

ARPA

American Rescue Plan Act - Bristol Advisory Committee
4/4/22

Nine (9) requests so far:

Eligible Use	Suggestions so far:
Public Health	2
Negative Economic Impacts	1
Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	
Premium Pay	
Infrastructure	4
Revenue Replacement & Administrative Expenses	3

Suggestions from:

3 non-profits
2 businesses
4 citizens

Suggestions so far total
\$792,678

Gathering ideas from the community

1. Idea generation with “Focus groups” (town, business, non-profit, school)
Follow up as needed
2. Invite ideas from the general public
Follow up as needed
3. Seek feedback on collected ideas from entire community

Focus group meetings are only the very
FIRST step!

Benefit of focus group

Brainstorming session, get sense of shared concerns

Keep simple, just a handful of questions

Try to get a diverse group within the segment, small group is good (8-10)

Running the group: one person asks questions; someone else takes notes

Just collecting ideas, try to note which ideas people get excited about and come up more than once

Possible Focus Group Questions

What is the biggest challenge your (business/department/organization) faces in [doing its job]?

What one or two resources would help you overcome these challenges? Why these?

What are the invisible barriers to your success that you feel most people don't understand?

If you were in charge of dispensing ARPA funds, what top two things would you spend on and why would these be the most important things?

What investments might catalyze even more growth or be more sustainable (more than the sum of its parts)?

Is there anything that we haven't discussed that you would like to share with the ARPA committee?

Is there anyone not present today who you think might also give good feedback?

Focus Groups Teams

Jessica will attend each focus group to provide consistency in asking questions

Town Departments

Diane

Kris

Betsy

(include Val & Ian)

Non-profits

Mike

Helen

Porter

Businesses

Porter

John

Betsy

(Ian can help)

Schools

Alison

Rob

ARPA eligible uses:

1. Public Health
2. Negative Economic Impacts
3. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
4. Premium Pay
5. Infrastructure
6. Revenue Replacement
7. Administrative

Public Health

- 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination
- 1.2 COVID-19 Testing
- 1.3 COVID-19 Contact Tracing
- 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)
- 1.5 Personal Protective Equipment
- 1.6 Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)
- 1.7 Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- 1.8 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)
- 1.9 Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19
- 1.10 Mental Health Services
- 1.11 Substance Use Services
- 1.12 Other Public Health Services

Negative Economic Impacts

- 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs
- 2.2 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid
- 2.3 Household Assistance: Cash Transfers
- 2.4 Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs
- 2.5 Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention
- 2.6 Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers
- 2.7 Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)
- 2.8 Contributions to UI Trust Funds
- 2.9 Small Business Economic Assistance (General)
- 2.10 Aid to Nonprofit Organizations
- 2.11 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality
- 2.12 Aid to Other Impacted Industries
- 2.13 Other Economic Support
- 2.14 Rehiring Public Sector Staff

Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

- 3.1 Education Assistance: Early Learning
- 3.2 Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts
- 3.3 Education Assistance: Academic Services
- 3.4 Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services
- 3.5 Education Assistance: Other
- 3.6 Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care
- 3.7 Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting
- 3.8 Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System
- 3.9 Healthy Childhood Environments: Other
- 3.10 Housing Support: Affordable Housing
- 3.11 Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons
- 3.12 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
- 3.13 Social Determinants of Health: Other
- 3.14 Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators
- 3.15 Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation
- 3.16 Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions

Premium Pay

- 4.1 Public Sector Employees
- 4.2 Private Sector: Grants to Other Employers

Infrastructure

- 5.1 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment
- 5.2 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance
- 5.3 Clean Water: Decentralized Wastewater
- 5.4 Clean Water: Combined Sewer Overflows
- 5.5 Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure
- 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
- 5.7 Clean Water: Energy Conservation
- 5.8 Clean Water: Water Conservation
- 5.9 Clean Water: Nonpoint Source
- 5.10 Drinking water: Treatment
- 5.11 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
- 5.12 Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution: Lead Remediation
- 5.13 Drinking water: Source
- 5.14 Drinking water: Storage
- 5.15 Drinking water: Other water infrastructure
- 5.16 Broadband: "Last Mile" projects
- 5.17 Broadband: Other projects

Revenue Replacement & Administrative

- 6.1 Provision of Government Services

- 7.1 Administrative Expenses
- 7.2 Evaluation and Data Analysis
- 7.3 Transfers to Other Units of Government
- 7.4 Transfers to Non-entitlement Units (States and territories only)