

To: City Council

From: Debbie Laurie

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RE: ARPA Workshop – County Partnership Opportunities

As you may recall, the City has been working in partnership with the Penobscot County Commissioners through our respective applications processes. Council Chair Pelletier, Councilor Fournier and I attended a County Commissioners meeting to discuss the remaining partnership opportunities.

The City's request for consideration were

- To match the \$400,000 in funding award to Heart of Maine United Way for the creation of 'The Community' a nonprofit hub to fill important gaps in the nonprofit sector, which is a key strategy to advancing collocation of social service providers and other nonprofits in Bangor and the region.
- Fund ½ of the exterior costs for a new Wellspring facility, which would add 2-4 medically supervised withdrawal beds and up to 14 stabilization beds, which can provide up to 45 days of treatment and care post "detox" or while awaiting admission for a higher level of care.

The County Commissioners had indicated a desire for City Council consideration of the following;

- Bangor Nursing a Rehabilitation Center to fund the purchase and installation of a new generator for their facility (the City's Public Health Department is a tenant).
- Community Care/Shaw House to fund improvements to the youth shelter.

Both bodies value the opportunity to partner on initiatives within our community and the County Commissioners indicated the next steps would be present a final proposal that the entire City Council could review. The proposal from the County Commissioners is attached.

The County Commissioners agree to provide the following in response to the City's request;

- Provide \$350,000 in funding to the Heart of Maine United Way. While this amount is just shy of the City's request. County Commissioner shared there is value to many communities and counties served by the Heart of Maine United Way. The City's award of ARPA funding was contingent on a \$400,000 match from Penobscot County, therefore if the City Council accepts the county partnership award, the Council Order for the City's ARPA award would need to be amended.
- Provide \$220,000 in funding for the exterior costs for a new Wellspring facility. County Commissioner noted that this is a valuable resource and provides services for many in our area. The City Council's ARPA award was for the entire cost, with the County partnership, the Council Order will need to be amended.

The County Commissioners requests to the City are;

- Match the County's contribution of \$50,000 to partially fund the purchase and installation of a new generator for Bangor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
- Match the County's contribution of \$550,000 to fund the Shaw House HVAC and interior/exterior building improvements.

Attached is a summary of the ARPA funding by area of emphasis, which includes the revisions for City Council and County Commissioners actions to date.

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City Manager Laurie -

On behalf of the Penobscot County Commission, I would like to thank you for meeting with us to discuss collaborative efforts of our associated ARPA funds. Your time & attendance, along with Chair Pelletier & Councilor Fournier, was greatly appreciated and productive. It certainly gave us the opportunity to work together and make our community even better than it was. On Tuesday January 2nd, the Commissioners met to discuss four (4) sub recipient applications which we would like to collaborate on with the Bangor City Council. I have listed below the organizations, their funding requests and the amount the Commissioners propose to be allocated to each project. Please review and present this proposal to the full City Council at your earliest convenience.

Bangor Nursing and Rehab – Ask = \$150,000. The Commissioner's allocation would be \$50,000. This would go towards the purchase and installation of a new generator for their facility.

Community Care /Shaw House – Ask = \$1,848,672. The Commissioner's allocation would be \$550,000 which would go towards capital improvements such as the HVAC and interior / exterior building improvements.

Heart of Maine United Way – Ask = \$800,000. The Commissioner's allocation would be \$350,000 which would go towards capital improvements of their building to create a work space for non-profits.

Wellspring – Ask = \$441,540. The Commissioner's allocation would be \$220,000 which would go towards the exterior landscaping projects at their facility.

The amounts listed above are contingent upon the City's agreed upon contributions. We look forward to a successful New Year with you and look forward to speaking with you soon.

Respectfully,

Scott

Scott A. Adkins, County Administrator

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American Rescue Plan Act Summary

Area of Emphasis	Received	Reviewed	Request	Reviewed	Funded	Refer to Other	Under Review	Not Funded		
Broadband	1	1	2,600,000	2,600,000				2,600,000	Award	20,478,297
Childcare	8	3	10,924,608	3,950,748	3,850,748			100,000	- Funded	<u>(17,066,646)</u>
Government Services	6	6	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000		-		- Balance	3,411,651
Homelessness	13	6	9,731,151	3,636,151	2,726,151	110,000	550,000	250,000	- Available Interest	<u>370,000</u>
Housing	10	6	7,544,979	4,539,979	3,915,000	624,979			- Balance of Funds	<u><u>3,781,651</u></u>
Mental Health	8	5	3,094,529	2,670,628	434,765	53,504		2,182,359	-	
Other	16	8	5,250,985	2,533,993	1,400,700		50,000	1,083,293	-	
Substance Use Disorder	5	6	2,971,310	3,227,940	2,227,940	300,000	-	700,000	-	
Workforce Develop	7	3	2,493,695	1,111,342	711,342			400,000	-	
	74	44	46,411,257	26,070,781	17,066,646	1,088,483	600,000	7,315,652		
Childcare						Other				
Bangor Children's Home			350,748			Bangor Symphony Orchestra		40,000		
Bangor Region YMCA			2,000,000			Eastern Area Agency on Aging		67,000		
Penquis CAP			1,500,000			Food and Medicine Gardens Program		75,000		
			3,850,748			Maine Discovery Museum		500,000		
						Maine Multicultural Center		70,700		
Homelessness						Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness		648,000		
Bangor Public Library			241,271					1,400,700		
Penobscot Community Health Ctr			2,484,880							
			2,726,151			Substance Use Disorder				
						Bangor Area Recovery Network		415,600		
Housing						Fresh Start Inc		896,100		
Bangor Housing Develop Corporation			2,000,000			Wellspring		221,540		
Habitat for Humanity Greater Bangor			1,000,000			HEAL		694,700		
Penquis			540,000					2,227,940		
Together Place Housing			375,000			Workforce Development				
			3,915,000			Food and Medicine Workforce Navigator		261,342		
						Heart of Maine United Way		400,000		
Mental Health						Literacy Volunteers of Bangor		50,000		
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid Maine			130,000					711,342		
Christine B Foundation			100,000			Government Services				
St. Andre Home			50,000			Grant Writer		150,000		
Together Place Peer Run Recovery Ctr			154,765			Sidewalk Plow		200,000		
			434,765			Public Restrooms (Under Review)		250,000		
						Homlessness Position		350,000		
						Housing Position		350,000		
						Middle School Health Clinics		500,000		
								1,800,000		