

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Lyme to be held on October 6, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. (E.T.) at the East Lyme Town Hall Upper Meeting Room for the following purposes:

1. To consider and act upon a special appropriation in the amount of \$126,053 for the following items with the source of funds being America Rescue Funds:

\$ 54,638	Ledge Light Health District
\$ 25,000	East Lyme Giving Garden
\$ 8,965	SECT Council of Governments
\$ 12,500	Save the River/Save the Hills (pumpout boat)
\$ 13,950	American Legion
\$ 9,000	V.F.W.
\$ 2,000	NL Homeless Hospitality Center

2. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark Nickerson

Kevin Seery

Marc Salerno

Rose Ann Hardy

Dan Cunningham

Paul Dagle

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Kevin Mullen  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

## September 1, 2021 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting American Rescue Plans - Distribution of Funds

Total Amount Requested	Organization	Item	Details
\$ 54,638.00	Ledge Light Health District	Regional Request	East Lyme's 1% contribution
\$ 15,000.00	East Lyme Giving Garden	Various items requested	
\$ 8,965.00	SECT Council of Governments	Voluntary Assessment	Period July 1, 2021 -- June 30, 2022
\$ 12,500.00	Save the River/Save the Hills	Operations/Maintenance & New Boat	
\$ <del>5,000.00</del>	<del>East Lyme Historical Society</del>	<del>Thomas Lee House</del>	
\$ 7,500.00	East Lyme Town Clerk	Dupont Storage System	Take hard copy land records back to 1959 that need to be indexed and uploaded to USLandrecords. See attached worksheet from Lussier Development Corp
\$ <del>83,864.00</del>	<del>Care &amp; Share</del>	<del>New Storage Building</del>	
\$ 13,950.00	American Legion		
\$ 99,000.00	VFW		
\$ 2,000.00	NL Homeless Hospitality Center	Annual Funding	\$2K above \$3,000 already budgeted
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 - 5,000 Historical Society  
 - 7,500 Town Clerk > Per BoF  
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 126,053



Promoting  
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1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Nickerson,

August 3, 2021

As your local health department, Ledge Light Health District has been honored to lead COVID mitigation and response efforts in East Lyme and surrounding communities while simultaneously fulfilling out statutory obligations and addressing other public health issues, including the overdose epidemic. We have worked tirelessly to reduce the morbidity and mortality related to COVID-19, drawing on resources constricted by years of underfunding by the State, and further impacted by reduced revenues and increased costs because of COVID-19.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides an opportunity for local government to further contain COVID-19, invest in infrastructure that will protect our communities in future public health emergencies, and build stronger and healthier communities. Unfortunately, as with the Coronavirus Response Funding, the funding mechanisms implemented do not contain a provision for direct funding to local health districts. Because there is continued need to implement public health activities in response to the on-going pandemic and to prepare for future public health emergencies, we are requesting that each of our member municipalities allocate 1% of their American Rescue Plan Act funding to Ledge Light Health District.

Throughout our more than 18 months of pandemic response activities, we have identified numerous areas for programmatic and operational improvement. This funding will allow us to carry out necessary and allowable activities that will prepare us for future public health emergencies, including:

1. Providing support for community members to isolate/quarantine
2. Supporting staffing and material asset allocation for community testing and vaccination events
3. Expanding our public health surveillance and epidemiological capacity
4. Expanding our public communication capacity
5. Expanding the breadth and depth of skills on our public health team, including the hiring of an additional full time public health nurse, additional community health workers, and community- based navigators
6. Purchasing a dedicated mass vaccination vehicle

The COVID-19 public health emergency continues to present challenges to our normal operations and restrict our ability to fully address the needs of our communities. The American Rescue Plan Act funding provides an opportunity for our member municipalities to support our efforts to continue our public health emergency response and rebuild from the last 18 months. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Mansfield  
Director, LLHD





Giving Garden  
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First Selectman  
East Lyme, CT

East Lyme Giving Garden  
4 Church Lane, East Lyme CT

Dear First Selectman Nickerson,

Thank you for consideration of town support for the East Lyme Giving Garden. We are grateful for the support and enthusiasm the community of East Lyme has shown for our project and our vision for the future of the garden as a focus of community learning about nutrition, ecology and positive social action.

