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"Some people don't like change, but you need to embrace change if the alternative is disaster." ~ Elon Musk

Local

Southbury receives \$5.79 million ARPA funding

By Dan Nowak

Southbury First Selectman Jeffrey Manville was ecstatic when the town recently received \$5.79 million in federal funding as part of the American Rescue Plan Act.

But the big question is what can Southbury use it for moving forward?

"We knew this money was coming," Manville said. "But what still isn't clear is what we can or can't use it for in town. There is some conflict

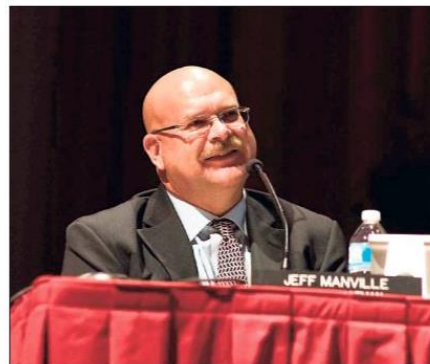
among federal officials regarding how the money can be spent.

"I talked to officials and the government says the decision on how towns can use the money is in refinement, meaning they are still trying to figure it out. Honestly, for us there is no rush on this decision because they won't take the money away. We expect a final decision within a month."

While town officials are still waiting for some direction from the federal government on where to spend the money, the town has formed a task force to develop a plan for the use of the funds. Town officials - the task force - are reaching out to the community to get input and ideas from residents on how to spend federal funding.

"This is the first time we are reaching out to the community to specifically ask the public how they want us to spend the money," Manville said. "We want to work with people to see what they want to use it for and that becomes a win-win situation for the town."

Manville said there is a link (<https://southbury-ct.org/arpa>) on the town website where residents can go and share ideas on how to spend the ARPA



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Southbury First Selectman Jeffrey Manville

"We'll see what residents think, but for me, with over \$5 million to use, I'd like to see us use it on infrastructure with upgrades and improvements on our roads, bridges and buildings," Manville said. "Those are the biggest infrastructure costs. If you don't address those problems it can become very expensive down the road."

"You have to make sure these three things are maintained, something that involves long-term savings and will sustain our municipality a long time. You also want to spend the money on projects that are completely covered by the ARPA funding. You don't want to start a project using the ARPA money and then find out the funding doesn't cover the entire cost. You don't want the funding to run out and find that in order to complete a project you need more money."

Manville said he is anxious to hear from residents...and the federal government.

"It's great to have this money," Manville said. "I'm looking forward to the input from residents. But we really need to get direction and guidelines from the federal government when it comes to how we can use the money."

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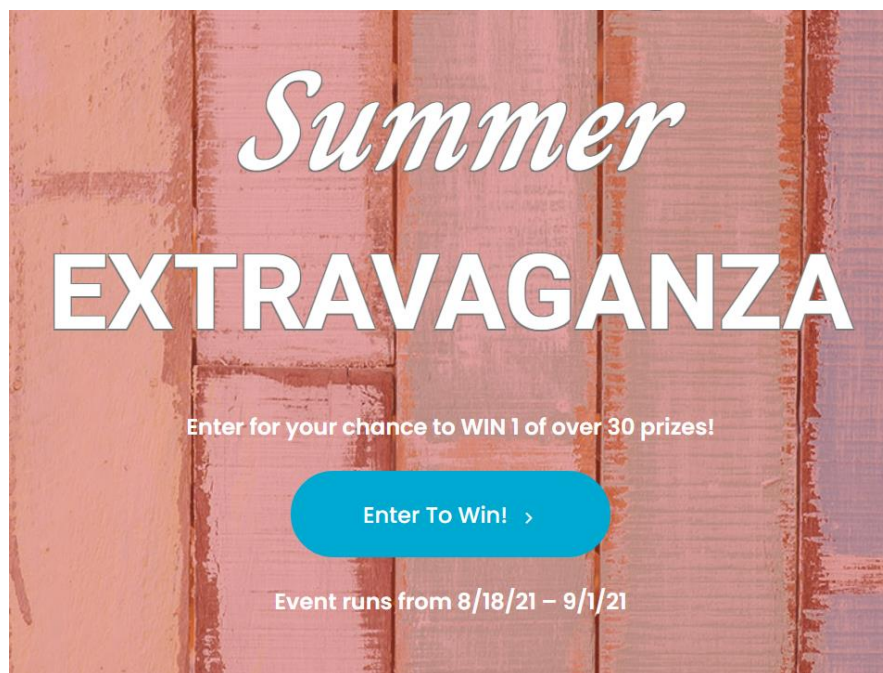
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As part of the state's Economic Action Plan, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) is launching two initiatives that will restore jobs, accelerate growth opportunities, and ensure an economy that works for everyone as we recover from the pandemic:

Innovation Corridor – Provides up to \$100 million in state co-investment that will seed three transformational, place-making projects in cities; 101 College St. in New Haven is currently underway and considered the first project investment.

CT Communities Challenge – Competitive grant program (\$1M - \$10M in size) to improve livability and vibrancy in communities throughout the state.

DECD recently hosted a virtual presentation to provide an overview of these two programs. Below are links to materials from the event:

- Please [click here](#) for a **PDF of the presentation**
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