

American Rescue Plan Act - Woodbury Community Funds

Determining Community Priorities

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Town of Woodbury will receive \$263,950 in pandemic-related aid, an infusion of resources to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, more equitable economy as the country recovers. Within the categories of eligible uses, the Town will have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities, such as:

- Support public health expenditures;
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency;
- Replace lost public sector revenue;
- Provide premium pay for essential workers;
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

The Woodbury Selectboard has created and tasked the ARPA Committee to:

- Educate the public about the opportunities and requirements relating to ARPA;
- Assess the interests and priorities of the community regarding the use of ARPA funds;
- Disseminate application forms to individuals and entities who wish to request ARPA funds; and
- Review application and make proposed recommendations to the Selectboard, who will ultimately decide which applicants receive ARPA funds.

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns suggests we consider the following possible expenditures to municipal business operations, possibly using the funds to secure much larger grants. Proposed Expenditure Categories selected by the ARPA Committee are listed below. While the list of possible expenditures is more expansive, the Committee wished to present what we felt were feasible Town projects and expenditures.

Please rate your preference below with numbers 1 through 10, with 1 being your most preferred expenditure and 10 being your least. The items you leave blank are not on your top 10 areas of priority:

Sponsoring free Covid-19 vaccinations; providing Covid-19 testing; funding personal protective equipment; mental/substance abuse services; and payroll costs for public health, safety and other public sector staff.	
Food programs; rent, mortgage, and utility aid; eviction prevention; and aid to nonprofit organizations.	
Early learning education, childcare, home visiting, and services for unhoused persons.	
Capital Improvements to Municipal Buildings, possibly including digitizing records, updating community meeting space	
Broadband to Outlier Community Members	
Covid Hazard Mitigation Pay	
Road Maintenance	
Outdoor Recreation	
Flood Mitigation Projects	
Environmental Remediation and Energy Efficiency	
Wastewater Projects	
Increase Vitality of Village Center	
Protect/Preserve Important Historical and Cultural Resources	

Mail Survey to: Town of Woodbury, PO Box 10, Woodbury, Vermont 05681; or Drop-off at Town Office, 1672 Route 14, Woodbury (drop-box available); or email survey to ARPAWoodburyVT@gmail.com

Do you have suggestions on how to spend ARPA funds?

If you have any further questions or comments, please email ARPAWoodburyVT@gmail.com.