

# Town of Hopkinton

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## **Town of Hopkinton Accepting Economic Recovery Grant Applications from Residents Disproportionately Affected by COVID-19 Pandemic**

HOPKINTON — Town Manager Norman Khumalo and Director of Hopkinton Youth & Family Services Dawn Alcott are pleased to announce that Hopkinton's Youth & Family Services department is now accepting grant applications from Hopkinton residents disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021, a \$4 billion spending package was passed at the state level to invest in the Commonwealth's COVID-19 economic recovery. The legislation utilizes \$2.55 billion in funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and \$1.45 billion in funding from the state budget surplus for Fiscal Year 2021. The Town of Hopkinton has been allocated a \$90,000 grant by the Commonwealth, which will allow the Town to help residents who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, it's been our mission to ensure that our community members are receiving support from the town, and with this new grant

application, we are pleased to say that we are continuing those efforts," Town Manager Khumalo said. "We understand that the pandemic took a toll on many families and resulted in financial hardships. With this grant program we hope to provide economic relief to those in need and we encourage anyone who may be eligible to receive grant funds to apply."

The grant application is available in the following languages:

- [Grant Application \(in English\)](#)
- [Translated Arabic Application](#)
- [Translated Spanish Application](#)
- [Translated Urdu Application](#)
- [Translated Russian Application](#)
- [Translated Portuguese Application](#)
- [Translated Chinese Application](#)
- [Translated Korean Application](#)

Qualifying COVID-19 pandemic impacts may include: job loss, furlough debts, overdue utility bills, education loss, medical expenses (including behavioral health), cost of fuel/gasoline, costs of basic needs impacted by inflation, inability to address home or car repairs to cover other expenses, or other needs.

Applicants must provide proof of current Hopkinton residency and documentation of proof of need, which includes: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Fuel Assistance Eligibility Letter; SNAP Eligibility Letter; Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Eligibility Letter; Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children Eligibility Letter; Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Eligibility Letter, or a letter of receipt of Financial Assistance from the Hopkinton Public Schools.

Residents who have never applied to the programs listed above and/or believe that they may qualify are encouraged to contact the Outreach/Social Services Department through Hopkinton Senior Services at 508-497-9730, or Hopkinton Youth & Family Services at 508-497-9781.

**Applications must be submitted to Hopkinton Youth & Family Services and should be received by Thursday, Dec. 1.**

Once all applications have been received, grants will be determined by the number of

approved applicants. One grant award will be made per household. Grant disbursements will be delivered via check mailed to the resident.

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