

Town of Colchester
 ARPA Recovery Funding Request Application

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Project Description (How will the funds be used?)

Justification (Please describe how your request addresses a negative impact to COVID-19.)

Colchester Youth Services will use the funds to hire one part-time case manager/outreach worker to support the youth and families referred to us for truancy and other FWSN behaviors through the Youth Diversion Alliance.

In 2018, the CT Legislature began to remove behaviors from the CT statute pertaining to "Families With Service Needs" and finally in 2020, all FWSN behaviors were removed from Statute and instead of going to Juvenile Court, those kids get referred to the Youth Service Bureau. There was no funding attached to this legislation change.

"Family With Service Needs" (FWSN) behaviors involve a child under 18 who:

- *has been truant from school or while in school has been continuously and overtly defiant of school rules and regulations*
- *has without just cause run away from his parental home*
- *is beyond the control of his/her parents, grandparents, or guardians*
- *has engaged in indecent or immoral conduct*
- *is thirteen years old, or older, and has engaged in sexual intercourse with another person who is thirteen years old, or older, and is not more than two years younger or two years older than the first person.*

This workload falls on the Youth Services Director who is also the Diversion Program Case Manager. In addition to the FWSN changes, the new marijuana law that legalizes marijuana for adults, essentially decriminalized it for kids. Now, the first offense *may* be referred to Youth Services and the second offense *shall* be referred to Youth Services. This is another unfunded mandate that will add to the case management load once a system for tracking is put in place.

The new case manager will work 20 hours per week throughout the school year and 5 hours per week during the summer beginning April 25th, 2022 and commencing on Dec. 23, 2024.

The Covid 19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the health and well-being of our youth. In addition to the myriad of mental health challenges our kids are facing, many of those who were already disengaged and chronically absent, found a place to hide in virtual learning. When families were given the choice to be Voluntary At Home Learners (VAHLs), rather than hybrid last year, many of the kids who were already struggling with attendance chose to be VAHLs and then failed to engage in virtual learning. According to the [CT Dept of Education database](#), Colchester's chronic absent rate is around 9%.

Chronically Absent - CT State Dept Of Education										
<i>For the 2019-20 school year, chronic absenteeism calculations are based only on in-person school days until mid-March 2020.</i>										
District	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Student Count	%	Student Count	%	Student Count	%	Student Count	%	Student Count	%
Colchester	135	5.6	174	7.4	134	6.0	175	8.0	203	9.7

When chronically absent kids get referred to us, the school has often made many accommodations and exhausted every resource they possess to engage the student and have them regularly attend school. Chronic Absenteeism is usually complex and proves to be challenging to solve. It is rarely so simple as buying a kid an alarm clock and giving the family money for the laundromat. Mental Health issues are often at the heart of the problem, and sometimes that includes the larger family system as well. What we have found is that even if the number of cases hasn't increased dramatically, the complexity of the cases requires more intensive case management and services. In addition to therapeutic interventions, some students participate in youth employment, reconnect with old hobbies, need rides to school, need home visits help ease the anxiety of returning and need someone to advocate on their behalf. Sometimes getting a young person to reconnect to the community can open the door to connecting at school.

While success in school is dependent upon many factors, being present each and every day is critical, particularly for low-income students and other high need students who face a variety of educational barriers. Time away from the classroom hurts a student's chance to succeed. Students who miss too much school may face lifelong economic consequences. Truancy has repercussions far beyond the individual and can affect the overall success of schools, other students, and communities at large.

The negative impact of Covid 19 on our most vulnerable students may be lifelong if it results in dropping out of school. Our kids deserve all supports the community can provide to help them recover from the social and emotional toll of the pandemic.

