

# ARPA Proposal to Provide Funding for a Full-Service Generator at Town Hall

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## **Proposal Information**

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***Description of project:***

This project is for purchase and installation of a full-service generator that has the capacity to run 100% of the Town Hall for at least 3 days without refueling. The current generator at Town Hall is able to run for three days but has limited capabilities (keeps some lights on and the server running). If approved, this proposal would permit continuity of

services for health and human safety of town residents in the event of a power outage.

C & A Generator Service, LLC (located in Higganum CT) provided an estimated cost of \$117,268.00) for the project which can be found in Board of Selectman meeting minutes from October 27, 2021. Briefly, the quote included costs for a new Diesel Generator System with 1) a new MTU On-Site Energy Model MTU480120DS125 diesel fueled industrial generator and 2) a new ASCO 300 Series 800 Amp 12/208 Volt AC 3 phase voltage at a 400 Amp output as well as additional equipment and costs for system installation.

The project was discussed at a Board of Selectman meeting on October 27, 2021. A motion to bring this proposal to Town vote was made and passed unanimously. Although a proposal to allocate \$120,000 of the Town's ARPA funds was made at the December 15, 2021 Special Town Meeting, it was "tabled" and not discussed in detail.

***ARPA funds requested:***

The current proposal is for allocation of up to \$120,000 in ARPA funds to cover the entire cost of a project that would provide electricity to the Town Hall building in its entirety for at least 3 days in the event of an emergency. The project, which would fall under the "government services" ARPA-SLFRF Eligible Use Category, would go out for bid if approved.

***Who would most benefit from the project if approved:***

Since Town Hall is used to administer Town Government Services to Chester residents, all town residents would derive benefit from this project. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the need for updating and

upgrading known deficiencies at the Town Hall in order to effectively respond to health, environmental or other emergencies.

***Positive impact of project to the Chester Community***

The 2019-2029 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) document indicated that maintenance of Town facilities, including Town Hall “was a top priority” for the respondents to a long-range planning survey. The availability of funds through ARPA would permit upgrades, as opposed to merely maintenance, of our Town Hall Infrastructure.