possibly	Infrastructure
500,000.00	Center Street Utilities/Infrastructure	Infrastructure
300,000.00	Water Distribution - Chaplin Avenue Main Replacement	infrastructure
40,000.00	PD IT Hardware upgrades	IT Improvement
24,000.00	PD Officer Premium Pay	Other
80,000.00	City Employee Premium Pay	Other
\$ 2,849,000.00	total	

Totals

4,506,011.08 Total Award

(2,797,597.25) total unallocated

(2,849,000.00) Potential Projects

(1,140,586.17) Total Shortfall



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ARPA Funds Requested for City of Rutland Fire Department
09/29/2022

SCBA(1.5)

All 32 of our current SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses, or Air Packs) are not part supported or compliant with standards adopted by the NFPA. They are used on every call to supply clean, fresh air to the firefighters in hazardous environments. If any of these units require repair parts or servicing, they will be taken out of service, non-repairable. Buying them over an extended period of time, a few at a time, is not allowed by the NFPA. All units must be of the same design, within a department, with the same masks, and the same bottles. Our current packs are so dated, and behind by at least two generations of models, that they will not integrate with any model currently on the market. They differ from the current standards to much that a complete change over must take place.

The estimated cost for all 32 SCBA, **was \$224,800 on January 12, 2022.** As of this morning, the estimate is **\$257,280. An increase of \$32,480.** We will seek bids.

The reality of the effects of COVID on the supply chain are known by all. We see it every day. The lack of everything from chips to heat resistant webbing, leaves us all at a disadvantage. The taxpayers are at the disadvantage.

How we pay for these air packs is a great concern. If we put the money into the budget, it immediately effects the tax rate. If we take the funds out of the Fire Equipment Fund, we won't have those funds available to offset the rising costs of apparatus, and have to hit the tax payers, during an election, when we need apparatus. I don't support this option.

The ARPA money, considered by some as a gift, may be just that, for us. By seeking bids and buying these air packs, we get them on order, before the end of year 10% increase, and the new rules that ban the use of our current ones. By ordering them essentially, today, we lock in this pricing, and although we won't see them for 4-6 months, we will eventually get them. If we wait, we may or may not be able to get them before the end life of those being used today.



CITY OF RUTLAND

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING & ZONING

MEMORANDUM

Date: Sept 29, 2022
To: Finance Committee
From: Mark Sadakierski, Building Inspector
cc: Mayor David Allaire
Re: Estimates/ Quotes for three City Hall Maintenance/ Up Keep projects

This memorandum is being submitted to the Finance Committee for the purposes of providing estimates for and requesting funds from the ARPA Grant in the amount of **\$52,000**. Asking for just over 10% above the three project lowest estimates, to over come the inflation and a plumber.

Project #1 Replacing carpeting in the main corridor/ hallway of city hall to a commercial adhesive carpet tile.

Project #2 Replacing and repairing the ceramic floor tile in both the men's and women's restroom on the second floor to a new ceramic floor tile and removing the floor drains in both restrooms.

Project #3 Repairing the brick work and replacing the concrete lintel over two identical windows in city hall that have failed to the point of water leaking in to the building and structural damaged to the point of pieces concrete may fall out to the sidewalk below.

Project #1 Scope: Remove and dispose of old carpeting. Replace with new commercial adhesive carpet tiles in the main corridor/ hallway of the first and second floor of city hall.

Project #1 Estimates: The Carpet King of Vermont 245 Marble St. PO Box 38 West Rutland, VT 05777 1 (802) 438-2077	Amount of \$13,685.00
Carpet Warehouse, INC. 164 US Route 4 East Rutland, VT 05701 1 (802) 747-3314	Amount of \$22,344.00
Abatiello 256 North Main St. Rutland, VT 05701	Amount of \$17,567.00

1 (802) 773-6300

Project #2 Scope: Remove and dispose the old ceramic tile in the upstairs men's and women's restrooms in city hall. Remove the not used and not proper installed floor drains in both restrooms (Note 1- These estimates do not include the removal of the floor drain due to the fact that a licensed plumber is required to remove them.). Replace the underlayment, install 12"x24" ceramic tile, grout and baseboard (Note 2- The wall tile in not being replace.).

Project #2 Estimates:	Rutland Tile Co	Amount of \$8,000.00
	42 Baxter St.	
	Rutland, VT 05701	
	1 (802) 287-1740	

Ian Heitmann	Amount of \$8,650.00
Director of Renovate	
1341 Ethan Allen Highway	
New Haven, VT 05472	
1 (802) 388-0999	

Abatiello	Amount of \$7,569.00
256 North Main St.	
Rutland, VT 05701	
1 (802) 773-6300	

Project #3 Scope: Repairing the brick and replacing the concrete lintel over the Commissioner Jim Rotundo's west facing window and Health Officer Mike Brookman's west facing window. Both windows are on the same wall and identical. There are leaking water when it rains and the concrete lintel over them are cracked and spreading due to rain and ice. Last winter we tried to seal them with silicone on Mike's and didn't want to disturb Jim's due to his is worst and worried that concrete would loosen and fall. This is a very difficult repair due to the location of being over the Strongs Ave. eastside sidewalk.

Project #3 Estimates:	Tedesco Masonry	Amount of \$25,500.00
	79 Plain St.	
	Rutland, VT 05701	
	1 (802) 236-1466	

City ARPA Funds
DPW Funding Request List
Updated August 29, 2022

Water Treatment Plant

1.) Watershed Protection Land Aquisition	\$200,000.00	land to protect water supply
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(Water Treatment Capital Fund should be reserved for plant upgrades and emergencies.)

Subtotal Water Treatment Plant: \$200,000.00

Waste Water Treatment Plant

1.) Replace (5) Building Roofs	\$400,000.00	35 yrs old & all leak
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(Wastewater Treatment Capital Fund should be reserved for plant upgrades and emergencies.)

Subtotal Water Treatment Plant: \$400,000.00

Highway Division

1.) Street Sweeper	\$325,000.00	14 yrs old
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2.) Loader	\$300,000.00	16 yrs old
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(This completes major equipment replacement for many years to come.)

Subtotal Highway Division: \$625,000.00

Water Distribution Division

1.) Correlators to Locate Leaks*	\$20,000.00	
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2.) Chaplin Avenue Water Main Replacement (600 LF of 4" C.I.)	\$300,000.00	South Main Street to End
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*(*The Correlators were in the FY23 Budget, but because of other overruns can't be purchased.)*

Subtotal Water Distribution Division: \$320,000.00

Subtotal Infrastructure: \$1,545,000.00

Financing these requests with ARPA Funds will reduce pressure on future Municipal Budgets and Bonds.