



TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

American Rescue Plan Act

Submitter: Ryan McGonigle
(Name of Person Submitting Application)

Department/Board/Committee to Oversee/Maintain the Project: IT

Date: Application Revised 4/6/23

Amount Requested: \$60,000

Project being Requested: Permitting Software (Provide a full description below)

FUNDING CATEGORY

- ☐ Support Public Health
- ☐ Address COVID-19 Negative Economic Impacts
- ☐ Provide premium pay for essential workers
- ☐ Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
- ☒ None of the Above (Would fall under Revenue Replacement funds)

Priority Ranking (Check One):

- Very High (Needed ASAP) ☐
- High (Needed in 1 year) ☒
- Medium (Needed in the next 2 years) ☐
- Was Planned for in the next 10 years ☐

Does this project meet the bylaw requirements for Capital Planning?

Yes

☒

No

☐

(Acquisition of land and any expenditure of \$20,000 or more having a useful life of at least five years)

Has this project been on a department or Board's priority list?

Yes

☒

No

☐

Have you received an estimate as a basis for cost?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please provide estimate

Are grant or other funds available to offset this cost?

Yes

☐

No

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If Yes, please specify source of funds

Will this require annual maintenance or ongoing costs?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please articulate below

Project Description:

*Provide project description and articulate funding category, include an overview of proposed timeline, location(s), and supporting detail. If requested equipment is a replacement, please provide the age (based on first in service date) and condition of current item. **Be as specific as possible; attach all backup supporting material.***

Originally, IT submitted for migration of the accounting software to ARPA for \$55,000. After some product demo's and more research, it looks like this project is a bit further off than anticipated. I would like to request that these funds, and an additional \$5,000, for a total of \$60,000, be considered for the permitting software migration. Town department are not happy with the current permitting software and the migration was planned for FY24 assuming a town meeting vote to approve. Use of ARPA funds would free up this money for other capital projects in FY24. Permitting software is used by multiple Town departments, including DPW, BOH, Conservation, and Building.

Benefits of Project/Requested Equipment:

*Highlight project benefits, including efficiencies created, service enhancements, etc. **Be as specific as possible; attach all backup supporting material.***

This web based software would be an upgrade over the current system the town has in place. The town isn't happy with its current provider and all departments have expressed interest in making a change. The new software would have added capabilities over our current as well as reducing our year cost by \$15-20k per year.

Ongoing maintenance costs of project or equipment:

*Describe any expected ongoing costs associated with this request. **Be as specific as possible; attach all backup supporting material.***

There is an ongoing cost of \$16149 however, this is replacing a more expensive annual cost that is already factored into the budget.

Signature of Submitter

Signature of Department Representative or
Town Administrator