

Update from Chester's ARPA Committee:

Good News- Chester's ARPA Process and Proposal Instruction Form Now Up on the Town Website!

A major goal of this committee is to ensure engagement by encouraging and enabling any Chester resident, business, non-profit, government or civic organization to participate in the process of spending Chester's ARPA funds. The ARPA Committee intends to conduct its decision making in the open making information about the process, progress and final decisions relevant to ARPA funding readily accessible.

The Chester ARPA Committee initially met on February 8, 2022. Since that time, the Committee has:

1. Created an ARPA Committee link on the Town Website
2. Created informational pieces: An Overview of ARPA and ARPA funds received to date by the Town, schools, library and the Paycheck Protection Program to Chester businesses
3. Established a process for soliciting, qualifying, and developing proposals
4. Created tracking sheet for proposals and approved projects
5. Initiated plans to communicate and keep residents informed about ARPA-related topics

Information about "How to Submit and ARPA Proposal" and an "ARPA Proposal Form" can be found on the Town Website under the ARPA Committee link. Submitted proposals will initially be evaluated by the ARPA Committee. The Committee may request additional information or move proposals forward for review by the Board of Finance (BoF) and Board of Selectman (BoS). Proposals recommended for approval by the ARPA Committee, BoF and BoS will be presented at information sessions prior to being voted on at a Town meeting.

ARPA Committee meetings, will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. At these meetings, the Committee will discuss the ARPA proposal process as well as individual proposals that have been submitted. **The next scheduled meeting is on March 8, 2022 at 7 PM.**

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