



CITY OF MELROSE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
AGENDA • SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Web-based remote meeting
, Melrose, MA 02176

Remote meeting

6:45 PM

The public should take notice that the Melrose City Council may, on certain occasions, have a quorum in attendance due to standing committees of the City Council consisting of both voting and non-voting members. Members attending this duly posted meeting are participating and deliberating only in conjunction with the business of the standing committee.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jeff McNaught	Chair
Jack Eccles	Vice Chair
John N. Tramontozzi	
Shawn M. MacMaster	
Mark Garipay	
Jen Grigoraitis	
Leila Migliorelli	
Robb Stewart	
Cory Thomas	
Maya Jamaledine	
Christopher Cinella	President, ex officio

Motion: Statement of remote meeting information

Pursuant to the suspension of certain provisions of the open meeting law, this meeting of the Appropriations Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. We will post a comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Melrose website and on MMTV/ mmtv3.org. The public can find online access instructions to view this meeting at www.cityofmelrose.org/remote-meetings

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ORDERS

1. **ORDER-2022-24** : Request for the authorization to issue \$1.5 million bond to fund for the roadway component of the City's Multi-year Utility and Roadway Improvement Program

Offered by: Mayor Paul Brodeur

From: City Council

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE

2. **ORDER-2022-18** : Acceptance of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant in the amount of \$8,374,174.

Offered by: Mayor Paul Brodeur

From: City Council

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE

3. **ORDER-2022-23** : Acceptance of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from a FY2022 State Budget earmark providing grants to Councils on Aging

Offered by: Mayor Paul Brodeur

From: City Council

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE

IV. ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF MELROSE

Office of Treasurer-Collector

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To: Mayor Paul Brodeur
Members of the City Council
From: Kathryn Armata
Meeting Date: August 16, 2021
Subject: Authorization of Bond for Department of Public Work's Road Work

Loan Order - \$1,500,000 City Hall Parking Lot and Road Bonds

ORDERED: That the City appropriates \$1,500,000.00 to pay costs of constructing, reconstructing and/or improving the City Hall parking lot and various roads and sidewalks, including related planning, design, curbing, drainage and all other costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Pursuant to Section 56-14 of the City Ordinances, attached is a projection of the principal and interest costs on the bonds proposed to be authorized by the following loan order under consideration by the City Council. The payment schedule attached assumes a 15-year borrowing term, an interest rate assumption of 2% over the life of the borrowing, and a level debt service payment schedule. The debt service on these bonds will not be paid from an enterprise fund and will have no impact on any enterprise fund rates.

The funds borrowed pursuant to this Order will be deposited into Fund 3389.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: See attached.

City of Melrose, Massachusetts
\$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds Dated August 15, 2021
Road Improvements - 15 years - Level Debt Service
Interest Estimated - Preliminary and Subject to Change

