

# **Town of Underhill**

## **ARPA Funds Use Proposal – PHASE 1**

**Committee/Group/Individual Requesting**

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**Email: Date: 11-20-2022**

**Proposal Name/Brief Description: Safety**

**Enhancements - River Road**

**Estimated Cost/Description of Estimate Process** (use the space here and attach additional pages and any supporting documents):

The pedestrian safety between Range Road and Stevensville Road, has deteriorated over the last several years. Drivers frequently exceed the 30 mph speed limit, do not grant the state required 4 foot buffer, and ignore or barely slow down for the one stop sign at Krug Road. I have been nearly hit, required to jump to the side of the road many times in the past year. I would like to see additional signage, flashing speed signs that sense excessive speed, speed humps, or any combination of speed mitigation enhancements that have been proven effective in other towns. Many of my neighbors have expressed similar safety concerns as mine, and take measures to increase their safety, such as “running” through the particularly precarious section on River Road with no shoulder, from Wells Market to the post office. Others tell me that there are times of the day they refuse to walk on Rive Road. There is much pedestrian traffic due to the store, the post office, Moore Park, and the town recreation area at the bottom of Stevensville Road. Being afraid to walk this stretch of road takes away from the goals of our community including increasing access to our outdoor spaces, improving our environment by reducing the need to drive our cars, and increasing access for those who don’t drive or own a vehicle.

I do not know the cost of such enhancements, but assume the highway department could suggest a preliminary cost estimate.

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Please Answer the following questions by marking the answer in the space provided.

### Benefit to Town of Underhill

Does this proposal	YES	NO	Not Sure
Invest in the town without creating a need for additional or ongoing revenue or expenses? Is this a one-time expense?	X		
Benefit a population that was disproportionately impacted by the pandemic?			X
Benefit a population underserved prior to the pandemic?			X
Mitigate and/or help the Town adapt to the effects of climate change?	X		
Improve or create infrastructure for Underhill? Ex. Natural resources, pedestrian access, transportation but not limited to	X		
Align with or impact the goals and priorities of the Town Plan? <a href="#">LINK</a>	X		

Comments:

### Feasibility of Project

Can this proposal	YES	NO	Not Sure
Be fully planned, estimated and obligated to the Town by December 31, 2024?	X		
Be fully completed and paid for by the end of 2026?	X		
Be used to leverage or match other grants, funds or projects?	X		

***Please attach estimates, quotes, drawings, or supporting documents or elaborate in any way you would like. Please note that the ARPA Advisory Committee only recommends projects to the Selectboard and the Selectboard has the ultimate authority to allocate the funds. [17 V.S.A. § 2664](#)***

#### Links and More Information:

**Final Rule – Overview** at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf>

**Final Rule – FAQ’s** at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-FAQ.pdf>

**Specific Information for Town of Underhill** at [https://www.underhillvt.gov/vertical/sites/%7B4E962BB9-B4BB-4504-A3EE-ED54521A1BCE%7D/uploads/Coronavirus\\_Local\\_Fiscal\\_Recovery\\_Fund\\_Overview\\_Presentation\\_06092022.pdf](https://www.underhillvt.gov/vertical/sites/%7B4E962BB9-B4BB-4504-A3EE-ED54521A1BCE%7D/uploads/Coronavirus_Local_Fiscal_Recovery_Fund_Overview_Presentation_06092022.pdf)