

# Warrant Article 33

## Public Notification of Emergency Funds

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# What are the goals of WA33?

- To provide information about **large-scale** Emergency, Disaster and Stimulus Funds received by the Town from the federal, state or county governments that are outside of the normal budget process.
- To provide the public a chance to comment on **large-scale** Emergency, Disaster and Stimulus Funds received by the Town.

## What does WA33 do?

- It provides a structure for the public, Select Board, School Committee, Advisory Committee and Town Meeting to receive information about Emergency, Disaster and Stimulus Funds received by the Town from federal, state and county governments.
- It provides for one public hearing to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the funds.

# What kind of events would WA33 Cover?

## **Large-scale events such as:**

- Global financial crisis of 2008 (for example: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act)
- COVID-19 pandemic (for example: CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan)

# What events/funds are NOT covered by WA33?

Emergency, Disaster or Stimulus funds of less than \$500,000 provided to the Town.

Funds for one-time emergency winter weather events.

Annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or other annual Federal or State monies made available to the Town outside of emergencies or disasters.

Any funds provided to the Public Schools of Brookline.

WA33  
Provides for  
Basic  
Information  
on  
Emergency  
Funds

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Name of the fund

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Name of the government funding source

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The allowable uses of the fund

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If the Town has any discretion on the uses of the fund

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The amount the Town is eligible for

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Any obligation and expenditure deadlines

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If the Town intends to accept the funds

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Weblinks to the statutory and regulatory requirements of the funds

# Posting & Notification about Information on the Fund



Posted on the Town website within 10 business days of the Town receiving written notice of funding eligibility



Within 10 business days, notification sent via email or other means to:  
Select Board, Advisory Committee,  
Town Meeting, School Committee



# Reporting to the Public on the Funds

- On a quarterly basis, the Town will post a report on the Town website listing the information on the fund and a table on how funds have been obligated and expended.
- Within 30 days of all funds being expended, the Town will post a final report on the Town website and will notify the Select Board, Advisory Committee, Town Meeting and School Committee.



# Sample Quarterly Report

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**Name of Emergency, Disaster or Stimulus Fund**

Information for the Public on the Fund

Department	Activity/Cost	Amount Obligated	Amount Expended to date
Department of Public Health	Staffing, 2 Full Time Equivalent Nurses	\$160,000	\$40,000
Department of Public Works	Supplies, Personal Protective Equipment	\$20,000	\$10,000



# FY22 Section II - Summary of Budget Revenues

Budget Overview \*\*As of March 30, 2021\*\*

Questions about the FY22 Budget? Ask your questions [here](#).



While Section I of this overview details the major drivers and priorities of the entire budget, this section summarizes the most significant year-to-year changes in revenues. Full detail of expenditures can be found in the Program Budget Detail section.

1. **Town/School Partnership Revenue**: Estimated \$1,198,727
  - a. The Public Schools of Brookline allocation from the Annual Town Meeting for FY 2022 is estimated at 120,197,717 an increase of \$ 1,198,727 over FY21 STM vote.
  
2. **Economic Recovery Funds (Federal) Offsets**
  - a. American Rescue Plan (Federal): Estimated TBD
  - a. ESSER III (Federal): Estimated \$3,641,000/TBD (Funding Information Link to be provided)
  - a. ESSER II (Federal): \$1,641,807 (\$150,000 used in FY21 for Spring Tent Rental, Balance applied to FY22)  
[General Information Link](#),  
[ESSER III Fact Sheet Link](#)

Sample Link  
to Fund  
Regulations

**FACT SHEET**  
**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND II**  
**CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021**

This chart outlines the primary differences between the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act enacted on March 27, 2020, and the ESSER II Fund under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, enacted on December 27, 2020.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>ESSER Fund (CARES Act)</b>	<b>ESSER II Fund (CRRSA Act)</b>
Authorizing Legislation	Section 18003 of Division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act	Section 313 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021
Period of Funds Availability	May be used for pre-award costs dating back to March 13, 2020, when the national emergency was declared.  Available for obligation by State educational agencies (SEAs) and subrecipients through September 30, 2022.	Same as ESSER Fund (CARES Act): May be used for pre-award costs dating back to March 13, 2020, when the national emergency was declared.  Available for obligation by SEAs and subrecipients through September 30, 2023.
SEA Deadline for Awarding Funds	SEA must award the funds within one year of receiving them, which will be April through June 2021, depending on an SEA’s award date.	SEA must award the funds within one year of receiving them, which will be January 2022.
Definition of “Awarded”	For the 90 percent of funds for local educational agencies (LEAs), funds are generally considered “awarded” when the SEA subgrants the funds to an LEA.  For the SEA reserve (see section 18003(e) of	Same as ESSER Fund (CARES Act): For the 90 percent of funds for LEAs, funds are generally considered “awarded” when the SEA subgrants the funds to an LEA.  For the SEA reserve (see section 313(e) of

# Public Hearing

If the Town receives funds with any flexibility on how the funds are spent:

- The Select Board or their designee will hold a one-time public hearing to receive public comment on the funds within 30 days of 30% of the fund being obligated
- The Town is not required to halt spending during the public hearing process.



# What does WA33 NOT do?

- It does not tell the Town how to obligate or expend funds.
- It does not require the Town to stop spending emergency, disaster or stimulus funds at any point.