Debt Service Schedule

Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total P+I	Fiscal Total
08/15/2021	-	-	-	-	-
02/15/2022	-	-	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
06/30/2022	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
08/15/2022	85,000.00	2.000%	15,000.00	100,000.00	-
02/15/2023	-	-	14,150.00	14,150.00	-
06/30/2023	-	-	-	-	114,150.00
08/15/2023	90,000.00	2.000%	14,150.00	104,150.00	-
02/15/2024	-	-	13,250.00	13,250.00	-
06/30/2024	-	-	-	-	117,400.00
08/15/2024	90,000.00	2.000%	13,250.00	103,250.00	-
02/15/2025	-	-	12,350.00	12,350.00	-
06/30/2025	-	-	-	-	115,600.00
08/15/2025	90,000.00	2.000%	12,350.00	102,350.00	-
02/15/2026	-	-	11,450.00	11,450.00	-
06/30/2026	-	-	-	-	113,800.00
08/15/2026	95,000.00	2.000%	11,450.00	106,450.00	-
02/15/2027	-	-	10,500.00	10,500.00	-
06/30/2027	-	-	-	-	116,950.00
08/15/2027	95,000.00	2.000%	10,500.00	105,500.00	-
02/15/2028	-	-	9,550.00	9,550.00	-
06/30/2028	-	-	-	-	115,050.00
08/15/2028	100,000.00	2.000%	9,550.00	109,550.00	-
02/15/2029	-	-	8,550.00	8,550.00	-
06/30/2029	-	-	-	-	118,100.00
08/15/2029	100,000.00	2.000%	8,550.00	108,550.00	-
02/15/2030	-	-	7,550.00	7,550.00	-
06/30/2030	-	-	-	-	116,100.00
08/15/2030	100,000.00	2.000%	7,550.00	107,550.00	-
02/15/2031	-	-	6,550.00	6,550.00	-
06/30/2031	-	-	-	-	114,100.00
08/15/2031	105,000.00	2.000%	6,550.00	111,550.00	-
02/15/2032	-	-	5,500.00	5,500.00	-
06/30/2032	-	-	-	-	117,050.00
08/15/2032	105,000.00	2.000%	5,500.00	110,500.00	-
02/15/2033	-	-	4,450.00	4,450.00	-
06/30/2033	-	-	-	-	114,950.00
08/15/2033	110,000.00	2.000%	4,450.00	114,450.00	-
02/15/2034	-	-	3,350.00	3,350.00	-
06/30/2034	-	-	-	-	117,800.00
08/15/2034	110,000.00	2.000%	3,350.00	113,350.00	-
02/15/2035	-	-	2,250.00	2,250.00	-
06/30/2035	-	-	-	-	115,600.00
08/15/2035	110,000.00	2.000%	2,250.00	112,250.00	-
02/15/2036	-	-	1,150.00	1,150.00	-
06/30/2036	-	-	-	-	113,400.00
08/15/2036	115,000.00	2.000%	1,150.00	116,150.00	-
06/30/2037	-	-	-	-	116,150.00
Total	\$1,500,000.00	-	\$251,200.00	\$1,751,200.00	-

Attachment: \$1.5M Road Work Order 8.2021 (ORDER-2022-24 : 2022 Road Bond)

Public Works Department Road Program Funding 2022-24

Project Location	Estimated Value	Proposed Scope of Work
FY22 Road Program Supplemental Funding: Damon Avenue Brown Street/Wyoming Heights/Mt. Vernon First Street (Waverly to Ashcroft) Echo Street Lower Main Street	\$350,000	Funding to complete the FY22 Roads Program to supplement the contributions from Chapter 90, MassDOT Complete Street grant funding, and National Grid roadway restoration contributions. This additional funding will be put toward additional repairs of curbing, sidewalks, drainage, signage, pavement markings, and other items to complete the improvements in these neighborhoods.
Bay State Road Sidewalks (2022 construction season)	\$170,000	Installation of new curbing, sidewalks, accessible curb ramps, and crosswalks on the south side of the street from Damon Avenue easterly to the City Limit, and new accessible curb ramps and re-alignment/restriping of crosswalks from Main Street to Damon Avenue. This project was next in line for Complete Streets funding but MassDOT has changed eligibility requirements and we will not qualify for three years.
Brazil Street Neighborhood Improvements (2022 construction season)	\$130,000	Replacement of asphalt sidewalks with concrete sidewalks, resetting/installation of granite curb, development of a grass strip where feasible and planting of trees, to supplement the paving project scheduled for calendar year 2022.
City Hall Parking Lot	\$250,000	To supplement grant funding being sought for parking lot improvements to include repaving, restriping, flood mitigation and green infrastructure.
FY23 Road Program Supplemental Funding: Sycamore, Hunnewell, Burnett, Bow Felton Place Damon Avenue (part) Ashland Street Rowe Street	\$300,000	Funding to supplement the FY23 Roads Program Chapter 90 allocation and National Grid roadway restoration contribution. This additional funding will be put toward additional repairs of curbing, sidewalks, drainage, and other necessary items to complete the improvements in these neighborhoods.
FY24 Road Program Supplemental Funding: Specific Roads TBD	\$300,000	Funding to supplement the FY23 Roads Program Chapter 90 allocation and National Grid roadway restoration contribution. This additional funding will be put toward additional repairs of curbing, sidewalks, drainage, and other necessary items to complete the improvements in these neighborhoods.
Total Bond Request	\$1,500,000	

