

Town of Lunenburg Select Board

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Town of Lunenburg Announces American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocations

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law in 2021 and provided states and municipalities across the country with a historic opportunity to invest in their communities. Designed to address the economic and public health challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and allow communities to make long-term investments in local services and infrastructure, ARPA funding enabled local governments to support essential services both during and after the public health emergency, strengthen infrastructure, improve services, and promote long-term recovery and resiliency.

The Town of Lunenburg received **\$3,507,970.58** in total from ARPA. For Lunenburg, this funding represented an unprecedented investment in public safety, education, infrastructure, and community services. Over the course of several years, the Select Board solicited proposals from Town Departments, Boards, and community organizations and carefully allocated these funds to address immediate needs caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, while also making strategic investments that will benefit the Town long-term. From upgrading public safety equipment to supporting local non-profits, ARPA allowed the town to take on projects that would have otherwise been financially challenging.

With the December 2024 deadline for allocations now passed, the Town of Lunenburg is sharing a full breakdown of how these funds were distributed:

Recipient	Purpose	Amount Allocated
Board of Health	COVID Response Hours and Tests	\$4,280.40
Board of Health	Payroll - Public Health Mission	\$10,960.64
Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg	3D Printer	\$699.98
Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg	5 Computers for Coding and Digital Literacy	\$5,649.95
Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg	FY24 After School Program	\$50,000.00

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Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg	FY25 After School Program	\$50,000.00
Bright Eyed	Weekend Food Kit Program	\$18,000.00
Conservation Commission	Local Match for MassTrails Grant	\$15,450.05
Council On Aging	Generator Fencing (Capital Project Overrun)	\$12,033.00
Council On Aging	Kiosk and Adirondack Chairs	\$5,249.76
Cultural Council	Artists in Schools Program	\$22,500.00
Department of Public Works	2 Snow Trucks	\$480,000.00
Department of Public Works	Cement Mixer	\$4,720.00
Department of Public Works	Excavator Trailer	\$9,759.72
Department of Public Works	Mini Excavator	\$77,859.52
Department of Public Works	Six & Ten Wheel Trucks (Capital Project Overrun)	\$2,575.00
Department of Public Works	Tree Removal	\$48,000.00
Facilities and Parks	DPW Garage Floor Repairs	\$60,000.00
Facilities and Parks	DPW Partial Roof Replacement	\$65,000.00
Facilities and Parks	Town Hall/Senior Center Roof	\$55,442.00
Finance Director	MUNIS Consultant - Property/Utility Sewer Tax Billing	\$16,000.00
Finance Director	Munis and Web Deployment	\$140,000.00
Fire Department	Ambulance	\$506,000.00

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Fire Department	Power Stretcher and Loader	\$74,444.86
Fire Department	Radios	\$49,334.25
Fire Department	Stair Chair	\$20,610.98
Fire Department	Two IV Pumps	\$7,500.00
Firefighters Association	Public Safety Building Furniture	\$20,000.00
Lunenburg Historical Society	Various Upgrades (Computers, Painting, HVAC, Tree Removal, Seating)	\$23,812.75
Lunenburg Public Library	Exterior Envelope	\$33,000.00
Lunenburg Public Library	Proctor Memorial Garden	\$9,999.00
Lunenburg Public Library	Teen Room Furniture	\$119,000.00
Lunenburg Public Schools	Athletic Field Study	\$49,990.00
Lunenburg Public Schools	Plow Truck	\$64,780.05
Lunenburg Public Schools	Safety Film for Middle/High School	\$33,250.00
Lunenburg Public Schools	Turkey Hill Fire Alarm (Capital Project Overrun)	\$75,000.00
Lunenburg Water District	PFAS Master Plan	\$50,000.00
Lunenburg Water District	PFAS Public Education	\$35,000.00
Lunenburg Water District	PFAS Treatment Pilots for Keating Well	\$157,920.00
Municipal Building Design Committee	Architect/Engineering Costs	\$185,000.00
Public Access	Equipment Upgrades	\$53,144.25
Parks Commission	Marshall Park Project	\$200,250.00

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Police Department	Body Cameras	\$44,722.00
Police Department	Camera System Upgrades	\$75,931.74
Select Board	Accelerated Telework Capacity	\$5,222.38
Select Board	Initial Support for FY23 Tax Assessment	\$112,960.56
Sewer Commission	Sewer Manhole Repairs	\$100,000.00
Town Manager	IT - Overrun	\$17,648.70
Town Manager	Payroll - Staff & IT Challenges	\$98,234.51
Town Manager	Supplemental Support for FY24 Revaluation	\$67,638.55
Turkey Hill Lions Club	Food Pantry - Equipment	\$20,000.00
Turkey Hill Lions Club	Food Pantry - Food Stuffs & Dry Goods	\$30,000.00
Village of Flat Hills Trustees	Detention Basin Cleanout & Outlet Replacement	\$12,500.00