

Council Order: 2024-054

**Introduced by: Town Manager Howard
October 28, 2024**

Transfer of ARPA Revenue Loss Funds to Randolph Cultural Council

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to transfer \$100,000 from the ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Revenue to the Randolph Cultural Council to support various programs and performances within the Randolph community.

Explanation: Originally, our ARPA consultant determined that the funds for this project would be project based and would not need to utilize loss revenue funds. It has since been determined that it should be funded with ARPA loss revenue funds. The Council Order is needed for proper book keeping of the funds.

The funds were used to support additional Cultural Council Awards beyond the annual amount provided by the state. This year, the Randolph Cultural Council funded an impressive array of cultural and educational projects that brought vibrancy and enrichment to the community. Among the highlights were the Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival, hosted by the Cultural Empowerment Organization, and the National Caribbean American Heritage Month & Festival by the Authentic Caribbean Foundation, both of which celebrated cultural heritage and fostered diversity. The Igbo Organization of New England's Igbo Language School focused on preserving cultural identity through language, while Tales from African Traditions at the Turner Free Library showcased African storytelling.

Additionally, Randolph Public Schools received support for music education with World Drumming for Donovan and a Ukuleles program, and Randolph High School students enjoyed cultural exposure through field trips to the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the play Clue. The Turner Free Library also hosted a variety of interactive cultural events, such as Dancing with the Colors of Mexico, Spinning History: and Heroines on the Home Front.