

**City of Barre, Vermont**

# Granite City Community-Innovation Funding Letters of Interest

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) which provides \$350 billion to state and local governments across the nation for the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Of Vermont's \$1.25 billion share, over \$200 million (about \$300 per Vermonter) was allocated to municipalities. Barre City received \$2.5 million.

## Program Details

### **Why is Barre requesting letters of interest for potential grant funding?**

This special, one-time funding is intended to support transformative projects leveraged by additional funding from outside organizations, helping Barre respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **What are allowable uses of the funds?**

The U.S. Department of Treasury, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT), and other organizations have issued guidance on the allowable use of funds. The City will evaluate proposals to ensure eligibility prior to proceeding with applications.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Groups of people, individuals or organizations working for the public benefit in Barre City, Vermont.

### **How could funds be disbursed?**

Although no details are final, prospective funding may be disbursed in up to three phases (an initial payment to get started, a mid-term payment upon demonstration of progress, and a final payment upon completion of remaining documentation).

### **What record-keeping will be expected of grantee?**

All applicants will be expected to keep detailed records of every transaction and provide invoices and proof of payment.

**How will projects be evaluated?**

Eligible projects will be evaluated by a review panel to be determined at a later stage. The criteria may include but will not be limited to:

- Clearly defined need
- Outcome-based impact (how will the project improve the lives of the people of Barre City)
- Cost-effectiveness
- Leverage (extent to which project has additional outside funding and support)
- Readiness (is the project well framed, well-backed, and able to be implemented)

**What is Ineligible?**

At this time, the following will not be considered for funding:

- Any partisan or political activities (or organizations that use funding for partisan or political activities)
- Projects incompatible with the City's plans or regulations
- Ongoing operational costs or reimbursement of expenses that occurred before the grant was issued
- The establishment of reserve funds for use beyond the grant cycle
- The purchase of materials or equipment unrelated to the grant
- Paying staff or volunteers to administer the grant

**When should letters of interest be submitted?**

Letters of interest will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning **September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. Due to capacity constraints for related public outreach on the use of the City's ARPA funds, no final application deadline, review process, or award schedule has been established at this time but could be as early as December 2022. Updates to the process will be communicated widely, including via the [Barre City website](#). The letters of interest will help the City and Council understand projects as part of its ongoing outreach. People and organizations will be invited to apply based on their letter of interest. All projects must target a completion date by December 2026.

Letter of Interest

Prospective Applicant

Organization Name/Applicant Name

Turning Point Center of Central Vermont

Mailing Address

[Redacted]

Website (if one is available)

Under construction – please see our FaceBook page.

Name of Primary Contact for Application

Robert Purvis

Phone Number of Primary Contact

[Redacted]

Organizational Status (such as a City Committee, 501(c)(3) non-profit, etc.)

501(c)(3) nonprofit

If defined, what is the mission of your organization?

To help individuals and families recover from substance use disorders.

If different from the applicant, who will be the primary project manager?

Same as Primary Contact.

What is the background and experience of the project manager as it relates to this project?

I have experience applying for and managing state and federal grants, both for Turning Point's operations as well as for our current project to renovate and improve the property at 18 S. Main St., Barre, for our new recovery center facility.

If your organization has done similar project(s), please describe the project(s), when they occurred, and any measurable results and goal-based outcomes.

Our current Recovery Center Renovation Project is the first and only itme we have engaged in a project such as this.

## Project Overview & Impact

### **Briefly summarize your project:**

We will restore a historic building at 18 S. Main St., Barre, and build an addition to create a model peer addiction recovery center serving central Vermont. This new facility will enable us to partner more effectively with CVMC and other area institutions.

### **How did you determine the need for this project?**

Our current facility is too small and the space poorly configured for our current staff and programs. It is also in poor condition and in an undesirable part of town. We are unable to serve our constituents properly or develop more working partnerships with other area healthcare and human services programs.

### **How will your project transform Barre City and provide public benefit for its people in a positive way for years to come?**

By restoring a historic building we will be adding to Barre City's beauty while serving a population that is at risk for fatal overdose and other health problems related to substance misuse—but which, if aided in achieving recovery, can bring greater health to families and help strengthen the community.

### **How will you measure and evaluate the success of your project beyond inputs?**

The success of our project will be measured by the number and quality of the recovery programs we will be able to carry out and the number of people who are able to achieve greater physical, mental, and spiritual health as a result.

### Estimated Project Budget

**What is the total cost of your project? Please identify any ongoing and/or recurring costs.**

\$3,295,200. Once completed we estimate operating costs of approximately \$3,000 per month including mortgage, property taxes, utilities, water/sewer, insurance, fire alarm.

**How did you estimate or determine the cost of your project?**

Our budget estimate was created by our architects, Scott + Partners. It is subject to change when contracts are entered into during 2023.

**How much ARPA funding are you requesting from the City of Barre?**

\$50,000.

**Would this funding be used as minimum required match for other funds?**

Yes

No

**What are the other prospective sources of funding and are they secured?**

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Secured (yes or no)
Senator Leahy CDSR	\$ 750,000	Yes
Vt Community Development Program*	\$ 300,000	Yes
USDA Rural Development	\$ 1,000,000	Yes
Turning Point Center (mortgage)	\$	Yes
Balance to raise	\$	No
*Sponsored by Barre City	\$	

### Project Approach

How long is the project estimated to last and when will it be complete?

Will your project involve contracted or sub-contracted components?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe (1) which components will be contracted and/or sub-contracted, (2) how contractors and/or sub-contractors will be selected to obtain the best value for taxpayer funding, and (3) how favoritism and conflicts of interest will be avoided?

### Complete the Work Plan & Budget Breakdown

Actions should break down the project into milestone parts and not be overly detailed or overly broad.

Action <i>(e.g. build a trail bridge)</i>	Materials <i>(e.g. lumber for trail bridge)</i>	Responsibility <i>(e.g. contracted trail crew)</i>	Budget	Target Completion Date

### Submission

Submit completed form to:

**Roxanne Pike**  
**Executive Assistant to the City Manager**  
[ExecAssist@barrecity.org](mailto:ExecAssist@barrecity.org)

Please use "ARPA Letter of Interest – [Organization/Applicant Name]" in the email subject line.