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MEMORANDUM

TO: Freeport Town Council
FROM: Peter Joseph, Town Manager
DATE: 10/13/22
RE: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding – proposed grant to Freeport Community Services (FCS)

Please see attached memo from FCS Executive Director Sarah Lundin, which contains a summary of anticipated additional needs over the next year's time. Based on these numbers, and the conversation at the last Town Council meeting, staff is recommending a grant of \$112,500 from the Town's ARPA allocation. This would represent the one year cost of adding a 30 hour per week General Assistance position (Sarah's estimated cost of approximately \$37,000 minus the \$12,000 currently allocated under the Town's agreement with FCS), as well as all of the items listed under the heading "Essential Programming and Resource" in her memo. This recommended amount does not include the capital items in Sarah's memo, based on the feedback from the Council at the last meeting, however she was asked to include those items in her memo so the Town Council could be aware of FCS' upcoming capital needs.

This recommended amount is for a one year period during the current fiscal year from this past July until next June. If the Council wants to consider funding for a greater period of time, it is estimated that most of the non-capital costs could be extended fairly accurately out to a second year by doubling the amounts shown.

Please feel free to contact me prior to next Tuesday's meeting if you would like to discuss this matter in greater detail.