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**MEMO**

TO: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

FROM: Christine Bongiorno, Director of Health and Human Services

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RE: Proposed ARPA projects-HHS

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Below is a proposed list of expenditures for American Rescue Plan Act 2021(ARPA) funds related to programs within HHS. As you are aware, funds under this act must be used to target pandemic recovery, must be temporary and not tied to recurring expenses. As such, effort will be put towards programs that have seen an increase in need as a result of the pandemic which will require continued support over the course of the next three years as we continue to work through the pandemic while preparing for the recovery phase of the pandemic.

Homelessness:

- Funding to support police and HHS clinical positions: Jail Diversion Clinician and Outreach and Case Manager position: \$45,000 per year
- Community needs and asset assessment and development of a three year plan around homelessness in coordination with Somerville Homeless Coalition. This assessment and plan will drive the decisions on the remaining ARPA funds. \$25,000
- Funding to hire Recovery Coach for three years through PAARI. Upon completion of three year period, recovery coach will be hired through PAARI Americorps program: \$50,000 per year
- Expand psychiatry services at AYCC for youth and families. This will address current backlog of need due to increased pandemic related mental health needs: \$98,000 per year
- Expand domestic violence support to address pandemic related increase in need to prevent risk to victims and provide supports to prevent homelessness: \$15,000 per year
- Trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapy training for all clinical staff in town and school including all staff working with homeless residents \$15,000
- Trainings for Police Officers around mental health, homelessness and trauma informed response: \$100,000

Public Health:

- Hire a part-time temporary public health nurse to manage COVID-19 testing, vaccinations and contact tracing. This nurse will work with special populations to continue to increase access to vaccinations as well as coordinating vaccines for children and potential booster vaccinations as available. \$75,000 per year
- Conduct public health needs assessment which is necessary to start an accreditation process: \$25,000
- Consultant to manage public health accreditation process three years. Accreditation is the new standard for health departments across the country and will allow the agency to access more grant and foundation funding to support programs and initiatives in the future: \$75,000 per year
- Mental health referral program: Interface: \$12,000 per year

Please do not hesitate reach out to discuss in more detail.