The East Lyme Giving Garden (ELGG) was founded in early 2020 and recently received 501(c)3 status. During our first season, ELGG grew at the historic Samuel Smith House in East Lyme, which donated 20 raised beds for our use. All produce grown was donated to the Shoreline Food Pantry in Niantic, CT.

To build on this successful pilot project, the Giving Garden expanded to a four-acre field owned by the Flanders Baptist and Community Church at 4 Church Lane in East Lyme, CT. This plot is more centrally located in town which allows for better community visibility and a significant increase in the amount of food potentially grown. For the 2021 season, 8 rows (110' long) are being farmed. Crops grown include broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, kale, bush/pole beans, cucumber, carrots, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, and zucchini.

With the planned increase in crop yield, we are beginning a new partnership with the United Way for donation of produce. United Way served over 3 million meals in New London County and has partnered with us to coordinate the specific need of fresh vegetables in the communities they serve. With our expansion this year, yields should increase significantly over the several hundred pounds donated last year. To date in 2021, over 650lbs has been donated to the United Way with another 100-300 pounds expected harvest each week.

All the food grown will be donated to fight local food insecurity. East Lyme has a 8.7% food insecurity rate. Greater New London County has seen a 50% increase in food insecurity during the pandemic, to over 47,000 people. The CT Food Bank estimates 1 in 4 children in New London will face hunger this year.

The garden is organized and run exclusively by volunteers. With our expansion, ELGG has formed a five-person board, and brought on a garden manager, site manager, and environmental safety advisor. External volunteer support is an integral part of our garden. Groups who have donated their time include the Niantic Lions Club, Shoreline East Lyme Leos Club (high school students), the East Lyme Rotary Interact Club (high school students), East Lyme Girl Scouts (elementary students), East Lyme Daisy Troop (elementary students), and the Boy Scouts (middle and high school students). Our social media sites have a modest but growing audience (300+ followers on Instagram and 600+ on Facebook), which indicates strong

community support for the garden project. With our more visible new location in town, we expect that our presence in the community will continue to grow.

Many of our volunteers are experienced gardeners, but we have also attracted novices who receive on the site training from our staff. We intend to expand this education effort in years two and three as we obtain the experience to understand the volunteer and staffing needs of our education efforts.

The growth of the garden in 2020 has only been possible because of extensive support from the community, manpower and fundraising. Sustainable CT sponsored two matched fundraising drives, which each raised \$15,000. The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut (implementing the Neighbors for Neighbors Fund) awarded us a \$6,000 grant. The Connecticut Society for Women Environmental Professionals (SWEPE) awarded us a \$2,000 grant. Board member and in-kind donations total over \$20,000. That has allowed the garden to build the infrastructure necessary, including growing materials (seeds, row cover, weed mat, trellises), electricity, water conserving drip irrigation lines, an office shed, and a water pump shed.

Future needs of the growing mission are focused on components to efficiently grow food over longer time periods and support our volunteers. The educational mission will require a tool shed to store the equipment we will provide to novice gardeners, and a shelter to conduct classes and demonstrations, and this pavilion should also become the focus of a community gathering spot where Scouts, middle and high school students, and senior citizens come to learn and share their knowledge with the community. The needs for both of those missions include:

- 1. \$10,000      Equipment shed**  
An equipment shed that is lockable is needed to securely store tools, as we are currently using a soft cover zipped storage system on loan from a garden member.
- 2. \$15,000      High tunnel**  
A high tunnel will allow us to extend our growing season into the late fall / early winter and early spring periods when outdoor ground is unusable. This will let us continue to make food donations beyond our current capabilities. We will also be able to grow seedlings in the high tunnel, as this year we outsourced much of our seedling raising.
- 3. \$7,000      Pavilion (stage 1 of building)**  
Long term goals of the garden include formal educational outreach events to youth and adults in town, on a range of topics including ecology, gardening, and healthy diets. A pavilion on-site would provide a more structured place with seats and weather protection during those events.
- 4. \$10,000      Tools**  
Garden tools would enable efficiently scaling up from our current rows being farmed, to grow food more efficiently for donation. Most volunteers do not come with their own

equipment and so additional basic tools like seeders, hand tools, hoes, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, buckets, and washing equipment would be beneficial. Power equipment such as mowers and weed whackers would also be very helpful.



SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

5 Connecticut Avenue, Norwich, Connecticut 06360  
(860) 889-2324/Fax: (860) 889-1222/Email: [office@seccog.org](mailto:office@seccog.org)

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**NOTICE OF REQUESTED DUES**

First Selectman  
East Lyme, CT

Member Municipality:

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OK to Pay  
\$10,537  
7/27/21

Regular contribution requested for period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022: \$10,537

Voluntary Assessment – ARPA Funding  
For period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022:

\$8,965

*Mark C. Nickerson*

**Total FY 2022 Contribution including  
Voluntary Assessment:**

**\$19,502**

Member Municipalities:

Bozrah \* Colchester \* East Lyme \* Franklin \* Griswold \* Borough of Jewett City \* City of Groton \* Town of Groton \* Lebanon \* Ledyard \* Lisbon \* Montville \* New London \* North Stonington \* Norwich \* Preston \* Salem \* Sprague \* Stonington \* Stonington Borough \* Waterford \* Windham

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Si necesita asistencia lingüística, por favor comuníquese a 860-889-2324, [office@seccog.org](mailto:office@seccog.org)  
如果您需要语言帮助, 请致电 860-889-2324 或发送电子邮件至 [office@seccog.org](mailto:office@seccog.org)



# Save the River/Save the Hills

July 28, 2021

Mark Nickerson  
East Lyme First Selectman  
108 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Niantic, CT 06357

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First Selectman  
East Lyme, CT

Dear Mark,

As the pumpout boat administrator, I have submitted a grant application to CT DEEP on behalf of Save the River/Save the Hills. DEEP manages the federal Clean Vessel Act (CVA). If accepted, the CVA grant will cover 75% of our costs for the annual Operations and Maintenance (O&M); we have also included a request for a new Pumpout boat for 2022.

Currently, we are operating a boat that is over 20 years old and does not meet current CVA standards. The DEEP is allowing us to operate this boat with the understanding we will be getting a new boat for 2022. The new boat should last for many years and will be able to accommodate our anticipated needs.

Our projected costs submitted with the 2022 CVA grant are:

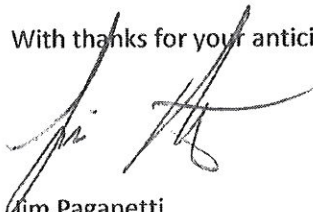
O&M – Request \$40,730; Anticipated Grant Award (75%) \$30,548.  
New Boat – Request \$125,500; Anticipated Grant Award (75%) \$94,125.

New boats range in costs from \$82,000 to \$125,500, we submitted a request for the largest amount. This gives us leeway in choosing the best possible boat for our operations, but our actual costs may be less.

In the past both East Lyme and Waterford have graciously assisted in funding some expenses not covered by the CVA. This year, we are requesting even more assistance since we must purchase a new boat. The DEEP looks favorably upon programs that have promissory notes in place for the outstanding 25% of the anticipated need. With that understanding, we are requesting your support to help fund the out of pocket expenses of \$41,558.00 (\$10,183 for O&M and \$31,375 for a new boat).

We understand this is a big ask, but future years will return to Operations and Maintenance only. Please see the attached detailed costs submitted with the CVA proposal. I am available at your convenience if you wish to discuss or have any questions or concerns.

With thanks for your anticipated support,



Jim Paganetti  
Pumpout Administrator  
860-805-0602



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Turner-Tinker Post 128  
16 York Avenue  
Niantic, CT 06357  
860-739-9360

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First Selectman  
East Lyme, CT

To Whom It May Concern:

As you may know, for many years American Legion Post 128 has provided various services, activities, and support to the East Lyme community. The Post is composed of three groups: the Auxiliary Unit, the Sons of The American Legion, and The Legionnaires. Together, these three units provide financial and physical support to veterans, their families, and the East Lyme community in many different ways including, but not limited to:

