



Measure #: 2024-054

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 01/22/2024

Submitted By: Town Manager

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MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Award Sisters at Heart \$25,000.00 of ARPA NEU Funding.

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Purpose:

The primary purpose of this measure is to authorize the allocation of funds from North Attleborough's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Non-Entitlement Unit (NEU) funds to Sisters@Heart. Specifically, the measure seeks to address the funding shortfall caused by the recent 9C cuts, ensuring the completion of a critical health project initiated by Sisters@Heart.

Justification:

Completion of AED Installation Project: The installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) is a public safety priority. AEDs are essential in providing immediate assistance in cardiac emergencies, significantly increasing the survival rate from sudden cardiac arrests. The measure will ensure the completion of installing the remaining four AEDs, making them accessible to the public, especially in high-traffic areas. The 50% reduction in the earmarked funds due to the Governor's 9C cuts has created a significant financial gap for Sisters @ Heart. Utilizing a portion of the ARPA NEU funds, which currently stands at \$600,000, to fill this gap is a strategic and impactful use of these resources.

Community Impact and Awareness: Sisters @ Heart plays a crucial role in supporting the community and raising awareness about heart and brain health. This aligns with the broader goals of Town Council with support for public health and community welfare.

Utilization of ARPA Funds: The ARPA NEU funds are intended to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts, replace lost public sector revenue, support immediate economic stabilization, and address systemic public health and economic challenges. The funding for Sisters @ Heart falls within these guidelines, as it addresses a public health need and contributes to the community's long-term well-being.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS:

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Finance

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