Attachment: FY22 Road Bond Costs EFPE (ORDER-2022-24 : 2022 Road Bond)



CITY OF MELROSE

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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 4, 2021

To: Mayor Paul Brodeur
Melrose City Council

From: Elena Proakis Ellis, P.E., Director of Public Works
Jim Troup, DPW Deputy Director, Administration and Finance
Patrick Dello Russo, CFO/Auditor

Subject: Road Bond Request

The City of Melrose relies on a number of sources of funding for the roadway component of our Multi-year Utility and Roadway Improvement Program. The state's funding program ("Chapter 90") provides the City with approximately \$530,000 annually which can be put toward work on public ways within certain parameters. We supplement these funds with local funding in the form of road bonds that are periodically requested, as well as a handful of other sources including contributions from private utility companies in lieu of repaving on streets where they have conducted work and grant funds from various state and federal. Some examples of grant funds used for roadway improvement projects include the MassDOT Complete Streets program funding and MassWorks grants, which were used most recently to implement improvements in the Melrose Highlands and on Essex Street.

An analysis of the total funds required to pave all of Melrose's public ways within their useful life indicates that we would need to spend over \$2M per year. At the present time, with local funds contributing just over \$1M, we have relied on grant applications and restoration from private utility work to fill the gap as much as possible. In the future, the City may want to consider a higher annual road bond allocation.

The proposed breakdown in costs for the current allocation is listed in the attached table. Note that in addition to general allocations to particular fiscal years, three special projects have been called out for funding:

- Installation of sidewalks to fill network gaps in the busy cut-through neighborhood on Bay State Road;
- Replacement of asphalt with concrete sidewalks and granite curb on Brazil Street in coordination with paving already slated for 2022 as part of the City's Multi-year Roadway and Utility Program; and
- A contribution to the paving and green infrastructure project proposed for Melrose City Hall parking lot.

The first project is listed on the City's Complete Streets Prioritization Plan as the next project in line. MassDOT has recently informed municipalities that they are no longer eligible to apply for Complete Streets grant funding annually or when the prior round of successful funding is spent. Under the new guidelines, we now have to wait

four years between grant awards. The Bay State Road neighborhood sidewalks were identified as a high priority in 2017 when the Prioritization Plan was completed, and we do not feel it is prudent to wait until FY24 to apply for Complete Streets funding for this project.

On Brazil Street, the City will be completing water main replacement, following earlier work including sewer replacement and lining and gas main and service replacement. This work was initiated due to the combination of the “poor” roadway condition ranking and the need for water main replacement identified in the City’s water system Capital Efficiency Plan, combined with the sewer system needs identified following the sewer backup on Brazil Street. Final paving is scheduled for 2022, but the Chapter 90 program would have insufficient funds to allow for replacement of sidewalks with concrete panels. Thus we are specifically calling out this project as a component of the requested road bond.

Finally, the City Hall parking lot routinely floods and has been a source of chronic issues and deterioration for many years. In 2019, the City received a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant to design improvements to the parking lot for both water quality and quantity. A subsequent application to pay for the construction of the project was unsuccessful, largely because a significant component of the project costs involves ‘gray infrastructure’ (pipes, pavement, etc.) in addition to the green infrastructure components necessary to have a successful design. Therefore, the City has realized that in order to successfully obtain grant funding for the total project, our contribution will need to be more substantial than the typical 25% match requested. The proposed funding will contribute to the paving, curb realignment, and piping required for this project, as we continue to pursue grant funding for the green infrastructure elements such as rain gardens and public stormwater information displays.

