



Town of Coventry

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Memorandum

To: Town Council
From: Amanda Backhaus, Finance Director
Re: Ambulance Replacement
Date: December 28, 2021

On June 7th, the Town Council authorized the use of \$175,000 of American Rescue Plan funding to purchase a replacement ambulance. The Town entered into a contract with Eastford Fire & Rescue to replace and remount a cab and chassis on an existing ambulance. Unfortunately, Eastford was not able to fulfill their contract due to several issues that arose. The Town has reached out to a vendor, who had been awarded our most recent fire truck bid award, to see about additional options. The vendor has several demo models that they would be willing to sell us. The cheapest of which is \$240,000, which clearly would require additional funding. Please note this is significantly cheaper than buying a brand new model.

There is time sensitivity to this, as a demo model is sold on a first-come basis. With that in mind, we are requesting two items:

1. **Motion: Council moves to waive the bid requirements for the purchase of the replacement ambulance.**

2. There are three options for additional funding available:
 - a. The Town Council can authorize use of funds from CNREF or their 1 ½% fund
 - b. The Town Council can authorize additional funding from the American Rescue Plan Act
 - c. The additional funding could be leased, resulting in a need for additional funding in the amount of \$15,000 for a 5-year lease or \$10,000 for a 10-year lease (either of these amounts would still need to be authorized from either CNREF or the 1 ½% fund and will increase debt service in future budget years)

Motion: Council authorized additional funding up to \$65,000 from (insert option from above).