

Town Article 29 – One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund

This article will place \$161,500 from the Unassigned Fund Balance into the One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund (CRF). (1) This CRF was established by voters in 2020 by Warrant Article 20 and, at that time, set aside \$154,400 for operational budget purchases that are either repeating or single time.

This year, projected one-time or cyclic purchases include potential impacts associated with Covid-19 at \$20,000 (e.g. extra sanitation and PPE for Deliberative session and voting, equipment/materials for Town employees handling citizens' in-person business, signage & mailings for citizens, legal reviews of State guidelines/mandates), the mailing costs associated with the 2021 Re-Evaluation at \$6,500, and modernization of the Raymond Police Department to better meet law enforcement industry standards and reduce liabilities to the community and the officers (body cameras at \$76,000 and, based on State of NH 2020 Recommendations, electronic fingerprinting capabilities at \$19,000 to facilitate FBI reporting & enhance detection of suspects taken into custody).

There is no new tax impact.

A YES vote transfers \$161,500 into the One-Time or Cyclic Procurement CRF and sets aside that sum to cover the specific one-time and cyclical costs as listed above.

A NO vote means that the cyclical or one-time costs identified would have to come from the Operational Budget in the year of the expense instead of from fund balance.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- To plan ahead for one-time or cyclical expenses by setting aside money in a CRF.
- Setting aside money in the CRF will help stabilize and avoid spikes in the tax rate.
- To fund a CRF from the Unassigned Fund Balance instead of current taxes.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Prefer to pay for these one-time or cyclic expenses through the Operational Budget.
- Do not support one or more of the one-time or cyclic expenses offered as examples.

References:

1. The stated intention for this new CRF is designed to stabilize the Town's budget and offset the tax impact of the Operational Budget. "2020 Warrant Article Overview, Deliberative Version."