We hope you recognize both the importance and the value of the proposed work and support funding this road bond. Thank you for your consideration.



City of Melrose

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

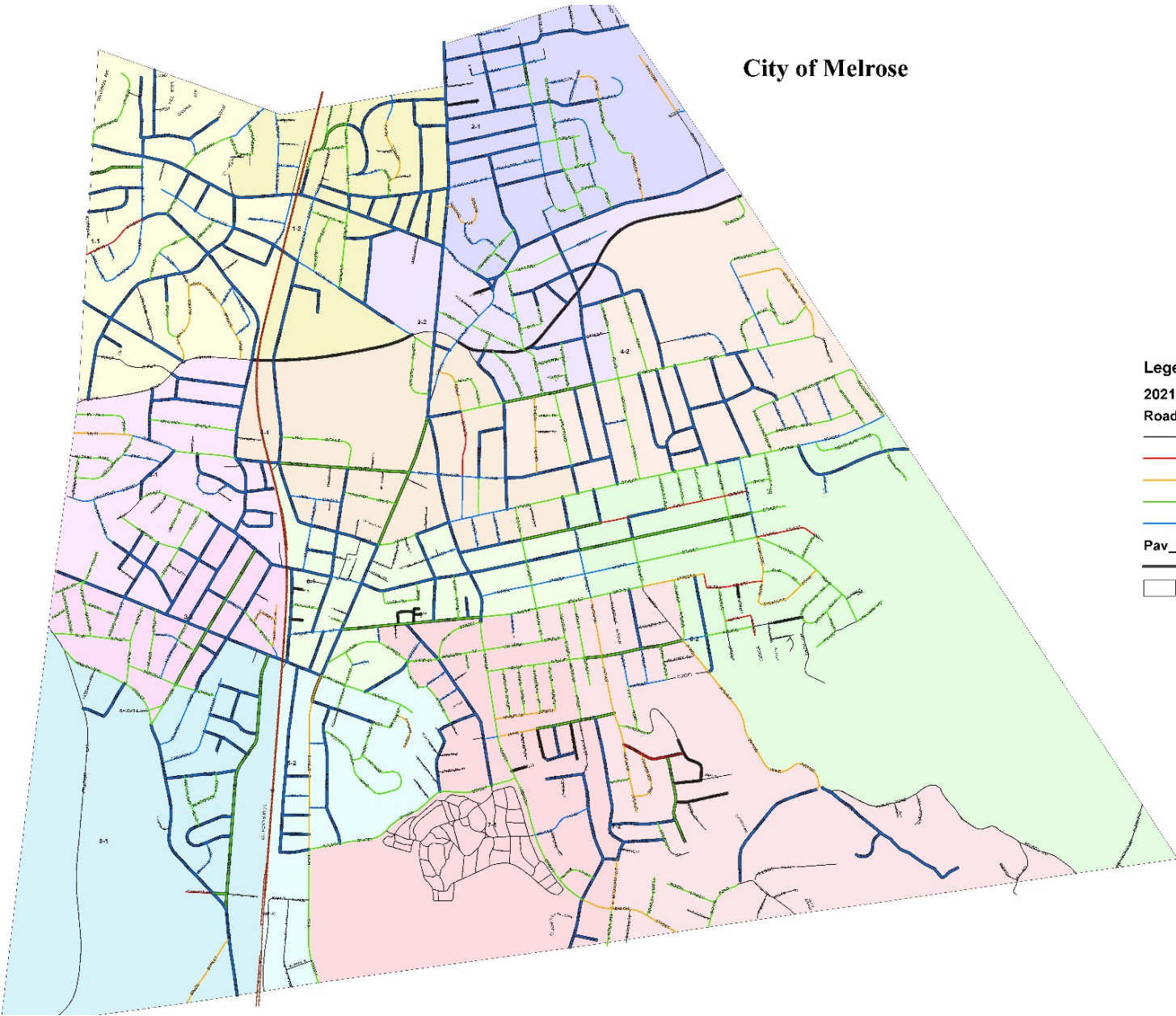
FY22 ROAD BOND REQUEST

Multi-year Roadway and Utility Program Elements



- Roads Program
- Water System Improvements – MWRA loans
- Sewer System Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) Reduction – MWRA grants/loans
- National Grid Gas Main Replacements – private
- Other private utility work (electric, etc.)