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Applicant Background Information

Applicant Name:	Kimberly Sementa	Date Prepared:	03/30/2022
Applicant email:	sweet_aroma_coffee@yahoo.com	Applicant Phone:	860-531-9534
Department / Business / Establishment Name:	Sweet Aroma Coffeehouse & Bakery		

Project Details

Project Title:	Equipment Purchases	Anticipated Start Date:	4/11/2022
Total Funding Request Amount:	\$ 5015	Anticipated Length of Time to Complete Project:	2-4 weeks
On a scale of 1 (Not Urgent) - 10 (Very Urgent), how urgent is this request? Please explain.	8 - This equipment will help us to grow our business by offering additional products and making us more efficient.		

Project Description (How will the funds be used?)

The funds will be used to purchase several new pieces of equipment.

Justification (Please describe how your request addresses a negative impact to COVID-19.)

When we opened Sweet Aroma in April 2021, we only purchased the equipment that was required to open our doors. We believe that COVID-19 and all of the mandates/restrictions, caused us to have lower sales during our first year than if we had opened a couple of years earlier. As a result we held off in purchasing some equipment that would allow us to offer additional products and to be more efficient.

Briefly explain the positive impact your project will have on the community.

Purchasing this equipment will allow us to offer additional bakery products, hot food items and will help us to be more efficient in the preparation of these items. The edible ink (food coloring) printer will allow us to offer custom printed iced cookies and other treats. These will appeal to both individuals for birthday or anniversary parties, bridal or baby showers and weddings. They will also appeal to other area businesses that are looking for customer appreciation gifts or a unique way to get their name in front of potential customers. The 3D printer will allow us to print our own cookie cutters for custom cookie orders. We will also use this printer to create tools that will increase the efficiency in our bakery kitchen. The table will give us more workspace for additional staff to help with preparation and packaging of products. Lastly, the panini grill will allow us to offer hot food items for lunch. With the increased sales from the new products we wish to offer, we will need to hire additional staff, which always has a positive impact on the community. In summary, these items will help up to overcome the revenue we most certainly lost during our first year of operation due to opening during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Describe the impact to your department / business / establishment if ARPA funds are NOT approved.

If ARPA funds are not approved, we will not be able to purchase these items for the foreseeable future. This will negatively limit our growth potential in terms of both sales and staffing.

**Budget Overview (How will the ARPA funding be spent?)
(If more room is needed, please attach additional spreadsheet)**

Budgeted item / Service	Budgeted Amount	Notes
Edible Ink Printer	\$ 3750	
3D Printer	\$ 375	
Stainless Steel Table	\$ 400	
Double Panini Grill	\$ 500	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
TOTAL:	\$ 5025	

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Department / Business / Establishment Name:	Sweet Aroma Coffeehouse & Bakery		

Project Details

Project Title:	New Surveillance System	Anticipated Start Date:	4/11/2022
Total Funding Request Amount:	\$ 1200	Anticipated Length of Time to Complete Project:	2-4 weeks
On a scale of 1 (Not Urgent) - 10 (Very Urgent), how urgent is this request? Please explain.	10 - We do not have a view of all areas of our business due to several cameras not working within our current system.		

Project Description (How will the funds be used?)

The funds will be used to purchase a new surveillance system for Sweet Aroma Coffeehouse & Bakery. System will include cameras, hard drive, wiring and installation.

Justification (Please describe how your request addresses a negative impact to COVID-19.)

When we opened Sweet Aroma in April 2021, we did not upgrade the surveillance system that was already in place. With the uncertainty of COVID-19 and the changing restrictions/mandates, we made the prudent decision to only spend funds on equipment that was necessary for getting our doors open. Since opening several of the cameras have stopped working. The hard drive and wiring is outdated and cannot be updated or repaired. It is now necessary for us to replace the whole system.

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RFP #2022-005
BID FORM

BIDDERS: COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW. BIDDER MUST SIGN BID FORM.

