American Rescue Plan
Brookline, MA

Brookline’s ARPA allocation

Brookline is a “Metro City” ---population 63,191

Direct allocation
$32,406,450

Norfolk County
$11,466,154
How did we begin?

- Public Education sessions
  - Select Board
  - School Committee
  - Town Departments
  - League of Women Voters

- Website for ARPA information and project submissions
  - [https://tinyurl.com/BrooklineARPA](https://tinyurl.com/BrooklineARPA)

- Partnership with Brookline Community Foundation

First Round of Funding “CARES Continuation” $1.83M

- Public Health and Safety (test kits, clinics)
- Remote Operation of Government
- Public Buildings Safety & Operations
- Communications and Grant Administration
- Contingency (will cover emergencies until formal allocation process concludes)
- Community Engagement
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Partnership with Brookline Community foundation

20 week process Sept-Feb

4 live community conversations, 15 focus groups discussions, and 438 survey response

Mel and I trying to sort through Brookline’s ARPA Requests
Town Administrator Recommendations

- Create two or more funding cycles
  - Allows for more time to effectively plan and evaluate initial programs
  - Retains flexibility to meet unanticipated COVID emergency response

- First Round of Funding-$20 million
  - To commence immediately and run concurrent with the FY 2023 Budget process

Draft Allocation Targets for Round 1= $20 million

- Vulnerable Populations --$12 million
- Government Operations & Capital --$4 million
- Economic Recovery --$3 million
- Technology and Infrastructure --$1 million
Process for Project Ranking and Approval

Initial Staff Review*
- Basic Eligibility
- Assessment of Readiness
- Capacity for Implementation
*Not intended to exclude projects from further consideration

Community Review – Select Board Committee
- ARPA Eligible Projects and Selection Criteria Tool
- Committee will develop a responsive and transparent process
- Final rankings and recommendations

Staff Preparation of Round 1 ARPA Budget
- Integrating approved projects into a budget plan that meets eligibility criteria and maximizes funding capacity

Select Board Consideration and Approval

Stay tuned . . . .