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Select Board  
Town of Sudbury  
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Dear Honorable Select Board Members:

Here is information I have received as an update related to 'time sensitive' items related to ARPA Fund requests.

**Fire Chief**

The purchase of a new ambulance stretcher, stair-chair and CPR machine should be considered a "time-sensitive" project for the use of ARPA funds. With current supply chain issues due to the pandemic, these items have considerable delivery delays. Dedicating funding now for the purchase of these three items, will allow us to place an order and hopefully take delivery by year-end. The purchase of this equipment will provide the Town with three fully-equipped ambulances.

**Health Director**

**1. Additional social work services**

- a. Residents are in crisis, traumatized and grieving various losses due to the pandemic.
- b. Lack of access to basic needs. Residents need support understanding and navigating the complex system of resources. The SW office is not currently able to meet the depth of the needs.
- c. Housing loss: Sudbury has one of the highest pending eviction rates among renter's right now.
- d. People of color, low-income residents, seniors and speakers of languages other than English have been hit hardest. This is an equity issue.
- e. It will take time to hire and onboard a social worker.

**2. Funding for gift cards to meet basic needs**

- a. Needs are immediate. People are unable to meet basic needs and cover base expenses.
- b. People of color, low-income residents, seniors and speakers of languages other than English have been hit hardest. This is an equity issue.

**3. Contracted mental health services**

- a. Waitlists for mental health services are up to 6 months or more
- b. Increase in substance use, domestic violence, suicide rates, anxiety and depression across all demographics
- c. This is an immediate safety need

**4. At home COVID tests for residents who cannot afford or access them**

- a. Daily requests for testing and lack of testing across the state
- b. Even when insurance will reimburse, residents must be able to locate and afford the costs up front, which many are unable to do.
- c. Testing is critical to decrease spread and to flatten the curve to ensure that our medical facilities aren't overtaxed and can meet COVID and other emergency needs

### **Combined Facilities Director**

All Fairbank related items are time sensitive. Items need to be funded in order to be included in the bid package. Items can be included later as additional work during design and construction however to add at the later point increases cost and time to completion. Also, some items may not be able to be added due to logistics and construction schedule.

### **DPW Director**

Two DPW projects would be time-sensitive: Town-wide drain improvements and Marlboro Road culvert project. Due to the timing for bidding these two projects out next month, these would be ready for construction ASAP. Town-wide drain improvements is on the TM warrant this year. Marlboro Road culvert was funded last year and ready for bidding. Due to the uncertainty in the construction market pricing and material availability, these funds would benefit both these critical infrastructure projects.

### **Sudbury Public Schools Superintendent**

1. **SEL Supports:** In order to serve the needs of SPS students, additional positions were added in FY22 due to the impacts of COVID. These positions are 1.0 School Adjustment Counselor, .6 BCBA, and 1.0 Special Educator. \$210,000 per year (x2 years = \$420,000)
2. **Summer Programming:** Last summer the Town approved an academic program for SPS students that was highly successful. The impacts of the pandemic continue and providing entry points for students to get back on track are critical. Providing this opportunity over the next few years will allow for staff and families to plan and commit to the program. \$310,000 per year (x4 years = \$1,240,000).

### **Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District**

As the pandemic continues, a need for constant fresh air circulation throughout the building is a necessity. The continual use of the HVAC system will expedite wear and tear that requires updating parts and maintenance to ensure proper air quality for student and staff health safety. The LS requested project is time sensitive in order to maintain the highest level of air quality.

Here's the link to the online ARPA Compiled List:

<https://onedrive.live.com/View.aspx?resid=EEF118737567813D!1867&authkey=!ANqnD77KJ6Hml5g>

Sincerely,

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