



COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

333 DANIEL WEBSTER HIGHWAY, SUITE 2
BOSCAWEN, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03303-2415
(603) 796-6800 FAX: (603) 796-6840
www.merrimackcounty.net

PRESS RELEASE

February 13th, 2023

Contact: Jessica L. Riendeau, Community Relations Coordinator, jriendeau@merrimackcounty.net

Commissioners announce federal ARPA grant awards totaling over \$1 Million

Boscawen, NH – The Merrimack County Commissioners recently approved the distribution of over one million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant subawards to non-profit organizations throughout Merrimack County. With a mission to work together for a safer community and service to more residents throughout Merrimack County, grant applications were solicited to meet the following needs:

- Addressing health disparities and the social determinants of health;
- Investing in housing and neighborhoods;
- Addressing educational disparities;
- Promoting healthy childhood environments;
- Addressing additional programming needs consistent with the mission of Merrimack County.

Seventeen grant applications were approved for funding, spread out amongst fourteen dedicated non-profit service organizations including: America's Youth Teenage Unemployment Reduction Network, Inc. (MY TURN), Boys & Girl Clubs of Central New Hampshire, Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., Concord Community Music School, Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire, Franklin Opera House, Inc., Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail, The Friends Program, Inc., Future In Sight, Granite YMCA, The Pittsfield Youth Workshop, Twin Rivers Food Pantry, UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center, and Waypoint.

A special working session of the Board of Commissioners convened on January 30th, 2023, during which the recipient agencies presented their intentions for the grant funding and the impact it would have on the residents of Merrimack County. County Commissioner and Board Chair Tara Reardon commented, "We are honored to support the good work already happening throughout our county. We wish to thank all the grant applicants for the time and effort they committed to submitting applications and for their continued dedication to the valuable services they provide to Merrimack County residents. We are incredibly grateful for these partnerships."

