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There are two tranches, \$1.4 million installments, in which Woodbury's \$2.8 million will be received.

The June 2021 Tranche recommendations need to be acted upon immediately since many will have direct effect on the proposed 2022-23 budget. The June 2022 Tranche recommendations need some further consideration and development, and many written comments or additional suggestions need to be fully processed. We would appreciate time to review them in detail over the next few months, and we would expect to include our findings in our report for the second tranche later this year.

REPORT OF THE WOODBURY AD HOC ARPA COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4/12/22

The Ad hoc ARPA Committee submits the following list of recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for use of the \$2.8 million in State and Local Relief Funds for Woodbury. That \$2.8 million has been divided into two tranches, \$1.4 million received in June 2021, and \$1.4 million to be received in June 2022. The Final Rule of the U.S Treasury issued this past January allows a municipality to claim up to \$10 million as lost revenue and apply up to that amount to general government services. This was a significant departure from original restrictions, and, frankly, a boon to Woodbury which would have been more severely limited in applying its funds.

Several key aspects of the recommendations should be pointed out. First, the recommendations include all of the items that generally received some measure of support in the 628 responses to the community survey the Committee sponsored. Second, the proposed uses address a wide range of needs that were highlighted by the pandemic and which will benefit many citizens of the Town. The government service recommendations will address long overdue basic building needs such as air filtration, deferred equipment needs, necessary emergency service needs, technology upgrades, and improved roads and sidewalks. They will be in the form of one time capital expenditures, and not routine operating costs. Finally, and important to taxpayers, included in the recommendations are items that apply to the 2022-23 and 2023-24 Town budgets to the tune of \$972,000 and \$950,000 respectively. That equates to almost one mill in each budget. Also included is \$775,000 of not-yet-budgeted, one-time capital expenses that will ultimately have to be borne by the Town.

The recommendations are divided into six general categories. They are also divided to reflect the two tranches of funds received and to coincide with the next two fiscal years. The June 2021 Tranche recommendations need to be acted upon immediately since many will have direct effect on the proposed 2022-23 budget. The June 2022 Tranche recommendations need some further consideration and development. It is therefore recommended that the Board of Selectmen defer action and allow the Committee to consider and develop the list which can be submitted to a Town Meeting later in the year. Also, a large number of survey responses were accompanied by written comments or additional suggestions that we have not yet fully processed. While we do not anticipate that these comments would dramatically change our recommendations, we would appreciate time to review them in detail over the next few months. We would expect to include our findings in our report for the second tranche later this year.

Not all items in the survey have been recommended in either tranche mainly because they received very little positive community support and/or a disproportionately high number of negative responses. Despite the Committee's attempt to satisfy with the dollars provided a broad range of needs supported by the community, there may be some disappointment with the recommendations. We hope any negatives are outweighed by the many positives.

Finally, and certainly not least, preparing, tabulating, and evaluating the community survey involved much work, and the very healthy number of responses was commendable and important. Included in this report is a summary of the results of that survey which the Board of Selectmen should find helpful.

With appreciation for the opportunity to serve on this Committee,

Stan Love, Chairman

Susan Shepard

Katy Sherer

Mary Connolly

William Monti

Kevin Mitchael

Manuel Gomes, financial advisor

RECOMMENDATIONS BY CATEGORY AND COST

Strong support (60+)*(5) Support (44-59%)** (12)**
Some Support(35-44%)* (4) Not much support (<34%)# (2)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Notes</u>
June 2021 Tranche	Funds to be committed immediately Total: \$1,356,000 (\$44,000 balance remaining)		
Emergency Services	SCBA apparatus ***	\$290,000	possible grant
	Fire vehicle***	\$60,000	
	WPD mandated equipment**	\$50,000	
Equipment**	PW truck #11	\$161,000	
	PW truck #2	\$70,000	
	P&R trailer	\$11,000	
Buildings	Emergency Serv Furnace**	\$75,000	long deferred
	HVAC systems #	\$210,000	long deferred; air filtration, health
Technology	Fiscal Office***	\$26,000	already approved
	Senior Center Internet***	\$24,000	already approved
	Cybersecurity Upgrade#	\$125,000	not on survey; needed
	Library technology**	\$15,000	
Roads ***	Minor paving	\$100,000	not included in bond
Socio-economic	Comm Services Council***	\$16,000	energy assistance
	Van /Senior Bus transport**	\$40,000	for food bank too
	Volunteer Apprec. Day(s)**	\$3000	
Recreation	General park conditions**	\$80,000	

Offset to 2022-23 budget items.