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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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To: Planning Board Members
From: Ron Wolanski, Town Planner
Date: April 26, 2022
Re: ARPA Funding Requests – Determination of Comprehensive Plan Consistency.

The town of Middletown expects to receive \$4,749,032 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These funds are broken up between a county share of \$3,086,058 and a non-entitlement unit (NEU) share for small communities of \$1,662,974. The Town Council has established a process to receive public input on how the Town should allocate the use of these funds. Funding can be used on a wide range of projects related to addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Among those include work that benefits public health, reverses negative economic impacts, helps those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, improves infrastructure, and replaces lost revenues.

The Town has received over one-hundred funding requests and recommendations from the public, outside organizations, and Town staff and committees. To assist the Town Council with its deliberations on how to allocate the funding, the Planning Board has been asked to review the submitted requests and to advise the Town Council on the consistency of each proposal with the goals and policies of the Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan.

Please see the attached list of proposals. The last few columns of the table provide a summary of the request as submitted, as well as short project description. A link is also provided to access the form or other document that was submitted by the requester. I have also included a column to indicate Comprehensive Plan consistency. I have inserted a preliminary evaluation of consistency based on my review of the project description. Following the Planning Board's own determination of consistency, that column will be updated accordingly before being forwarded to the Town Council.

Please contact me with any questions.

Cc: Town Administrator
Finance Director