COMPANY NAME & ADDRESS: Scholar Painting, LLC
2 Klarides Villages Dr. #145
Seymour CT 06483

TELEPHONE #: 877 - 447-2465

EMAIL: admin@scholarpainting.com; scholarpainting@gmail.com

REPRESENTED BY: Vaughn Butler, Owner
(Name & Title)

INSTRUCTIONS: The undersigned, attesting to be a duly authorized representative of the Bidder, having familiarized himself/herself with the existing conditions of the school and Specifications contained herein affecting the cost of the work, hereby proposes to furnish the Town of Colchester / Colchester Public Schools with all supervision, technical personnel, labor, materials, equipment, tools, appurtenances, permits, fees and services required to perform and satisfactorily complete the work specified, in accordance with said Specifications, for the sums as indicated below.

BASE BID

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price for Item</u>
1	Lump Sum price for Roof Repair 36 ft. x 32 ft.	<u>\$32,320.00</u>
2	Lump Sum price for Shingle Side Wall – 4 sides	<u>\$13,700.00</u>
3	Per Sheet cost for 4x8 Plywood Installed Replacement if required	<u>\$350.00</u>
4	Lump Sum price for Soffit replacement	<u>\$28,000.00</u>
5	Corbel Replacement if required – Each	<u>\$3,500.00</u>

Total of estimate Amount Written in words (Items 1, 2 & 4)

\$74,020.00

Scholar Painting, LLC
Bidders Name (print)

Vaughn F. Butler
Authorized Signature

Bidders Address: 2 Klarides Village Dr. #145, Seymour CT 06483

(877)447-2465
Bidders Phone

(877) 737-5543
Bidders FAX

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Applicant Name:	Terence Dominick Sr.	Date Prepared:	4-26-2022
Applicant email:	dominickandsons@gmail.com	Applicant Phone:	860-917-7871
Department / Business / Establishment Name:	Dominick & Sons Monument Works LLC		

Project Details

Project Title:	Surviving COVID	Anticipated Start Date:	ASAP
Total Funding Request Amount:	\$ 25,000.00	Anticipated Length of Time to Complete Project:	ASAP
On a scale of 1 (Not Urgent) - 10 (Very Urgent), how urgent is this request? Please explain.	10, see below		

Project Description (How will the funds be used?)

The funds will be used to purchase the products needed to conduct business. All of which are needed on a daily basis.

Justification (Please describe how your request addresses a negative impact to COVID-19.)

The supply chain has negatively impacted the monument business in many ways. The lack of availability of domestic & imported granite & stencil, all of which are needed to conduct business. When any of these products become available the cost has increased drastically. With the increase cost of fuel comes an increase in all shipping charges across the board. Since the start of COVID some companies are no longer producing these products which makes it harder to conduct business.

01-27-22 11:41 AM COVID

Briefly explain the positive impact your project will have on the community.

The impact will be, that I will be able to continue to give to the community as I have over the last 40 years. Born & raised in Colchester, I have served this community through local businesses, profit & non-profit organizations. Funeral director, a monument dealer, a boy scout as well as Sons of the American Legion, I will continue to serve families during their times of need & sorrow.

Describe the impact to your department / business / establishment if ARPA funds are NOT approved.

The impact on my business is that I will not be able to supply the needs of my clients & therefore will be lacking revenue to continue doing business effectively.

**Budget Overview (How will the ARPA funding be spent?)
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Budgeted item / Service	Budgeted Amount	Notes
Daily Business	\$25,000.00	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
TOTAL:	\$	

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04-25-22P03:02 RCVD

Applicant Background Information

Applicant Name:	Stephen + Kristan Campbell	Date Prepared:	4/20/22
Applicant email:	ctkris@yahoo.com	Applicant Phone:	800-301-3310
Department / Business / Establishment Name:	Coastal Creations by K&S		

Project Details

Project Title:		Anticipated Start Date:	
Total Funding Request Amount:	\$ 7500.00	Anticipated Length of Time to Complete Project:	
On a scale of 1 (Not Urgent) - 10 (Very Urgent), how urgent is this request? Please explain.	Urgent to help by businesses continue and grow		

Project Description (How will the funds be used?)

