

Dolan, Martin

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Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 11:08 AM
To: Dolan, Martin
Cc: Jen Maley-Wheeler; Tora Stringfield; Pauly, Katelyn; Sagan, Cameron
Subject: EXTERNAL Re: Potential expansion of ARPA grant funding

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Hello Martin, Cam and Katelyn!

We are delighted by this invitation to request additional ARPA funding. We respectfully request up to \$58,000 of additional ARPA funding; you will see that our request has been broken into two sections, a primary ask of \$27,000 and a secondary ask of \$31,000 for your convenience when considering funding.

As requested, we plan to utilize these funds for:

- **Primary request: \$27,000**
 - We plan to utilize funding to offset costs of producing our Pridefest, the largest one day festival in the region. Our intent is to apply a portion of the funds to the costs of our safety, security and guest services for the event as well as to offset entertainment costs. We specifically chose this option as the event brings economic development to the county as well as supports our community. These funds will allow us to apply a portion of our funds raised to other needed services in our programs.
 - We also intend to utilize a portion of the funds for increased youth programming activities, including field trips, and to offset costs of our senior programming events, including our Annual Aging with Pride cruise, which we offer at low or no cost to our senior guests.
 - We further intend to use funds to help defray costs of attendance for our staff, volunteers and select community members at our annual celebratory Gala.
- **Additional request of \$31,000 for special arts and community programming for youth and the LGBTQIA+ community at large (proposal available if you should need it):**
 - We have been offered a major, exciting opportunity to sponsor a community art project to create both a youth entrepreneurial program expressed through an art mural project as part of a summer program and a community art, healing and well-being project with Eugene O'niel and Jade Warrick of Amplified Voices. This would provide much-needed community healing and a summer program for our youth that would not be possible without this additional funding. We would be happy to share that the project was made possible through the ARPA grant. These murals will be on display in our new center and will

be specifically designed to be portable when we move to a permanent location or to display in other locations as a travelling exhibit.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity!

In service,

On Thu, May 7, 2026 at 12:08 PM Deb Vincent <dvincent@capitalpridecenter.org> wrote:

Hey Martin!

That's excellent news! I will be happy to send you a list of items of things we can use within the next six months and a budget.

Do you have a ballpark of how much, or do we just get to ask and you get to give, according to what you have available and fits your plans?

Thanks again,

Deb

Deb Vincent
President
Pride Center of the Capital Region

On Thu, May 7, 2026, 11:30 AM Dolan, Martin <Martin.Dolan@albanycountyny.gov> wrote:

Dear Deborah, Jen, and Tora,

As you know, Albany County was the recipient of ARPA grant funding, much of which was passed through to community organizations. The Pride Center received one such grant award, which it spent quickly and compliantly back in 2024.

Other ARPA-funded projects throughout the County have reached completion with balances still remaining on their grant. The County intends to reallocate those funds and put them towards other projects that still have a demonstrated need. Per the grant's compliance rules, any reallocated ARPA funds must be sent to an organization that already has a project in place.

Since the Pride Center was successful in spending its first batch of grant funding, and we know there is a demonstrated need with the Pride Month events coming next month, we on the County grants team think your organization would be a good option for receiving some portions of the funds to be allocated.

Can you please respond to this email with an informal (no longer than a paragraph or two) request of funds, listing how much you have the capacity to spend in the next six months, and what broadly speaking the funds will be used for. This requested amount will be considered by the County Executive's Office, and we will disperse funds accordingly.

If possible, can you please send this request for funds to myself, Kate, and Cam by **noon tomorrow**.

Thank you, and let me know if you have any questions.

Martin Dolan

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