

Town of Monterey

Proposal for use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds – Form

- Completed forms are due no later than Thursday October 13th, 2022.
- Please use as many words and images as you feel necessary to describe accurately your proposal. Do not be limited to this document and feel free to attach supporting documents as appropriate.
- Please reach out with any questions to the Select Board at selectboard@montereyma.gov or mail to Town of Monterey Select Board / Post Office Box 308 / Monterey, MA 01245.

Requestor information

Name of requesting entity (public body, Town department, individual citizen, etc.)

Monterey Community Center

Contact information for submitter:

Name: Laurie Shaw

Phone number: 413-528-0343

Email: shaw419@verizon.net

Mailing address: PO Box 86, 419 Main Rd., Monterey, MA 10145

Date request is submitted September 25, 2022 (previously submitted May 18, 2022)

Funding information

Amount of request: \$85,000

Will additional funds be required to complete the project?

If this application is approved in a timely manner, the costs should remain the same. However, building costs are increasing daily so a speedy approval of this application is critical to maintaining the costs.

If yes, where will those funds be obtained?

As a last resort, if there are unanticipated costs, there might need to be some fundraising which the MCC committee would undertake, along with the Friends of the Wilson McLaughlin House.

Will additional expenses be incurred regularly for maintenance or replacement after the initial project?

No

If so, how will maintenance be funded? (Operating expenses within the Line item budget in annual Town Meeting, regular replacement or maintenance to be added to the capital plan, or other – please specify)

Not applicable

Proposed project

What is the proposed use of these funds?

The Monterey Community Center Committee is proposing the construction of a pavilion on the MCC property in order to provide safe outdoor activities for the community.

Since its opening 5 years ago, the Monterey Community Center has become a hub for activities in the town, with a wide array of recreational activities, very frequent use from the Council on Aging as well as a comfortable place to hold various town committee meetings. While affected by the pandemic, the use of the MCC has risen significantly each year. In FY 19 there were 432 visitors and in FY 20 there were 752 visits. There are no statistics for FY 21 as the Community Center was closed most of the year. During FY 22, there were 2,043 visitors either in the building or under the tent. This did not include off site activities at the library. In the first quarter of FY23 there have already been 1,032 visitors up until September 20.

At the height of the Covid -19 pandemic, the MCC was necessarily closed which created a huge void in the social life of the town. In order to provide some activities in a safe manner, the MCC committee has in the past three years rented tents so that people could gather for classes and activities without being confined to an indoor space.

This is not a sustainable plan as the cost of tent rental has significantly increased and the availability of tents has decreased.

Therefore, the MCC Committee is proposing the construction of a pavilion on the property, which would allow the people of Monterey to engage in outdoor activities year round. While the expenditure would initially be significant, it would be a one-time expenditure and would provide decades of use. As the Covid pandemic shows no signs of abating and will most likely take on the status of an endemic health issue, a pavilion on the property of the Monterey Community Center would allow people to gather in a safe environment, providing opportunities for exercise and social interaction, both of which are critical to physical and mental well being.

The project would consist of a 20 x 40 foot pavilion providing 800 sq. ft. of space. There would be no sides on it and no middle post. The roof would be asphalt and the structure would be erected on a concrete pad. With sufficient funds, it would be made ready for electricity. Many local contractors and several businesses have been contacted and some estimates have been received. The most promising of these is Hometown Structures in Westfield who provided an estimate including prevailing wages. (Please see the attached estimate and drawing of the proposed pavilion.) Bathroom facilities would be provided in the main building. The timetable, once the application is approved, would be about 6 months.

Statement of benefits

How will this project benefit the residents of Monterey?

Residents will benefit from an array of classes, programs and cultural events that will take place in a safe outdoor setting. The pavilion can be in use most of the year and will extend opportunities for exercise, social engagement and access to the arts. We have learned from the experience of Covid -19 that these are essential to maintain physical and mental health. This is especially important for many of our older citizens who live alone and must seek out ways of maintaining connections with others.

Documentation of the effects of social isolation can be found in the following articles:

Loneliness and Isolation During the Covid 19 Pandemic
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7306546/>

The Double Pandemic of Social Isolation and Covid 19: Cross-Sector Policy Must Address Both
<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/forefront.20200609.53823/>

Who in the community will be most directly served?

The pavilion has the potential to serve every resident of Monterey, should they choose to do so, as activities will be provided for all ages. The majority of the population of Monterey is over 55 and the MCC pavilion would allow easy access to activities that enhance physical and mental well being, without having to travel outside the community. As the town does not have a Senior Center, The Council on Age is already a frequent user of the MCC and this would provide even more opportunities for our seniors to stay actively and safely engaged with others.

