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Town of Riverhead to Receive \$3.67 Million in Federal Stimulus

Supervisor Yvette Aguiar announced that the Town of Riverhead will receive \$3,671,320 in federal stimulus funds over 2021 and 2022 under the American Rescue Plan adopted by both houses of Congress on March 10, 2021. The \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan was approved by President Biden on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

“I want to thank Senator Chuck Schumer and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand for securing funds for Riverhead and the entire State of New York,” Aguiar said. A total of \$12.6 billion in direct state fiscal relief for New York state government was secured under the bill. Money was allocated based on 2019 Census population estimates.

Eligible uses of funds include: costs associated with responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative, recovering losses caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency, and making necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. Funds may NOT be used by states or localities to cover the costs of pension funds. States may NOT use funds to offset a reduction in taxes.

Supervisor Aguiar has identified a committee comprised of Financial Administrator Bill Rothaar, Community Development Director Dawn Thomas and Deputy Attorney Annemarie Prudenti to advise the Town Board on how to best utilize the two-year allocation to the benefit of the operation of Riverhead Town government to best serve the residents of the municipality.