



# Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc.

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Mr. Barry Seney Mayor  
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## Re: ARPA Funds – Senior Nutrition Commissary

Dear Mr. Seney,

The TVCCA Senior Nutrition, Meals on Wheels program provided vital meals to our seniors during the pandemic. Not only the homebound, but other seniors who were frightened, were served by our program.

Demand for our deliveries increased by 38% and **we served everyone who requested meals. We continue to meet this need today.**

This increased demand put a strain on our existing infrastructure and we had to update our Senior Nutrition Commissary which was built in 1998. TVCCA initiated more than \$450,000 in improvements to our commissary that will allow us to better serve the needs of our community. These improvements include upgrading the interior design to create a more efficient use of space and replacing old freezer units to increase the capacity of storage of home-delivered meals. These necessary renovations resulted in TVCCA borrowing funds to ensure the improvements were completed in a timely manner and would meet the needs of the community for years to come.

I recognize the fiscal constraints of your community these past years and thank you for your past support of our Senior Nutrition Program. **With the distribution of ARPA funds to your town, I am requesting a one-time donation of \$15,000 to offset these costs to upgrade the Commissary and improve service to our most vulnerable residents.** To better understand the upgrades and how they impact the quality of meals delivered to your community, I welcome you to tour the Commissary and let us explain how this project has had a positive impact on your community's elderly residents.

I thank you again for your support and look forward to discussing this unique opportunity with you.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [dmonahan@tvcca.org](mailto:dmonahan@tvcca.org) or call my office at 860-425-6503.

Sincerely,

Deborah Monahan, CEO