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Date: November 22, 2023

To: Joseph Mooney, Chairman Board of Finance  
James Cosgrove, First Selectman

From: James Finch, Finance Director 

Re: Branford Community Foundation (BCF) ARPA Recommendations  
Shoreline Chamber of Commerce.

**Branford Community Foundation**

As you may recall over the past year, the Board approved actions to reserve \$425,000 of ARPA funds to assist non-profit organizations. Additionally, the Board made a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to engage the Branford Community Foundation (BCF) to assist the town in soliciting and selecting suitable non-profit candidates.

The BCF has completed their selection process which concluded with the BCF board approving their recommendations last week. The BCF plans to make a presentation to the Board of Finance at your meeting. I attach a copy of their presentation and a resolution allocating \$395k to 25 organizations.

**Resolved:** That the Board of Finance, pursuant to the efforts of the Branford Community Foundation recommends to the RTM the following ARPA allotments out of the previous ARPA allocation of \$395,000.

Organization	BCF Recommendation
BHcare, Inc.	10,000
Branford Historical Society	8,000
Branford Land Trust	14,000
Branford Micro fund	20,000
Carrie P. Chandler Housing Development Corporation	20,000
Child Development Center	10,000
Community Dining Room	20,000
Fair Haven Community Health Care	20,000
Friends of James Blackstone Memorial Library	8,800
Legacy Theatre	35,000
Move to Heal CT	20,000
Orchard House Medical Adult Day Center	13,000

Read to Grow, Inc.	15,000
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Heritage Foundation	21,200
Shoreline Arts Alliance	7,000
Shoreline Eldercare Alliance	2,000
Shoreline Village CT	10,000
Soundview Family YMCA c/o Central Connecticut Coast YMCA	15,000
Special Olympics Connecticut	20,000
Stony Creek Museum Inc.	5,000
The Branford Chorale	6,000
The Branford Electric Railway Association, Inc.	15,000
The Connecticut Hospice, Inc.	50,000
The Cove Center for Grieving Children	5,000
Women & Family Life Center	25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>395,000</b>

### Shoreline Chamber of Commerce

As the Board may recall, the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce returned \$25,000 last August for funds allocated to the business mentoring initiative. The reasons for returning the grant stemmed from a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the timing of funds which shortened the time frame required to execute the program.

The request before the board is to reallocate these funds to offset a small portion of their revenue losses related to the pandemic. These losses were are directly linked to their inability to hold fundraising events coupled with a suspension membership fees. Below is a breakdown of their losses based on their application to the BCF.

Summary	Branford	Guilford	Total
Event Income Loss 2021	\$43,577.32	\$43,577.32	\$87,154.64
Event Income Loss 2022	\$31,610.25	\$31,610.25	\$63,220.50
Total Event income loss	\$75,187.57	\$75,187.57	\$150,375.14
Total Membership Write offs	\$36,390.80	\$27,845.00	\$64,235.80
Totals	\$103,224.20	\$94,678.40	\$197,902.59

**Resolved:** That the Board of Finance recommends to the RTM a grant to the Shoreline Chamber of \$25,000. This grant will be funded through ARPA dollars previously returned to the town and will be repurposed to offset the Chamber's revenue losses due to the pandemic.