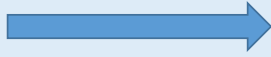


COUNTY OF ALBANY

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - PROPOSED PROJECT FORM

The American Rescue Plan Act provides resources for the Town to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the resulting economic impact through programs and services that fall within several categories of eligible uses listed to the right. Only projects that relate to the COVID-19 pandemic may be considered.



Primary ARPA Eligible Use Categories



Support Public Health Response

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



Address Negative Economic Impacts

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



Premium Pay for Essential Workers

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure



Broadband Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access

Project Name

Central Storage Upgrade

Department

Division of Information Services

Project Manager

ARPA Expenditure Category

Project Description

The Storage Environment that Albany County is currently being operated on is antiquated (~9yrs old) and under resourced to support the counties ever growing digital storage needs. This project will replace the legacy system with a new NetAPP storage environment. The new storage environment will provide for improved overall Infrastructure speed while lowering the risk of downtime by employing a redundant system architecture. Additionally this upgrade will help improve Albany Counties over all security posture by providing for a storage solution that has regular vulnerability and security patching done by the manufacture.

Decision process

Please describe how the department came to recommend this project to the initial decision team. Was this an existing planned project, is there high community desire for this project, etc? This is required for funder documentation.

The Division of Information Services is routinely evaluating the counties existing infrastructure to identify risks and weaknesses. Due to the fact that this storage environment is used by all county departments and the support/maintenance contract expires in August, it was identified as a risk that needs to be addressed. This project will directly impact all county employees and residents that utilize county services.

Describe the public benefit of this program

Please identify who will benefit and provide other information on project that would be appropriate

The residents of Albany County will benefit from this project indirectly. The services that the county provides to its residents are often times performed or processed through this storage environment. By upgrading and replacing the existing system we can limit system downtime and improve the county's security posture. This will lower the risk of resident facing departments from being offline due to a storage failure.

Project Timeline

Please describe the key project milestones/dates/deadlines including the project planning, implementation, evaluation, and close-out phases as applicable.

Dependant upon hardware availability at the time of order, this project should see the hardware delivered, installed and data transferred in less the 6 months from PO.

What is the project budget

Please describe the proposed project cost, how much ARPA aid would be needed and will the proposed project require a long-term fiscal commitment from the Town after the ARPA funds are utilized

The total cost to replace our current storage infrastructure with the new environment is \$310,206.85. The hope would be that ARPA funds could be utilized to support the entire purchase due to its departmental impact. Future maintenance and support costs would be factored into the divisions yearly budgets.

Other Funding:

Does the proposed project include or anticipate funding from any other sources? If yes, then please describe any other funding source(s).

Future Support & Maintenance of this environment will be funded utilizing standard County IT Budgets.