



TOWN OF MADISON
CONNECTICUT 06443

MEETING DATE:

Thursday August 11, 2022

MEETING PLACE:

Town Campus Room A

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
ARP Funding Advisory Committee
Minutes

Members Present: Bob Reinhardt, Chair, Al Goldberg, Noreen Kokoruda, Justin Murphy, Emily Rosenthal, Katie Stein

Staff Present: Kristen Bartosic

Citizens Present: Kathy DeBurra, Elizabeth Early, Lynne Sarro, Women's Club of Madison

The committee convened at approximately 5:00 p.m.

1. Review requested projects:
 - a. Women's Club of Madison – Domestic Violence Awareness

Ms. DeBurra from The Women's Club of Madison is requesting funding to replace a banner and yard signs supporting Domestic Violence Awareness. This is just one area of Community Support the Women's Club provides for the Town of Madison. Due to the pandemic they have had difficulty fundraising.

The Committee believes this project aligns with the charge and guidance given to them by the Board of Selectmen.

Moved: by Mr. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Stein to approve recommending to the Board of Selectmen funding \$2,500 to the Women's Club of Madison using American Rescue Plan funds.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously

- b. Madison Public Schools -Parents as Teachers

The Committee agrees that this is an interesting concept. Committee shared concerns that this is an entirely new program. Ms. Stein suggested that this is a program that could be offered through Beach & Recreation or MYFS. Ms. Rosenthal highlighted the previously approved request from MYFS to increase

the Parent Support Counselor position to full time can help address this need.

Moved: by Ms. Stein and seconded by Ms. Rosenthal to deny recommending to the Board of Selectmen funding \$91,000 to the Madison Public Schools using American Rescue Plan funds.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously

- c. Madison Public Schools - Ropes Course & Adventure Based Program

The Committee shared concerns that this is an entirely new program. There are many questions that need to be considered.

Moved: by Mr. Reinhardt and seconded by Ms. Rosenthal to deny recommending to the Board of Selectmen funding \$50,000 to the Madison Public Schools using American Rescue Plan funds.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

- d. Madison Lyric Stage -New Seasonal Theater at the Deacon John Graves House

The Committee believes this project aligns with the charge and guidance given to them by the Board of Selectmen.

Moved: by Ms. Rosenthal and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve recommending to the Board of Selectmen funding \$32,440 to the Madison Lyric Stage using American Rescue Plan funds.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously

- e. Town of Madison Town Clerk – Recording Land Records Imaging

The Committee believes this request is a project that should be completed utilizing Town funds.

Moved: by Mr. Reinhardt and seconded by Ms. Rosenthal to deny recommending to the Board of Selectmen funding \$77,000 to the Town of Madison Town Clerk using American Rescue Plan funds.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

- f. In Home Piano Lessons with Joe Infurchia

The Committee discussed the submission and does not believe this project aligns with the charge and guidance given to them by the Board of Selectmen.

Moved: by Mr. Reinhardt and seconded by Ms. Kokoruda to deny recommending to the Board of Selectmen funding \$10,000 to In Home Piano Lessons with Joe Infurchia using American Rescue Plan funds.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

- g. FOMY dba The Barn – Update and Replace Technical Infrastructure, Video Lighting, Audio and Digital Fabrication Technology

The Committee would like to confer with First Selectwoman Lyons regarding this request. The Committee has questions concerning the status of The Barn and their vision for the future. Will they relocate to the new Academy Community Center? Is the equipment moveable? The request indicates raising \$75,000 in grants and donations, what if those funds are not acquired?

The request also mentions The Barn offers financial assistance. The Committee would like this to come forward on a separate request form for their consideration.

- h. Madison Police Department – Premium Pay

The Committee would like to confer with First Selectwoman Lyons regarding this request.

- i. ExZhilarate LLC (ExZhilarate Fitness Studio) – Recoup Loss of Revenue and Expand Programs

The Committee discussed the submission and does not believe this project aligns with the charge and guidance given to them by the Board of Selectmen.

Moved: by Ms. Rosenthal and seconded by Ms. Stein to deny recommending to the Board of Selectmen funding \$58,500 to ExZhilarate LLC using American Rescue Plan funds.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

- j. J.N. Adams & Associates, Inc. Eric M. Berg – Business Stability

The Committee discussed the submission and does not believe this project aligns with the charge and guidance given to them by the Board of Selectmen.

Moved: by Ms. Rosenthal and seconded by Mr. Reinhardt to deny recommending to the Board of Selectmen funding \$48,000 to J.N. Adams & Associates, Inc , Eric M. Berg using American Rescue Plan funds.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

- k. Cama Collection LLC – Wellbeing Maps of Madison, CT

The Committee discussed the submission and does not believe this project

aligns with the charge and guidance given to them by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee wishes to recommend Ms. Cama reach out to the Chamber of Commerce for assistance.

Moved: by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Rosenthal to deny recommending to the Board of Selectmen funding \$50,000 to Cama Collections using American Rescue Plan funds.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously

The Committee brainstormed ideas to improve application submissions. Members will reach out to the Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Committee, and others. Mr. Reinhardt will submit a Letter to the Editor to The Source to educate the citizens of Madison about the ARPA Committee and available funds.

Adjourned 6:15pm