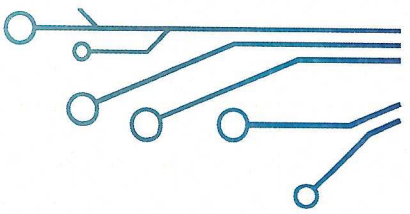
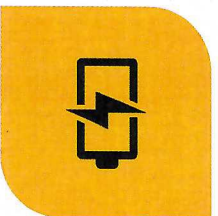


ARPA FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

BRANFORD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



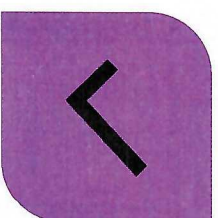
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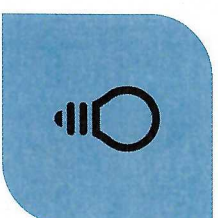
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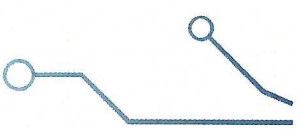
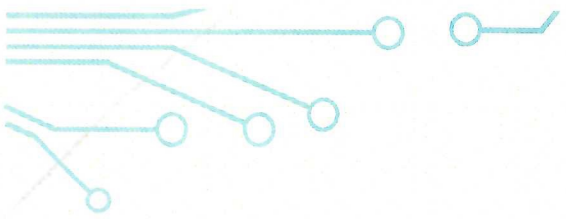
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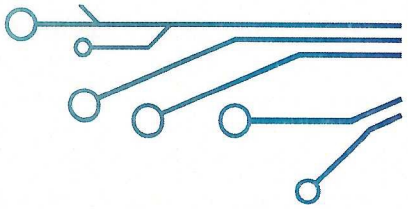


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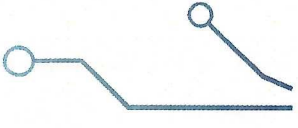


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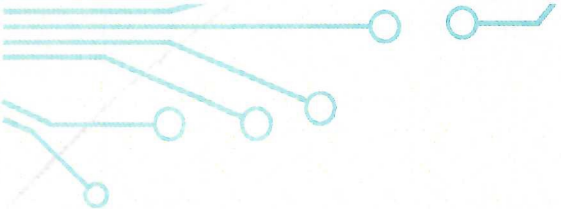


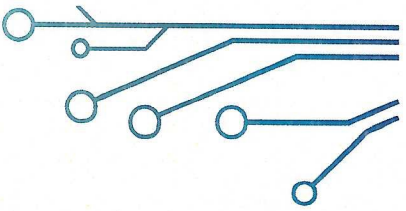
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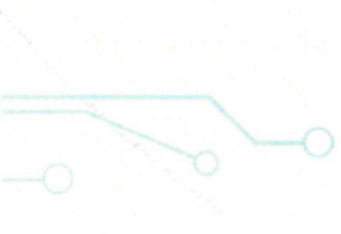
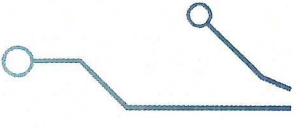
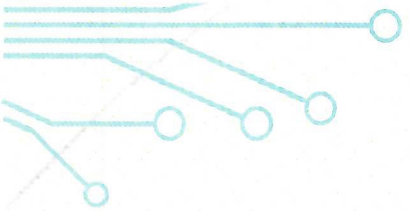


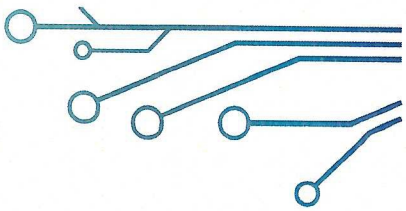
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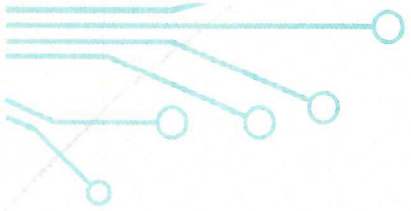
In February 2023, the Town of Branford asked the Branford Community Foundation (BCF) to develop recommendations for distribution of an additional \$395,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to charitable organizations serving the Branford community.

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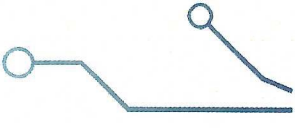


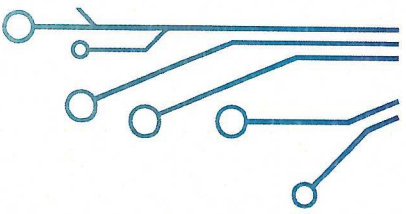
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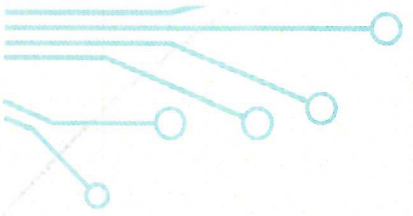
- Identify ARPA requirements
- Hire consultant to ensure federal guidelines are followed
- Confirm funding priorities in partnership with Town leadership
- Name ARPA review committee, ensuring broad community representation
- Create unique application
- Establish timeline



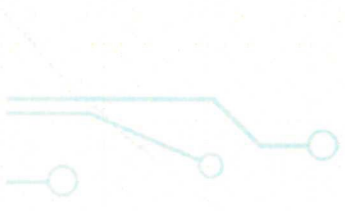
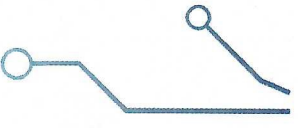


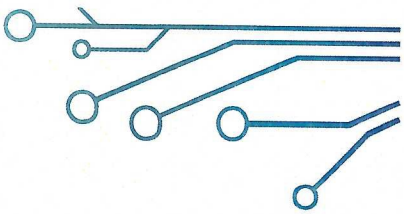
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FUNDING PRIORITIES



- Organization must demonstrate negative economic impact created or exacerbated by COVID19.
- Basic needs, including food insecurity, shelter, emergency financial assistance, childcare.
- Consider supporting organizations and populations that are disparately impacted and that BCF may not have previously supported.
- Mental health services, including prevention, intervention, and substance misuse.
- Programs that create joy in the Branford community.
- Child and youth development services.
- Strive for high impact in the Branford community.