Program relies heavily on roadway condition assessment



Melrose Department of Public Works Capital Projects 2021-2022 (5-27-2021 update)

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 Paving/Sidewalks (Design/Construction)
  National Grid Gas Work
  Water Services
  Water Main Work (Design/Construction)

 Sewer Work (Design/Construction)
 Drainage
 Planning Studies

Typical Funding for Melrose Roadway Projects



- Chapter 90 allocation – roughly \$525,000/year
- Road bonds – last bond authorized in FY19 for \$1.685M
- Private utility contributions or restoration (e.g., National Grid gas)
- Location-specific developer contributions
- Grants (e.g., Complete Streets, MassWorks, Community Mitigation Fund)
- Special funding such as free cash, rideshare funds

Proposed Road Bond - \$1.5M



Location	Estimated Allocation
FY22 Road Program Supplemental Funding (Damon, Brown, Wyoming Heights, Mt. Vernon, First, Echo, Lower Main Street)	\$350,000
Bay State Road Sidewalks	\$170,000
Brazil Street Neighborhood Improvements	\$130,000
City Hall Parking Lot	\$250,000
FY23 Road Program Supplemental Funding (Sycamore, Hunnewell, Burnet, Bow, Felton Place, Damon, Ashland, Rowe)	\$300,000
FY24 Road Program Supplemental Funding (locations TBD)	\$300,000
Total Bond Request	\$1,500,000

Questions





PAUL BRODEUR
Mayor

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MEMORANDUM

To: Melrose City Council
From: Mayor Paul Brodeur
Re: American Rescue Plan (ARPA) grant acceptance
Date: August 16, 2021

The Honorable City Council is hereby requested pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, § 53A to accept the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant in the amount of \$8,374,174 on behalf of the City of Melrose, per the Massachusetts Department of Revenue¹.

The City of Melrose is scheduled to receive a total of \$8,374,174 in federal ARPA grant dollars. This money has been allocated by the federal government in two ways: a direct grant to municipalities and another grant to counties. The direct grant to Melrose is \$2,932,394, and our reallocation through the Middlesex County Federal ARPA Assessment will be \$5,441,780.

ARPA direct grant funds will be disbursed in two equal tranches, with 50% provided at the end of FY 21 and the balance delivered approximately 12 months later. Melrose received the first half of our direct grant (\$1,466,197) in late June, and will receive the remainder by the end of FY22. We anticipate that the Middlesex County reallocation will also be released in two equal parts beginning in FY22.

All ARPA grant funds must be spent or encumbered by December 31, 2024.

What can ARPA grant funds be used for?

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has identified the following areas of allowable expenditures:

- a. **Spending to address public health and negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.** This includes COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical and behavioral health initiatives, and efforts to mitigate the economic harm of the pandemic to workers, households, small businesses, affected industries, and the public sector.
- b. **Premium pay for essential workers.** This is intended to provide additional support through one-time payments for low-wage workers who have faced the greatest health risks during the COVID-19 pandemic because of their employment in a critical service sector.
- c. **Revenue replacement.** Payments may be used to fund government services to the extent of revenue reductions from the pandemic. Eligibility for revenue replacement is determined by a federal formula.
- d. **Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.** This includes projects that improve access to clean drinking water, support wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and expand access to broadband internet.

¹ Guidance as it relates to accepting of the ARPA grant monies through MGL 44 §53A has been vetted through the Division of Local Services at the Department of Revenue.