Relevance to the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act

According to the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Resources released by the Office of Inspector General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

“Under the American Rescue Plan Act, passed by the federal government in March 2021, Massachusetts state, county, tribal and local entities will receive federal aid to respond to the public health and economic impacts of the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic” and “may use funds for capital expenditures that support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response.”

This project is a direct response to the Covid-19 pandemic. A facility for outdoor activities was not planned prior to the pandemic. In response to this public health crisis, the MCC provided tents for the past three years in order to provide safe outdoor activities. This has become cost prohibitive. The construction of a pavilion on the MCC property will directly contribute to the physical, social and emotional well being of our citizens.

How will this project fulfill the purpose of ARPA?

The American Rescue Plan Act was passed in order to provide relief to citizens directly affected by the pandemic. The proposal to construct a pavilion will be a public health benefit, providing safe outdoor activities that foster physical and mental health, which are critical to a healthy society.

(Information from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and KP Law about the ARPA program can be found on the Select Board website

<https://www.montereyma.gov/select-board/pages/american-rescue-plan-act-arpa> or upon request at Town Hall)

Additional comments

Is there anything else that the Select Board should know while considering this proposal for use of ARPA funds?

The MCC Committee respectfully requests that you consider the long term benefits of this proposal, one which directly affects our citizens. It is an investment in our people and in their well being, not just a construction project. The Covid-19 pandemic has taken a toll on us all.

This project is a way of restoring and maintaining the health of our residents, our most important community resource.

I am enclosing the following attachments:

- 1) An email and rendering from Joel Nisly from Hometown Structures in Westfield, outlining an estimate for the project, \$ 56,500, plus an estimated \$20,000 for the cement slab. This would leave \$8,500 for electrical work and cost increases.
- 2) The results of an informal survey of some of the citizens of Monterey expressing interest in a pavilion on the grounds of the Community Center.

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ARPA pavilion quote from HS/ Joel Nisley

From: Mary Makuc (marymakuc@gmail.com)
To: shaw419@verizon.net
Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 09:25 AM EDT

We are at 56,500 from Joel
Plus cement slab 20,000

76,500 plus lighting .

I will ask an electrician I know for a quote on lighting pavilion. Also asked Joel if anyone from Westfield might have a quote.

Thanks
Mary

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Joel Nisly** <joel@hometownstructures.com>
Date: Wed, Jul 20, 2022 at 9:18 AM
Subject: Re: SB wants more details before they vote on
To: Mary Makuc <marymakuc@gmail.com>

Hi Mary,

The 8x8 post upgrade isn't needed structurally if we're sticking with a 20' wide structure with standard post spacing. We originally needed it on the quote for a 30' wide pavilion, but now that we're back to a 20' wide unit, we can eliminate that and go back to the standard 5x5 posts unless you want the beefier look of the 8x8 posts.

Attached are a photo and rendering of the 5x5 posts.

The pricing without the 8x8 post upgrade is as follows:

- \$ 55,200 base price of a 20' x 40' Traditional Wood Pavilion with standard architectural shingles
- \$ + 1,300 engineer's seal
- \$ + 0 stained (standard)
- \$ + 0 delivery (free)
- \$ + 0 installation/assembly (free)

\$ 56,500 installed, pre-tax

Thank you,

Joel Nisly, Sales
joel@hometownstructures.com
(413) 417-2623

Thank you

On Wed, Jul 20, 2022, 8:14 AM Mary Makuc <marymakuc@gmail.com> wrote:
ARPA pavilion for MCCenter

Is there a reason we would need a post upgrade?

I am looking at the latest estimate from you and it had a question about post upgrade.

What do you think ?

Otherwise I would like to hand in the 63.500 then we would just need to tack on lighting and cement slab?

Any idea what the lighting would cost? Or who in Westfield might give me a quote? If anyone.

Thanks



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For the third year, the community center has rented a large tent so our programs can be held safely outside. This has been a very successful COVID accommodation both for continuing programming and for the benefit of just being outside whenever possible.

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Also a pavilion could increase the appeal of the venue for private events, generating revenue for the town.

Many of the details for a pavilion are being investigated, but it would be very helpful if you would be willing to add your name and street address in support of this use of the ARPA money as we make our case to the Select Board. There have been many lessons, and changes, due to COVID, and this fund is intended to support such improvements, to "Build Back Better."

