

ARPA Committee Municipal Assessment and Recommendation Process

Each municipal ARPA request must pass all three steps to be considered for final recommendation by the ARPA Committee to the Board of Selectmen.

Step 1: Passing Assessment Criteria

- 1. The request must progress or sustain the functional operations of the town.
- 2. The request must show a direct and good faith benefit to the citizens of Colchester.
- 3. The request must reside within one of the following categories:
 - a. Town infrastructure (Roads, buildings, water, sewer, electrical grids, telecommunications, etc.)
 - b. Social Services / Public Safety (youth services, senior services, community assistance programs, etc.)
 - c. Police / Fire Departmental services
 - d. Economic Development (strengthening the town's attractiveness to future business owners)
 - e. Parks and Recreation (parks and recreational / sports fields or locations)
- 4. Short-term vs. long-term significant impact to the community
- 5. How long as something been needed
- 6. Plan for ongoing operational and maintenance costs?

Step 2: Providing Proper Estimates

The request must have estimates from qualified contractors / assessors and must include a full plan for execution (and additional costs if execution plan requires additional funding. Also, request needs to include ongoing maintenance costs and the anticipated funding source post-ARPA dollars)

Step 3: Completed ARPA Committee Recommendations

The ARPA Committee will finalize the team recommendations and pass to the BOS for final review and final funding decision.

