



COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY

MARTHA'S VINEYARD & ELIZABETH ISLANDS

August 4, 2021

Dear Select Boards, Town Managers,

As last week's press release stated, the Dukes County Commissioners have asked a Steering Committee comprised of 3 CAB members (Jeff Kristall, Skipper Manter and Bill Rossi) and 3 Commissioners (John Cahill, Don Leopold and Peter Wharton) to provide recommendations to the Commissioners on how to allocate \$3.5million of American Recovery Plan Act provided to help address key island-wide issues. We are asking each town to share with us its thoughts on the key island-wide issues we should be considering as a/the best use of these funds.

In accordance with Treasury Department guidance, the Steering Committee has established five criteria for the allocation of these funds:

1. Demonstrated need from COVID-19 impact
2. Ability to mitigate such impacts
3. Ability to multiply/leverage ARPA investment, through matching funds, grants, state aid, etc.
4. Potential Return on Investment (to-be-defined)
5. Opportunity to make fundamental change on a county-wide level

Please share your thoughts with the Steering Committee either by responding to this email, joining us for our next meeting on August 18, and/or calling any of us with your thoughts.

Many thanks,

Don Leopold, Chair
ARPA Steering Committee
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