

Dear Congressperson Reed

The Town of Enfield is writing to urge you to support measures similar to those found in S3011, which significantly expands the eligibility of American Rescue Plan Act funding for local governments. Specifically, the Senate bill:

- (1) Allows localities to allocate up to \$10 million of ARPA funds to provide government services without needing to calculate lost revenue;
- (2) Allows towns to use \$10 million or 30 percent of its ARPA allocations (whichever is more) to be used under a new, separate provision that further allows infrastructure-related activities authorized under federal surface transportation laws or Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
- (3) Allows funding to be used to provide “emergency relief from natural disasters or the negative economic impacts of natural disasters, including temporary emergency housing, food assistance, financial assistance for lost wages, or other immediate needs.”

While we are grateful for ARPA funding, expanding eligible uses and allowing for more flexibility will clear up some of the confusion that’s arisen surrounding how to use these funds. More importantly, it will allow the town to better serve our communities and use the funding where it is most useful and most needed.

Thank you.

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