Some examples of ARPA eligible expenses:

- Direct COVID-related costs (testing, contact tracing, etc.).
- Expenses to improve efficacy of public health or economic relief programs.
- Water and sewer infrastructure aligned to EPA project categories for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Examples of what ARPA grant funds cannot be used for:

- Replenishing or funding a reserve account or stabilization fund.
- A deposit into a pension fund.
- Funding non-COVID-19 related operating budget expenses.

Once the grant is accepted, eligible ARPA expenses will be administered by the Mayor, with potential ARPA funded projects reviewed and accepted through a rigorous evaluation process in collaboration with the Chief Financial Officer/Auditor, department heads, and the Superintendent of Schools. This process is designed to provide the controls and due diligence necessary to withstand future scrutiny by the federal government.

In assessing potential uses for ARPA funds, the priority is to identify areas of greatest need and relevance to the City of Melrose. As a best practice, the funds will not be fully allocated in the first fiscal year. This will allow the City to respond should circumstances and priorities change given the uncertainty of the progress of the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure transparency, the City Council will be provided regular updates on the planned uses of ARPA funds.

Unlike with the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund, the Commonwealth will not make individual eligibility determinations regarding the use of ARPA funds for specific expenses. As the “prime recipient” of federal funds, each municipality is solely responsible for all aspects of administration and will be subject to a federal clawback provision associated with compliance failures². Therefore each project considered for ARPA funding will require the Auditor to make a determination of eligibility based on the terms of federal and state mandates and rules (awaiting the finalization of the Treasury’s Interim Final Rule³ sometime in September). In addition, detailed project information will be collected in advance to ensure compliance with federal reporting requirements⁴, which are significant and vary depending on the type of expenditure.

To ensure projects are thoroughly vetted and that compliance and reporting requirements are understood and adhered to according to the best information currently available from state and federal government agencies⁵, the City of Melrose has engaged an outside consultant from the accounting firm of Clifton Larson Allen, LLP (“CLA”). Like CARES Act funding, ARPA grant funds will be audited as part of the City’s annual single audit, reported to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, and are subject to federal audit.

I look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions members of the Council may have regarding this grant acceptance, and will be joined by other members of our team, including our consultant from CLA, Hannah York.

² <https://www.mass.gov/doc/applying-for-coronavirus-local-fiscal-recovery-fund-clfrf-funding-0/download>

³ <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/FRF-Interim-Final-Rule.pdf>

⁴ <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.mass.gov/doc/arpa-reporting-guidance-for-metropolitan-cities-and-counties/download>



Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

The American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs.

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Funding Objectives

- **Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts** to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control
- **Replace lost public sector revenue** to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
- **Support immediate economic stabilization** for households and businesses
- **Address systemic public health and economic challenges** that have contributed to the inequal impact of the pandemic

Eligible Jurisdictions & Allocations

Direct Recipients

- States and District of Columbia (\$195.3 billion)
- Counties (\$65.1 billion)
- Metropolitan cities (\$45.6 billion)
- Tribal governments (\$20.0 billion)
- Territories (\$4.5 billion)

Indirect Recipients

- Non-entitlement units (\$19.5 billion)



Support Public Health Response

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure



Address Negative Economic Impacts

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector



Premium Pay for Essential Workers

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



Broadband Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access



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Example Uses of Funds



Support Public Health Response

- **Services to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19**, including vaccination, medical expenses, testing, contact tracing, quarantine costs, capacity enhancements, and many related activities
- **Behavioral healthcare services**, including mental health or substance misuse treatment, crisis intervention, and related services
- **Payroll and covered benefits** for public health, healthcare, human services, and public safety staff to the extent that they work on the COVID-19 response



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

- **Ensure continuity of vital government services** by filling budget shortfalls
- **Revenue loss is calculated** relative to the expected trend, beginning with the last full fiscal year pre-pandemic and adjusted annually for growth
- **Recipients may re-calculate revenue loss** at multiple points during the program, supporting those entities that experience revenue loss with a lag



