

Warrenton Town Council

Carter Nevill, Mayor Heather Sutphin, Ward 1 William Semple, Ward 2 Brett Hamby, Ward 3 James Hartman, Ward 4 Vice Mayor Jay Heroux, Ward 5 Paul Mooney, At Large David McGuire, At Large

| <b>Council Meeting Date:</b> | July 11, 2023  |
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| Agenda Title:                | Beneficial Use of Funds  |
| Requested Action:            | Receive the information to allow for discussion and direction at a future<br>Town Council meeting. |
| Department / Agency Lead:    | Town Manager   |
| Staff Lead:                  | Frank Cassidy  |

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council Member McGuire requested that staff place this item on the July 11 agenda for discussion. Staff met to discuss items and a possible effective program for addressing affordable housing on a Town-wide basis. In these discussions, programs which staff had personal involvement with and have worked with through the years were brought up. Given this discussion, Town Manager contacted Council Member McGuire to discuss what the staff's ideas and experiences. Council Member McGuire liked the idea of presenting these ideas at a very high level at the July 11 Council Meeting Work Session. This agenda item is meant to begin a dialogue of finding a long-term, holistic approach to addressing affordable housing. No action is requested at this time.

The ideas and programs discussed include: Weed and Seed, Paint Your Heart Out, Broken Window Theory, and studies based on local housing solutions.

# BACKGROUND

At the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Town Council meeting, Councilman David McGuire put forth a motion to direct Staff to utilize the remaining ARPA funds for the benefit of the Town. The direction was to utilize the funds on tangible, immediate impacts rather than hiring Staff or commissioning reports or studies. The Total for unallocated ARPA funds is \$278,597.

| Total Appropriated          | 6,611,715 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Total Committed             | 712,868   |
| Total Proposed in Budget    | 2,800,000 |
| Comprehensive Zoning Update | 200,000   |
| WWTP Capital Payment        | 1,000,000 |
| Horseshow Grounds           | 1,600,000 |

Staff is presenting high-level items for general discussion and direction from Council. No action is requested at this time.

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Receive the information to allow for discussion and direction at a future Town Council meeting.

### **Fiscal Impact**

To be determined- exploring the use of the currently unappropriated ARPA funds.

### Legal Impact

## ATTACHMENTS

- 1. PD9 Email
- 2. Zoning Ordinance Review FINAL RRRC.20201103
- 3. 21.02.09 PD9 Presentation to TC Housing Study Town of Warrenton
- 4. Regional Housing Study Profile- Town Of Warrenton
- 5. 22.01.112 Affordable Housing Discussion