



TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH

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To: The Honorable Council Chair, Members of the Town Council, Town Manager, and Town Clerk of the Town of Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

Subject: 2022 Senior Tax Relief Program (report)

Dear Honorable Council Chair, Council Members, and Town Manager:

This is the annual report on the 2022 Senior Tax Relief Program. Established by The Council in January of 2019, this program provides a reimbursement on a portion of their tax burden based on qualifications in the ordinance, the benefit is capped at \$500 per applicant.

The reimbursement checks will be printed and issued by the end of January 2022. There were only 5 applications that were deemed DENIED for various cause. I would like to thank the Town Council, the ACP administrative staff, The Cape Courier, our town's website administrator, and neighbors helping neighbors in communicating this program to our community.

The positive feedback from the public has been overwhelming, very appreciative of the Town's ability to help them in the face of rising tax bills versus their fixed incomes.

The 2022 Cape Elizabeth Municipal Budget earmarked \$95,000, next fiscal year I would recommend keeping the current budgeted amount of \$95,000. Below is a summary of the program's distribution:

Fiscal Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of Applicants	132	169	181	186
Average Age of Applicant	76	77	77	77
Average Income	\$ 36,600	\$ 27,600	\$ 29,700	\$ 25,400
Average Benefit Paid	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	500
Average TOTAL valuation	\$ 265,300	\$ 258,000	\$ 262,300	\$ 262,700
Fiscal Year Budget Amount	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000 + \$ 10,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 95,000
Amount Disbursed	\$ 64,407	\$ 79,774	\$ 90,191	\$ 91,645
Remaining Funds	\$ 10,593	\$ 5,226	- \$ 5,191	\$ 3,355

Sincerely,

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Cape Elizabeth, Maine, Town Assessor