Water & Sewer Infrastructure

- **Includes improvements to infrastructure**, such as building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems
- **Eligible uses aligned to Environmental Protection Agency project categories** for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund



Equity-Focused Services

- **Additional flexibility for the hardest-hit communities and families** to address health disparities, invest in housing, address educational disparities, and promote healthy childhood environments
- **Broadly applicable** to Qualified Census Tracts, other disproportionately impacted areas, and when provided by Tribal governments



Address Negative Economic Impacts

- **Deliver assistance to workers and families**, including support for unemployed workers, aid to households, and survivor's benefits for families of COVID-19 victims
- **Support small businesses** with loans, grants, in-kind assistance, and counseling programs
- **Speed the recovery of impacted industries**, including the tourism, travel, and hospitality sectors
- **Rebuild public sector capacity** by rehiring staff, replenishing state unemployment insurance funds, and implementing economic relief programs



Premium Pay for Essential Workers

- **Provide premium pay to essential workers**, both directly and through grants to third-party employers
- **Prioritize low- and moderate-income workers**, who face the greatest mismatch between employment-related health risks and compensation
- **Key sectors include** healthcare, grocery and food services, education, childcare, sanitation, and transit
- **Must be fully additive** to a worker's wages



Broadband Infrastructure

- **Focus on households and businesses** without access to broadband and those with connections that do not provide minimally acceptable speeds
- **Fund projects that deliver reliable service** with minimum 100 Mbps download / 100 Mbps upload speeds unless impracticable
- **Complement broadband investments** made through the Capital Projects Fund



Ineligible Uses

- **Changes that reduce net tax revenue** must not be offset with American Rescue Plan funds
- **Extraordinary payments into a pension fund** are a prohibited use of this funding
- **Other restrictions apply** to eligible uses

The examples listed in this document are non-exhaustive, do not describe all terms and conditions associated with the use of this funding, and do not describe all the restrictions on use that may apply. The U.S. Department of the Treasury provides this document, the State and Local contact channels, and other resources for informational purposes. Although efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of the information provided, the information is subject to change or correction. Any Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received will be subject to the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into by Treasury and the respective jurisdiction, which shall include the provisions of the Interim Final Rule and/or Final Rule that implements this program.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Melrose City Council
From: Mayor Paul Brodeur
Re: State funding to support Milano Center
Date: August 16, 2021

As part of the recently signed Fiscal Year 2022 state budget, the City of Melrose will receive \$50,000 as part of an earmark “for grants to the councils on aging and for grants to or contracts with nonpublic entities that are consortia or associations of councils on aging.” The purpose of the portion of the grant directed to Melrose is “building refurbishments for the Milano senior center to support seniors during the 2019 novel coronavirus recovery and ensure safe access to communal space.”

As is stipulated, the state grant will be utilized to address the needs of seniors as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. As Council members are certainly aware, the City has not been able to utilize the Milano Center this summer because of the failure of the building’s HVAC system. This has left Melrose’s elder population without a much needed facility during a critical time.

The lack of the Milano Center has necessitated staff to find alternative space for senior programming, most notably at the tent on the grounds of the Horace Mann School. Although the COA summer programs have been successful, outdoor programming is not a sustainable solution, and addressing deficiencies at the Milano Center is a high priority as we head into the fall and winter. In addition to the HVAC upgrades, COA and Facilities staff are also working to identify other ways to increase the functionality of the Milano Center for its users, including improved accessibility to the outdoor patio area.

Due to the pandemic, we have all become more cognizant of the risks of social isolation, especially for elders, as well as the need for “healthy buildings” with good air quality and ventilation to protect public health. We are deeply appreciative to our legislative delegation, especially Rep. Kate Lipper-Garabedian, for their continued advocacy for the health and wellbeing of Melrose’s elder residents.

I respectfully request acceptance of these funds. Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment: State earmark acceptance memo (ORDER-2022-23 : State funding to support Milano Center - grant)