APPLICATION PROCESS

Board Members

- Amy Etzel (Cmte Chair)
- Stephanie Donegan Dietz (Board Chair)
- Kathleen Fox
- Heather Hackley
- Chuck Tiernan

Community Members

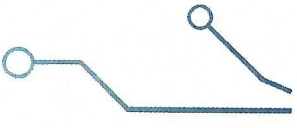
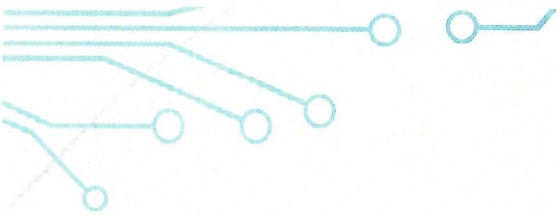
- Rita Berkson
- Peter Cimino
- Gretchen Dale
- David Etzel
- Margot Hardenbergh
- Rachel Sexton

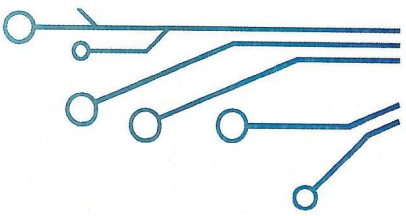
Staff (Non-Voting)

- Jennifer Mullett
- Liza Janssen Petra
- George Krivda (Consultant)

COMMITTEE

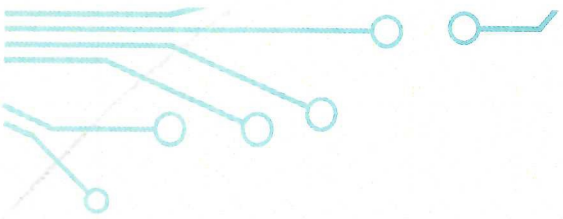
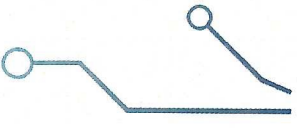
Skills/Experience Represented: Community service, business, education, financial, legal, health





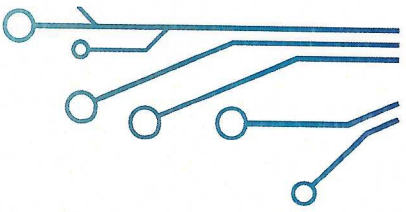
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- **May 31, 2023** Public meeting targeting eligible charitable organizations serving the Branford community held at the Community House on (approximately 55 people in attendance).
- **May / June / July / August** Publicity regarding opportunity and deadline sent to local papers, through social media and email blasts.
- **June 28, 2023** Grantee workshop held June 28th at the Branford Fire Headquarters
- **September 8, 2023** Applications due



TIMELINE

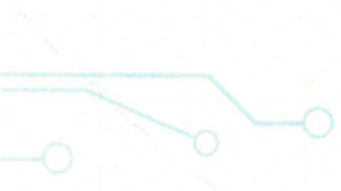
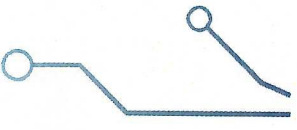
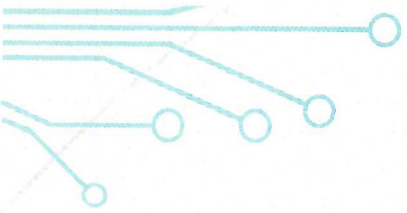


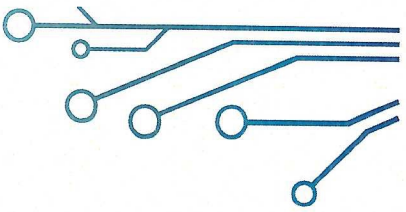


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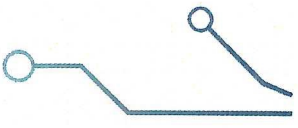
SEPTEMBER –
NOVEMBER 2023

- ARPA Review Committee met 7 times for training, application review, and preparing recommendations.
- Each committee member completed a confidentially and conflict of interest policy form.
- ARPA Consultant reviewed each application for eligibility under federal guidelines, any enumerated uses of State and Local recovery funds, demonstrated negative economic impact created or exacerbated by COVID19, and whether the amount requested is reasonable proportional to the extent and harm experienced.
- Each committee member reviewed each application.
- Each application received a “Lead” and a “Seconder” for review. The lead and seconder provided an overview and initial recommendation for discussion.





- Budget \$395,000
- 27 applications received requesting a total of \$579,369 (range \$2,000 to \$75,000)
- 25 grants recommended for funding (total \$395,000)



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 16 grants recommended for full funding
- 7 grants recommended for partial funding
- 1 application referred back to town for funding through different process (application from an organization not deemed charitable but worthy of funding consideration).
- 1 application not recommended for funding.

