

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Colchester Household

Give Back Grant Program

Program Description

The *Colchester Household Give Back Grant Program* helps households recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Financial assistance is provided for, but not limited to, the following purposes: Food, housing, fuel, utilities, or any other purpose impacted by the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Town's ARPA consultant, UHY Advisors, at 860-221-7609 to determine eligibility.

Funding Information

Award Amounts

The *Colchester Give Back Grant Program* may award up to a maximum of \$1,000 for each eligible household that applies. If more than 300 households apply, the awarded amount will be lowered in a manner that each household receives the same amount without the Town expending more than \$300,000 in ARPA funds on this grant program.

Release of Grant Funding

The Town of Colchester will award grant funds to households that have been approved by the Town's ARPA consultant UHY. The amount will be released in a timely manner upon receipt of the applicant's attestation agreement.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must have been continual residents of Colchester, CT between the dates of March 3, 2021 and June 30th, 2023. Applicant households also must have received \$1,000 or more in federal stimulus funds.

Applicants must explain and can justify that their household has been negatively impacted by the COVID pandemic. This explanation can take on many forms, such as but not limited to:

- A loss of employment or other income
- An increase in costs for necessities (Food, fuel, etc) due to the global supply chain issues
- An increase in healthcare costs
- An increase in child care costs

Approval Process

All applications for funding will be completed and signed by the applicant household with assistance from the Town's ARPA Consultant (if required). Grant awards are to be formally approved by the Town's ARPA consultant once all applications have been received and reviewed. The deadline for all applications is June 30th, 2023.

Attestation Agreement

Applicants receiving funds must sign an attestation agreement with the following terms and conditions:

- The applicant household meets all the requirements set forth.
- Any funds received from the Town of Colchester will be used for the primary purpose requested in your ARPA application and as approved by the Town's ARPA consultant
- Upon receipt and spending of the funds, your household will maintain records (copies of invoices and receipts) of all purchases made with the grant funds received for the Town of Colchester, or its designee, to review such documentation to make sure purchases made meet grant funding requirements. Failure to provide these documents upon request may result in the Town of Colchester requesting the funds be returned.
- The Town of Colchester expects that the funds received are spent no later than July 31, 2024.
- All information provided by the household in the application is true and accurate to the best of the household's knowledge.