

ARPA Funds

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Total ARPA Funds Received: \$ 903,952.31

Funds Expended to Date:		reported?
2021 Special Appropriations:	\$ 34,491.00	x
Tennis Courts	\$ 14,651.00	x
Fencing at PD	\$ 14,150.00	x
Brookside Bridge/Trail	\$ 71,455.05	x
Library Repairs	\$ 10,000.00	x
Ambulance Cot	\$ 66.88	x
EMS Building	\$ 390,044.78	x
Snow Guards at Academy	\$ 14,935.00	x
Pinnacle upgrades/electrical	\$ 32,497.58	x
Dugouts at Pinnacle	\$ 15,715.10	x
Total Expended to Date:	\$ 598,006.39	

Balance as of 04/26/2024 \$ 305,945.92

Proposed Expenses to ARPA for 2024:

50% of Bond Principal Pmt	\$ 88,000.00	
Compressor For Fire	\$ 50,000.00	
Total Proposed	\$ 138,000.00	

Balance remaining: \$ 167,945.92

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Julie,

I am requesting the use of ARPA funds in the amount of no more than \$50,000 for the replacement and installation of the fire departments breathing air compressor which has been placed out of service and cannot be fixed.

Chester Fire Department has known our breathing air compressor was near end of life for the past four years. Two weeks ago the compressor stopped functioning and was placed out of service. We have contacted our compressor maintenance service and after inspection it has been determined it cannot be repaired. The compressor is thirty years old and the manufacturer has been out of business for several years leading to no parts being available.

The breathing air compressor is a vital part of our operations for the filling of breathing air cylinders used in our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The compressor operates at a high pressure and requires several stages of filtering and quarterly testing to provide safe air for use in accordance with NFPA and OSHA requirements. We have arranged to fill our cylinders in Springfield while the compressor is down and have researched several options including renting prefilled storage tanks which its not an option in our area.

Over the course of the past three years we have applied for multiple grants for the compressors replacement and have been unsuccessful. I have contacted five vendors for pricing and received several quotes and had lots of conversation. The selected compressor was recommended by several vendors (even those who couldn't sell it to us), is from a reputable established company, and inhouse service is available. The manufacture has informed us they will have it installed within two weeks of placing the order where others could take up to a year.

I will be in attendance at the May 1st Selectboard meeting to answer any questions.

Ben Whalen