We would like to show the Select Board that the Community would like to see a pavilion at the Community Center. May we add your name and street address to our list of supporters?

Thank you,
Monterey Community Center Committee

1. Stephen Moore, 12 New Marlboro Rd.
2. Bonner McAlister 33 Hugi Rd.
3. Janet Jensen 450 Main Road
4. Kyle & Anna 28 Sevan Ave Rd
5. Cynthia T. Hoogs 500 Main Rd.
6. PAUL DEPRETER MAIN ROAD
7. ANNA POIRIER NEW MARLBORO RD
8. PETER POIRIER "
9. LAUREN BERHMAN MAIN ROAD
10. JOE BAKER HUGI ROAD
11. WENDY JENSEN 12 NEW MARLBORO RD
12. SUSAN JOHNSON BRETT ROAD
13. MICHAEL JOHNSON "
- 14.
- 15.

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1. DENNIS LYNCH 22 TYRINGHAM ROAD
2. Bruce Wilkins 64 Main Rd
3. Doug MACTAVISH 9 ART SCHOOL ROAD
4. Allen FlicHER 9 Bearwood Rd
5. Bill ENLUND 73 Beartown Mt Rd
6. Elaine Lynch 22 Tyringham Rd
7. William JOHNSON 140 main Rd
8. PHAMELA JOHNSON 140 MAIN RD
9. Scott Murgai 300 Beartown Mt. Rd. 01245
10. MARK ANDREWS 23 SYLVAN RD,
11. MICHAEL STORCH 19 ART SCHOOL RD.
12. JOE WASIUK 126 Hupi Rd
13. JOE D'ELIA 12 STEVENS LAKE RD
14. KEVIN BASCER 11 EATON RD
15. Clifford WEISS 109 TYRINGHAM RA
16. KATE LASCAR 453 Main Rd Monterey, MA 01245
17. BRIAN BUDAK 453 MAIN RD MONTEREY, MA 01245

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1. GARY SHAW 419 MAIN RD MONTEREY
2. Carl Edelman 160 Hupi Road Monterey
3. Kuthy Schanz 10 mountain Laurel Way
4. Nanette Hudnall 2 Paint Rd Monterey
5. Connie Wilson 128 Fairview Rd Monterey
6. John Ball 9 Art School Rd Monterey
7. Susan 55 Sylvan Rd Monterey Ellen Kovist
8. Susan Moran 454 Main Rd, Monterey
9. Bill Pearce 33 Limerock Ln
10. Ann Higgins 457 MAIN RD MONTEREY
11. Jeff Vallance 12 Bidwell Rd Monterey
12. Adrienne Shaw 419 main rd Monterey
13. Catherine Hurst 134 Fairview rd Monterey
14. Trevor Hurst 134 Fairview rd Monterey
15. Oskar Hurst 134 Fairview rd Monterey
16. Wim Hurst 134 Fairview rd Monterey
17. Carey Vella 99 Bearstown Mountain Rd. Monterey

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| 1. <u>Peter Grealish</u> | PETER GREALISH | 101 TYRINGHAM RD |
| 2. <u>Maureen Banner</u> | MAUREEN BANNER | 19 GRISWOLD RD |
| 3. <u>Michael Banner</u> | Michael Banner | " " " |
| 4. <u>Mary T. Makov</u> | Mary T. Makov | 571 Main Rd |
| 5. <u>Jamie Moscovitz</u> | Jamie Moscovitz | 120 Hops Rd. |
| 6. <u>Linda Gero</u> | Linda Gero | 180 Main Rd |
| 7. <u>Robert E. Hoops</u> | Robert E. Hoops | 507 Main Rd. |
| 8. <u>Elizabeth Wolf</u> | ELIZABETH WOLF | 104 Bealann Hts Rd |
| 9. <u>Kathleen Purcell</u> | KATHLEEN PURCELL | 343 Main Rd. |
| 10. <u>Anne Marie Enocli</u> | ANNE MARIE ENOCLI | 50 Corashim |
| 11. <u>Norman Lapau</u> | NORMAN LAPAU | 19 Harmon |
| 12. <u>Dan Zurig</u> | DAN ZURIG | 18 BEATOWN MTD |
| 13. <u>Rosanna Murray</u> | Rosanna Murray | 34 Griswold |
| 14. <u>Elizabeth Sanchez</u> | Elizabeth Sanchez | 34 Griswold |
| 15. <u>Marc Roberts</u> | Marc Roberts | 23 Art School Rd |
| 16. <u>Kathryn Roberts</u> | Kathryn Roberts | 23 Art School Rd |

