

Town of Underhill

ARPA Funds Use Proposal – PHASE 1

Committee/Group/Individual Requesting Funding:

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Proposal Name/Brief Description:

Underhill Center Village District Public Water and Wastewater Feasibility Review

The Underhill Center Village Zoning District and the 2021 Town Plan enable and have explicit goal of encouraging denser development in the town's village centers. I think it is prudent to concentrate development in town centers to minimize impact on the environment, build stronger community center, and help address housing shortages. However, a major barrier to realize this goal is lack of public or consolidated water and wastewater infrastructure. If not already in consideration, I propose using ARPA funds to understand feasibility and develop plan to lay this infrastructure foundation which will support the vision in the town plan.

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

Cost estimate unknown, and prior to developing, propose first:

1. Understand if topic has already been investigated by the town
2. Confirm alignment with Selectboard and ARPA committee on proposal to investigate deeper and use ARPA funds for this work
3. Investigate any related precedents/projects, additional funding sources for planning, existing Engineering partnerships who could support the work

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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? LINK	X		

Comments:

*Feasibility study and plan would be one-time expense (APRA funds). Executing the plan will require additional funding plan for the capital investment, and revenue stream to offset reoccurring expenses.

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](#)

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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-B4BB4504-A3EE-ED54521A1BCE%7D/uploads/Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Overview Presentation 06092022.pdf](https://www.underhillvt.gov/vertical/sites/%7B4E962BB9-B4BB4504-A3EE-ED54521A1BCE%7D/uploads/Coronavirus%20Local%20Fiscal%20Recovery%20Fund%20Overview%20Presentation%2006092022.pdf)