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Town Manager



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### INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
**TO:** Town Clerk  
**FROM:** Michael Borg *MMB 14 FEB 24*  
**CC:** Town Accountant Linda Catanzariti  
Treasurer/Tax Collector Chris Sweet  
**RE:** Measure 2024-054- Award Sisters at Heart \$25,000.00 of ARPA NEU Funding.

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Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré  
Measure 2024-054- Award Sisters at Heart \$25,000.00 of ARPA NEU Funding.

#### 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.

The Town Council met on January 22, 2024, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Slobogan to refer Measure 2024-054- Award Sisters at Heart \$25,000.00 of ARPA NEU Funding to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and consideration.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Donovan.

**Motion carried. 7-0 UNANIMOUS**

The Finance Sub-Committee met on January 29, 2024, and on behalf of the Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to refer Measure 2024-054- Award Sisters at Heart \$25,000.00 of ARPA NEU Funding back to the full Town Council with a favorable recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

**Motion carried. 5-0 UNANIMOUS**

The Town Council met on February 12, 2024, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to approve Measure 2024-054- Award Sisters at Heart \$25,000.00 of ARPA NEU Funding.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

**Motion carried. 6-0 UNANIMOUS**