- Granting college scholarships to East Lyme high school students
- Granting camp scholarships to East Lyme students
- Providing support to Care & Share
- Providing veterans who reside at The Rocky Hill Veterans Home & Hospital with personal supplies
  - clothes, games, quality of life supplies
- Providing logistical and general support to the Marines Toys for Tots drive
- Working with the Girl Scouts giving cookies to departing troops
- Honoring our fallen troops at funerals
- Supporting our local veterans with advice and servicing their needs
- Providing a place for stressed and disabled veterans to socialize with similarly experienced veterans

The COVID-19 pandemic forced the Post to shut down for six months with no income and decreased income for the period thereafter. CY2020 dropped \$31,896.45 below CY2019, and CY2021 is estimated to end \$25,409.92 below pre-COVID levels; we are therefore requesting that you consider us for a grant from the town of East Lyme for the following:

- During the annual inspection of the Post's steam boilers, a leak was found internal to the boiler. The maintainer said it would need to be replaced. An estimate was provided for that replacement for \$8,950.
- Due to age and wear we are looking to replace our ice machine, drink cooler, and cash register as we prepare to welcome our veterans and the public back to our hall. The price to replace these items is \$5,000.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Raymond Scott  
American Legion  
Commander Post 128  
(860)460-4308

Kari-Hill Post #5849 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars



39 Columbus Avenue  
Niantic, Connecticut

July 7, 2021

Dear Board of Selectman,

This is a request for Impact aid from the Covid 19 Impact Funds. The Kari Hill VFW Post 5849 was severely impacted by the Covid 19 virus. We request a total of \$9,000 dollars in impact aid. The Post could not conduct our Roast Beef dinners for 14 months, we were unable to rent out our meeting hall for the same amount of time. The Covid 19 lockdown created a fiscal crisis for the Kari Hill VFW and that severely hampers our efforts to help the East Lyme Veterans that rely on our assistance. Here is the specific use of impact aid:

1. Aid to 10 Veteran families for Thanksgiving Food Aid- \$1500
2. Aid to 11 Veterans families for Christmas, \$2000
  - A. Clothing to families \$1000
  - B. Furniture and presents \$1000
3. Rental and Housing Assistance to 5 Veterans in need -\$2000
  - A. Temporary Rental Assistance \$1500
4. New Refrigerator and Freezer for Post \$1500
5. Replenish Relief Fund for Veterans -\$2000

\$ 12,500

Thank you so much for your consideration and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Hughes".

Patrick Hughes

Kari Hill VFW Post Quartermaster

Past Commander

STSC (SS) Ret





NEW  
LONDON **Homeless  
Hospitality Center**

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Agenda Item  
# 20

Administrative Office  
730 State Pier Road  
Post Office Box 1651  
New London, CT 06320

Program Office  
325 Huntington Street  
New London, CT 06320

August 10, 2021

www.NLHHC.org  
(860) 439-1573

Town of East Lyme  
Anna Johnson, Finance Director  
PO Box 519  
108 Pennsylvania Avenue  
East Lyme, CT 06357

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Because I know the work of the New London Homeless Hospitality Center (NLHHC) is important to the Town of East Lyme, it is my pleasure to continue to further the mission of the Center, and provide essential services to members of your community, together.

The New London Homeless Hospitality Center requests funding from the Town of East Lyme in the amount of \$5,000 for FY 2021-2022. As this represents an increase of \$2,000 over previous years, so have the services NLHHC offers to members of the East Lyme community.

The New London Homeless Hospitality Center doesn't just offer hospitable shelter to neighbors experiencing homelessness, but also offers tools to help guests achieve and sustain permanent housing. This year, for example, HHC opened a housing resource center which offers help to people before homelessness happens. This growth in effectiveness requires the ongoing support of our whole community.

It would be my pleasure to host you or a representative from the Town for a tour of the shelter and/or its new housing resource center, or meet with you make a proposal for this requested increase in funding. In fact, I will call you soon to follow up.

The Town of East Lyme's support has helped so many people, in so many ways. Thank you for continuing to partner with the Homeless Hospitality Center in this work.

Sincerely,

Annah Perch  
Development Manager  
annah@nlhhc.org  
860-439-1573, x321