



Measure #: 2024-069

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 2/26/2024

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Approval to transfer \$60,000.00 ARPA NEU Funds to the Special Education Stabilization Fund

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Purpose: The purpose of funding the Special Education Stabilization Fund with ARPA funds is to:

1. Ensure continuity of services through the uninterrupted delivery of special education services to students with disabilities, irrespective of financial uncertainties.
2. Address unforeseen costs and expenses that arise due to fluctuations in special education needs.
3. Enhance our flexibility and responsiveness within the school district with the flexibility to respond promptly to emerging special education needs without the need for immediate budget reallocations or cuts to other essential services.

Justification: The need for allocating funds to the Special Education Stabilization Fund is underscored by several critical factors:

1. **Rising Costs:** The cost of providing high-quality special education services is steadily increasing, driven by the need for specialized staff, tailored educational materials, and technology-enhanced learning aids.
2. **Enrollment Variability:** The number of students requiring special education services can fluctuate significantly from year to year, leading to unpredictable budgetary pressures.
3. **Regulatory Compliance:** Federal and state mandates require that all students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment, necessitating sufficient funding to comply with these legal obligations.

Community Impact: Investing in the Special Education Stabilization Fund reinforces the community's commitment to supporting all its members, ensuring that students with disabilities have equal opportunities to succeed and contribute to the community.

Therefore, I respectfully request the Town Council vote to transfer \$60,000.00 ARPA NEU Funds to the Special Education Stabilization Fund.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS:

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Finance

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