

**Council Budget Questions and Requests for Information**  
**2019-20 Manager's Recommended Budget**  
**Question #1**

**QUESTION:** Per Sarah Vinas' email about the draft Community Connections strategy, it sounds like the commitment has been made for the Town to become a member of GARE. Can you confirm that? Would it still be helpful for me to send an email to Council colleagues with background information and info on this membership or is that no longer needed?

**RESPONDENT:** Loryn Clark, Executive Director for Housing & Community  
Sarah Vinas, Assistant Director for Housing & Community

**RESPONSE:** The Town has identified resources within the existing FY 2018-19 budget to pursue the Government Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE) membership, which for an organization our size is \$1,000 per year. Housing & Community staff have begun assembling the application for submission for this fiscal year. We plan to first test the resources and tools available through GARE in Housing and Community as we implement the Town's Community Connections Strategy and other initiatives.