



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: 2020 Senior Tax Relief Program (report)

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

This is the annual report on the 2020 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 2020. There were 7 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 new 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 2020 Cape Elizabeth Municipal Budget earmarked \$75,000 for the program plus the \$10,593 remaining from the previous f/y, below is a summary of the program's distribution:

Fiscal Year	2019	2020
Number of Applicants	132	169
Average Age of Applicant	76	77
Average Income	\$ 36,600	\$ 27,600
Average Benefit Paid	\$ 500	\$ 500
Average LAND valuation	\$ 123,200	\$ 118,300
Average BUILDING valuation	\$ 142,100	\$ 139,700
Average TOTAL valuation	\$ 265,300	\$ 258,000
Fiscal Year Budget Amount	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000 + \$ 10,000
Amount Disbursed	\$ 64,407	\$ 79,774
Remaining Funds	\$ 10,593	\$ 5,226

Sincerely,

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Cape Elizabeth, Maine, Town Assessor