



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard  
Highway  
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

## Legislation Text

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**File #: 23-1747, Version: 1**

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### FINANCIAL BUSINESS REQUEST (FBR)

**Motion/Request:**

MOTION to appropriate and transfer \$201,239 from Account #10188210-59300 (Transferred Funds) to Account #2101402-49002 (CNR Transfers In);

In addition, appropriate \$201,239 to Account #21070101-58261 (BOE CNR Ag-Science);

And authorize the Board of Education to spend up to \$271,960 as outlined in the Board of Education Agricultural Science & Technology (ASTE) 2022/2023 request.

**Background:**

For Fiscal Year 2022/2023 \$850,000 was budgeted in the General Fund for Vo-Ag Stabilization Funding (ASTE) Revenues. The town received \$1,051,239 in funding; or \$201,239 more than the projected budgeted revenue.

The Board of Education's Agricultural Science & Technology (ASTE) Program developed the attached spending plan and has requested authorization to spend the additional \$201,239 of ASTE Funding along with \$70,721 of existing Ag Science Capital Funding for a total expenditure of \$271,960.

Please see the attached Board of Education letter dated June 5, 2023.

**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:**

The Ag Science Capital Account in Fund 210 has an unencumbered balance of \$83,152 prior to the transfer.

**Mayor Comment/Recommendation:**

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**Meeting Action Detail:**

**Town Council Meeting 06/14/2023:**

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Moved: Saums Seconded: Ingalls

Action: Approved and so Declared

**Minute Note:**

Moved by Councilor Ryan, seconded by Councilor Ingalls

Discussion: Councilor Saums explained the town receives funding specifically for the Vo-Ag Science Program. He noted for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 \$850,000 was budgeted in the General Fund for Vo-Ag Science Funding (ASTE) Revenues. However, he stated the town received \$1,051,239 in funding; or \$201,239 more than the projected budgeted revenue. Therefore, he stated the Board of Education has requested authorization to use the additional funding received for Vo-Ag Capital Items that were needed. He stated List of items for the Agricultural Science & Technology Education was extensive noting it included some large purchases and some smaller items as well. He stated the Board of Education would solicit bids for the items that cost over \$15,000. He stated tonight's action was only to approve the spending of the additional the Vo-Ag Science Funding.

7 - 0 Approved and so declared

Action: Approved and so Declared

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**Finance Committee Meeting 06/07/2023:**

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Moved: Ryan Seconded: Ingalls

Action: Recommend to Approve

Minute Note:

ASTE Grant 2022/2023 Request				
Item	Description	Educational Value Students/Purpose	Vendor	Estimate
CVA I Training Materials	12 Veterinary Assistant Manuals	Provides each student with appropriate resource to assist with their Veterinary Assistant Certification	Texas Veterinary Medical Association	\$1,969.40
Aquaculture Cabinets	Cabinetry for Aquaculture Classroom	To replace the current aquaculture cabinets that are rotting and falling apart from the moisture. The new cabinets are composite and rot resistant.	Wayne's Contact	\$55,000.00
Livestock Management Supplies	Blocking Stand and Show Rail	To provide additional livestock management skills to students for handling purposes	Sydell	\$2,500.00
Automatic Gate	Automatic gate	Provides a secure gate that can be opened automatically using the badge reader. To replace the current gate that is made of the Ag circle and heading back to the back of AgSci	Wayne's Contact	\$15,000.00
Barn sill plate	Replace rotted sill on the back wall of the barn.	Maintain structural integrity of the barn structure for the safety of the students.	Wayne's Contact	\$15,000.00
Small Animal Management Supplies	A variety of small animal management supplies	Provides the small animal enrichment and management items.	Amazon	\$1,367.00
Veterinary Medicine	Blood collection items	Provides animal science students with ample blood collection materials.	Patterson Veterinary	\$325.00
Chillers & Flow Switches	2 Chillers and 4 flow switches	Maintains the aquaculture system	Pentair Aquatic	\$6,200.00
Flotec Utility Pump	3 Utility Pumps	Maintains the aquaculture system	Farm Tek	\$2,900.00
Panels & Gates for Barn Stalls	Country Line- Wire Filled Gates: 12'x50 in (Qty 7), 4'x 50in (Qty 6) & 8'x50 in (Qty 6)	Provides for student safety when working in the barn as well as the ability to make the stalls a variety of sizes	Tractor Supply	\$4,500.00
Livestock Storage Feed Bins	10 lockable storage bins for livestock feed. 24"H x 24"W x 28" D	Prevents rodents from getting into feed bins	State Line Tack	\$2,682.00
Livestock Waterers	Add four automatic waterers in the barn	We do not have automatic waterers in the barn and these would be needed for all four seasons. Same as outside.	Drinking Post Waterer	\$2,296.00
Plumbing for Livestock Waterers	Plumbing to install the livestock waterers	This will allow the students to focus on developing skills in the classroom rather than maintenance such as tending to frozen water buckets to make sure the water is flowing. The underground fittings are not plastic. We want Brass.	Wayne's quote	\$3,000.00

