

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

Project Proposal Submission Form



The Town of Templeton is developing a spending plan for ARPA funds for review and submission to the Select Board for eligible project proposals.

Please complete this form if you or your stakeholder group has an idea for a project that falls within the eligible uses for the ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds. Attach any supporting documents/information with this form for your project.

Proposed Project Details

Please select a category from the Eligible Uses of Funding:

To learn more about how funds can be used, go to

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRP-Quick-Reference-Guide-FINAL-508a.pdf>

- ☐ Support Public Health Response
- ☐ Replace Public Sector Revenue
- ☐ Water & Sewer Infrastructure
- ☐ Address Negative Economic Impacts
- ☐ Broadband Infrastructure
- ☒ Premium Pay for Essential Workers

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Estimated Cost of Proposed Project:

\$ 13,200

Provide a detailed description of your proposed project below:

Provide premium pay to employee who was declared an essential employee by the State of Mass. Employee was required to work with veterans and provide state and federal benefits during COVID. There was an increased need for VA benefits that resulted in face to face meetings. Town Hall was closed so these meetings were held in homes most of the time. The employee also started a Food4Vets program in town handing out over 1,500 boxes (over 30,000 meals) during the pandemic. She volunteered several weeks to assist in the towns food pantry at the start of the pandemic. She used her resources to help stock the pantry as well. She assisted with the Senior Center when it became short staffed to help organize the center and work on getting the office up and running. She was the Information Officer for the ICS team.

Projected Timeline for Proposed Project:

30 days from approval and funding

Is this project a one-time expense?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If not, please list the potential funding cycles for the proposed project:

Describe who is going to do the work on the project and how will the work get accomplished (e.g. design & permitting details, procurement requirements, vendors/contractors, staff contacts, etc.):

Sheila Pelletier, Director, Veteran Services

Describe the proposed project's outcome measurements and goals (e.g. deadlines, community impact, relation to eligible uses of funding, etc.):

Employee was required to interface with the public during the pandemic. This premium pay will keep this employee highly motivated to continue to serve the community.

This employee had a medical condition during this time that could have caused her unknown potentially severe medical issues if she contracted COVID.

Community had over \$90,000 plus issued to financially insecure veterans and dependants. VA compensation claims also increased the payments into the community.

Discuss the estimated budget for your proposed project:

Based the \$200 a week on the following: 1. Requirement to interface with elderly, veterans and other high risk individuals. 2. State declared VSO as an essential employee. 3. State mandated VSO to continue to keep office open. 4. Workload increased by over 30% to do VA claims and food insecurity programs for veterans and dependents. 5. Volunteered for the Food Panty, Senior Center and ICS team. 6. Continued to push for CPC funded park at 4 Elm Street.

200 X 66 weeks = \$13,200

Contact Information

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This form is due by the close of **TBD**.

Please send forms to (either physical copy or email):

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