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To: Members of the Select Board

From: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

RE: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Framework

Date: August 6, 2021

As the Board is aware, municipalities across the nation are the beneficiaries of a significant influx of federal funds via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which are focused on addressing the impacts of the pandemic on individual communities. In Arlington, we expect to receive approximately \$34,000,000 in funds via ARPA and it is my sincere belief that we can use these funds to have a meaningful and lasting impact on Arlington as both a Town government and as a community.

At Monday's meeting, I will be asking the Board to take three discrete actions and I would also like to use the time allotted for a presentation on a proposed framework for the spending of ARPA funding which will serve to kick off a month-long public comment period. To start, I will be asking the Board to take the following three actions:

- **Vote: To accept ARPA funds from the federal government**

- **Vote: Endorse \$1,600,000 in immediate water/sewer spending to address current needs**
- **Vote: Endorse \$50,000 to be awarded to the Housing Corporation of Arlington for immediate funding of their Homelessness Prevention Program**

After Monday's presentation and receipt of comments, feedback, and suggestions by the Board, we plan to conduct the following public outreach:

- Open public comment period on Thursday August 12, 2021 with the launching of a public survey with the public comment period closing on September 9, 2021.
- Hold a virtual forum on the proposed ARPA framework on September 9, 2021 to both further present thoughts and proposals and solicit further feedback and comment from members of the public.
- Present an updated ARPA framework to the Board at its meeting on September 13, 2021 for further comment and consideration.
- Present a final ARPA framework to the Board at its meeting on September 27, 2021 for approval.

I look forward to discussing all of this with the Board at Monday's meeting and I am excited about the potential benefits that these funds will provide to Arlington.