These funds will be used to help get our small business up and running to the capacity it was at before COVID hit. We were not able to run our business in the usual manner due to COVID and loss supplies/materials as well as customers. These funds will also be used to help advertise our business more and hopefully get it to the capacity to be able to compete with larger businesses which may not have been as heavily impacted.

Justification (Please describe how your request addresses a negative impact to COVID-19.)

Due to COVID we have had many negative impacts. Loss of sales/revenue, increased cost of supplies and goods, supply chain issues, increased delivery costs, increased gas cost to drive to vendor events, increase in event table costs, loss of revenue due to cancelled events not running due to pandemic, cost of PPP, cost of sanitizing products

04-25-22P03:02 RCVD

The grant will allow my business to recoup both the lost revenue and help mitigate the increased cost of doing business. It will also be used to reinvest in my business increasing my inventory so I could attend more vendor events which in turn help the community in which they were held.

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Applicant Name:	Estevan Vega	Date Prepared:	4/28/2022
Applicant email:	joesbarberlounge@gmail.com	Applicant Phone:	860-537-6171
Department / Business / Establishment Name:	Joe's Barber Lounge -- 20 Main Street, Colchester, CT		

Project Details

Project Title:	FOR JOE	Anticipated Start Date:	ASAP
Total Funding Request Amount:	\$ 25,000	Anticipated Length of Time to Complete Project:	1-3 months
On a scale of 1 (Not Urgent) - 10 (Very Urgent), how urgent is this request? Please explain.	10		

Project Description (How will the funds be used?)

The funds will be used to offset the negative financial impact the Covid-19 pandemic had on our business. We have seen supply chain issues, decreased revenues and increases in our shop supplies. We have had to purchase additional cleaning supplies to ensure our shop and tools are properly disinfected. We will also use the funds to enhance our curbside appeal in downtown Colchester. We would upgrade our business advertising to include the possibility of new signage, an awning and stair handrails and if possible a new door.

04-29-22P03:29 RCVD

Justification (Please describe how your request addresses a negative impact to COVID-19.)

We are just now seeing business getting back to somewhat of a normal volume of customers. The Covid-19 pandemic has greatly impacted the barbering industry. Clients are still apprehensive to get haircuts out of fear and caution. Some of our long-time clients have passed away, while others have gotten into the habit of home haircuts due to the fear of potential public exposure of Covid-19. We operate a very clean shop and offer a comfortable atmosphere, but have heard that sometimes our shop is overlooked based upon outside aesthetics. In the current Covid-19 atmosphere we need to make sure our business projects a clean and safe environment. Improvements to make our shop's facade visually appealing will help us to recapture and increase our customer base.

Briefly explain the positive impact your project will have on the community.

A barbershop is a sanctuary for pilgrims, young and old. It is a right of passage for young adults. Joe's has been a staple in the downtown Colchester community since my Dad, Joe open the shop over 25 years ago. Generations of families have passed through our doors for haircuts as well as sense of community. We offer a place of respite, where friendships are formed and words of encouragement are shared and most importantly, we offer our clients a damn good haircut.

Describe the impact to your department / business / establishment if ARPA funds are NOT approved.

If ARPA funds are not received potential clientele will continue passing us by in search of a new more outwardly appealing barbershop home. We will lose business to other shops, in other towns. We want to continue to be a beacon of light and hope in the center of downtown Colchester. We believe that with these funds we can improve our shops curb appeal and continue to grow our business so we can remain in Colchester for many years to come serving more generations of Colchester families.

**Budget Overview (How will the ARPA funding be spent?)
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Budgeted item / Service	Budgeted Amount	Notes
Improvements	\$10,000	
Increased product costs	\$ 2,000	
Loss of revenue	\$10,000	
PPE/cleaning Supplies	\$ 3,000	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
TOTAL:	\$25,000	