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# American Rescue Plan Act

-how best to use the money in Bristol?

## What is ARPA?

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) = \$1.1 million to Bristol**

- To mitigate negative economic and public health impacts of COVID
- For some infrastructure investments (water, sewer, broadband)
- Premium pay to support workers performing essential work during the COVID public health emergency

**The Bristol Selectboard formed ARPA committee to collect ideas from the community and make recommendations to the Selectboard about how Bristol should spend the money.**

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# Process

- Gather ideas from focus groups
  1. Municipal
  2. Business
  3. Education/Youth
  4. Non-profit
- Gather ideas from the general public
- Present ideas back to the public for ranking
- Make recommendations to Selectboard for funding



From your perspective, what is  
a word or phrase that comes to  
mind about what Bristol needs?

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## Question & Conversations

- **What do you think is the biggest challenge to citizens in Bristol, and what resources would help overcome that challenge?**

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## Question & Conversations

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

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## Question & Conversations

- **Is there anyone else in the community you think we should reach out to for ideas about ARPA funding?**

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## Question & Conversations

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



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## Next Steps

- Solicit ideas from the general public through the summer
- Seek community input (ranking) of eligible submissions
- Make recommendations to Selectboard for funding
  
- If you have additional ideas or suggestions at any time, forward them to the committee!

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THANK YOU!