

Town of Wallingford American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Business Grant Program

The Town of Wallingford is offering a one-time ARPA grant to Wallingford businesses that have suffered a negative economic impact as a result of the pandemic. ARPA was enacted to provide to local governments funds to give direct aid to their communities, including businesses, to assist in the recovery from the pandemic. Recognizing the vital importance of small, local businesses to the Town's well-being, grants will be awarded to assist businesses in their recovery and future growth. The general purpose of the grant is to assist in the retention and rehiring of employees, recruitment of new employees and capital building or equipment improvements, unpaid rent, mortgage or other expenses.

Eligibility Requirements

1. The business is located in the Town of Wallingford.
2. The business existed in January, 2019 and is presently operational.
3. The business has no more than 60 employees (FTEs).
4. The business must demonstrate the negative economic impact resulting from the pandemic, beginning in March of 2020.

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5. The business must demonstrate how the funds will be used to offset the negative economic impact resulting from the pandemic and assist in sustaining the business.
6. The business must demonstrate that the funds address a negative economic impact not already addressed by other federal/state/local financial assistance programs received by the applicant.
7. Grant applications for building improvements must be submitted by the owner of the property.

Grant Conditions

1. Funds may not be used for reserves or lost profits.
2. Grants shall not exceed \$100,000.00. Applying for the grant does not guarantee an award and does not guarantee an award of a specific amount of funding.
3. All grants will require an agreement between the Town and the grantee.
Grantee will comply with all terms of the grant. Failure to comply with the requirements will be cause for the repayment of the funds to the Town.

Town of Wallingford American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Program for Nonprofits

The Town of Wallingford recognizes the important role Wallingford nonprofit organizations have in making our town a great place to live. Nonprofits are best suited to provide programs that directly target those in our community who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. ARPA permits funding nonprofits in order to assist communities in the recovery and to assist the nonprofit in its own recovery. The Town of Wallingford offers this grant program to nonprofits in recognition of their dedication to the community and their ability to most effectively provide programs to those in need.

The grant funding may be used for programs that provide direct aid to Wallingford households, employment programs, mental health/substance abuse programs, food/shelter insecurity assistance and other programs targeted to those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The grant funding may also be used for programs run by nonprofits that benefit local, small businesses. The Town of Wallingford also recognizes that many nonprofits suffered a negative economic impact and need assistance in recovering. In order to assist in the recovery, the nonprofit may seek funds to help them do so.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Nonprofits must have 501(c)(3) approval from the IRS.
2. Nonprofits must provide services to the Town of Wallingford residents and/or businesses.
3. Nonprofits must have offered services to residents or businesses in January, 2019 and must be presently providing those services.
4. Nonprofits that have suffered a negative impact may apply for a grant to assist in its recovery provided:
 - (a) It demonstrates the negative economic impact suffered as a result of the pandemic from March, 2020 forward;
 - (b) It demonstrates how the funds will be used to offset the negative economic impact and assist in its recovery;
 - (c) Demonstrate that the funds address a negative economic impact not already addressed by other federal/state/local financial assistance programs received by the nonprofit.
5. Nonprofits may apply for a grant to fund programs benefiting Wallingford households disproportionately impacted by the pandemic or benefiting local, small businesses. A non-exclusive list of programs include aid to households, food/shelter insecurity programs, employment programs or mental health/substance abuse programs. Examples of programs involving assistance to small businesses may include marketing programs, job fairs or training programs. Such programs must:

- (a) Serve Wallingford residents or local small businesses;
- (b) Reach households in Wallingford that have been disproportionately impacted or local, small businesses that have suffered a negative economic impact;
- (c) Demonstrate that the program can be solely funded with the grant or demonstrate that the organization has sufficient additional funding to run the program;
- (d) Demonstrate that grant funding will be spent by October 31, 2024.

Grant Conditions

1. Funds shall not be used for reserves.
2. All grants will require an agreement between the Town and the grantee.
Grantee will comply with all terms of the grant. Failure to comply with the requirements will be cause for the repayment of the funds to the Town.

Town of Wallingford American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Review Committee

A committee shall be established to review applications under the Grant Programs and make a recommendation to the Mayor and Town Council as to which applications should be approved and the amount of the Grant.

The Committee shall be comprised of thirteen (13) members:

- Chair and Voting Member: Amanda Miranda, YSS
- Tim Ryan, EDC or EDC designee
- Each Councilor or their chosen appointee (Wallingford resident)
- Two Mayoral appointments of Wallingford residents

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Negative economic impact of COVID-19
- Documentation to support amount requested
- Eligibility qualifications
- Impact of grant on the business and nonprofit
- Viability of business or nonprofit
- For nonprofits proposing programs, the impact on the targeted population or business community
- Completeness of application with submission by deadline

Upon receipt of all applications, the Mayor and Town Council may provide additional requirements for the committee's review as a result of the total funds requested.