

Town of Fletcher, Vermont  
**Request for Public Input on the Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds**

Town of Fletcher Selectboard is requesting input from the community on how to spend approximately \$400,000 that the Town is receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act. **A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Fletcher Elementary School (FES is at 340 School Rd) in the gym.** All community members are welcome to come to the meeting to share your ARPA ideas with the Selectboard. You may also **provide input in writing by noon on June 20<sup>th</sup>**. You may either email your written suggestions to [selectboard@fletchervt.net](mailto:selectboard@fletchervt.net) with a subject line: "ARPA Input". Or you may write in your suggestions at the bottom of this page (or more pages) and either mail or drop them off at the Fletcher Town offices:

Fletcher Town Office – ARPA Input  
33 Shaw Road  
Cambridge, VT 05444

**Background**

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) went into effect on March 11, 2021. This legislation awarded funds to states, municipalities and territories to help combat the impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic. According to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT), the overall intent of the ARPA funding is to:

- *Fight the pandemic and support families and businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts*
- *Maintain vital public services, even amid declines in revenue resulting from the crisis*
- *Build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity*

The Town has already received about \$200,000 and will receive the remaining \$200,000 in the summer of 2022. The ARPA funds have to be allocated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. The VLCT has been very helpful in providing guidance on how ARPA funds can be spent. More information is available at their website: <https://www.vlct.org/arpa-faqs>.

There are many restrictions on how this federal funding may be used. The final rule for use of ARPA funds became effective earlier this year. Fletcher is communicating with VLCT and other communities to determine which uses are eligible. The US Treasury has published an overview of the final rule, for those who want to learn more: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf>.

As noted above, you are encouraged to come to the meeting at **FES at 7:00 pm on June 16<sup>th</sup>**. Whether you can attend or not, please provide your suggestions as noted above by noon on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,  
Town of Fletcher Selectboard

**ARPA Suggestions:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please use the back of this letter or additional pages if necessary. We look forward to your input!