Livestock Feed Room	Rodent proof feed room in a section of a barn stall	Prevent rodents from eating livestock feed.	Wayne's quote	\$11,000.00
Water Shut Off	Livestock water shut off	Allows the option to shut off water without needing to shut the whole system down.	Wayne's quote	\$1,000.00
Cab for Ag Truck	cab for F350	Cargo protection	Cap City	\$3,000.00
Window Screens	Window screen for classroom/lab space high up windows	Allow for proper ventilation without birds flying in the	Wayne's quote	\$2,500.00
Washer & Dryer	Stacking washer & dryer	Current washer & dryer has reached its age limit.	Keith's Appliances	\$4,498.00
Barn Organization	Lockable storage cabinets, tool organizer	Allows for better barn organization	Amazon	\$2,000.00
Vertical Hydroponic System	HydroCycle Vertical NFT Lettuce & Herb System - 4" Pro 5' System and accessories	Provides additional Hydroponic and Aquaponics Systems for Aquaponics Greenhouse and teaming with Hort. to increase vegetable and fruit production	FarmTek	\$13,411.00
Plumbing supplies for Greenhouse	FW Webb supplies to link school source water to Aquaponics greenhouse.	Greenhouse has no source Plumbing from School to Aquaponics greenhouse is necessary.	FW Webb	\$2,000.00
Greenhouse Supplies	Variety of supplies and items for Natural Resource Products & Biotechnology class	Provides additional Classroom experiences for Natural Resource students	Amazon	\$1,700.00
Greenhouse Bench	Poly-Tex 6' Double Bench Display with Purlin, Rolling Benches & Exhaust Fan	Provides for more space to plants, equipment to maximize space for hanging baskets, exhaust fan to help prevent of greenhouses to 120 degrees during the summer months	Griffin	\$31,530.00
Hydroponic System for Greenhouse	HydroCycle 8" Verdcal Aeroponic Hobby System and additional supplies	Hydroponic systems to start round vegetables for a student in school food pantry, grow to help with winter production carts to help with movement storage of soil and plans.	FarmTek	\$14,611.00

Natural Resource Lab Kits DNA Electrophoresis Labs. Classroom kits and supplies Materials needed for new classes offered in 2023-24 School year (Natural Resource Products and Biotechnology). Nasco \$1,131.00  
 Stainless Steel Table Deluxe stainless steel worktable with bottom shelf 96 x 36" plus accessories New stainless steel table and accessories for potting room, removes the old wooden Table prone to injuries. Utline \$1,753.00  
 Installation of Lights to greenhouse Electrical & mechanical installation Insulates the lights Wayne's quote \$1,000.00  
 Aquarium Hoods & Accessories A variety of aquarium hoods, LED lights, aquarium plants and accessories Provides additional aquarium experiences for the student projects Wet Pets Emporium \$3,910.00  
 Midmark (Mason Company) Space Saver Kennels AND Cat Runs or Cat Towers Four 4'x4' Space Saver Kennels and two 36"x36"x72" Cat Towers Kennels will provide the ability to separate dogs when they are not In the CR with and their space saving will allow us to convert Indoor space for other purposes when dogs are not present. the cat will provide secure housing when fostering cats. but also allow for appropriate square for program owned rabbits as exercise areas as well. Midmark (formerly Mason Company) \$29,125.00  
 Cabinetry and Countertops in Veterinary Lab Space Cabinetry and Countertops to setup mock veterinary exam and treatment areas Will allow students to practice and apply authentic veterinary assisting and etching skills in a realistic setting. Will also allow for more secure storage of veterinary equipment such as autoclave, centrifuge, microscopes, syringes and needles, etc. Wayne's quote from his vendor \$16,400.00  
 Cement Pad Poured cement pad for creating outdoor dog training space Provides students with secured individualized outdoor area for training dogs during applicable classes Wayne's quote from his vendor \$5,400.00  
 Agility Equipment Professional grade agility equipment Provides students with industry quality obstacles and equipment for training. Max 200 \$2,800.00  
 Various Companion Animal and Vet Science Supplies Supplies to support student learning objectives in animal health, companion animal, behavior and training, veterinary science and animal disease courses. iPads will be supportive of portfolio creation with apple pencils for student to more easily create their google site portfolios, they will also be helpful for video

editing for numerous video project raised dog beds for kennel maintenance and training courses, fetal dopier for pregnancy checking small animals, portable vacuums for cleaning more easily Inside of new custom cages. cameras for adding to outdoor training and animal spaces.  
Amazon\$6,800.00Change locks for lab doors to classroom In small animal areasLocks will be changed so that access to the classroom can be locked from the lab spaces.Employees for animal care on weekends and holidays.Wayne's quote\$no.ooCanine Vet TrainerCanine model for training students to do venipuncture, catheterization, bladder palpation, injections and lymph node palpationSupports learning objectives in companion animal and vet sci courses as well as CVA skills and MxCC course objectives.Reality Works\$2,951.73TOTAL\$271,960.13 □

Moved by Councilor Ryan, seconded by Councilor Ingalls

Discussion: Councilor Ryan stated in reviewing the background information provided that the List of items Agricultural Science & Technology Education items made sense.

He noted with the use of the additional \$70,000 from the Ag-Science Capital Account the Board of Education would have about \$13,000 remaining in that Capital Account.

Superintendent of Schools Jason Hartling stated the Agricultural Science & Technology (ASTE) 2022/2023 spending plan was developed last summer (2022) and that the numbers “*were not to exceed*” the amounts requested. He stated for some of the items on the List such as the \$55,000 Aquaculture Cabinets they would be soliciting bids. He explained because of the moist environment the previous cabinets rotted. He stated the composite of the Aquaculture Cabinets that included on the List were rot resistant, which was the reason they were expensive. He encouraged the Town Council to join them when the Ag Science students demonstrate their projects, noting that the program was remarkable. He stated he was proud of the work the Teachers do in the Ag-Science Program.

Additional Background: For Fiscal Year 2022/2023 \$850,000 was budgeted in the General Fund for Vo-Ag Science Funding (ASTE) Revenues. The town received \$1,051,239 in funding; or \$201,239 more than the projected budgeted revenue.

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VOTE: 3 - 0 Approved and so declared

**Action:** Recommend to Approve