



Understanding The

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FOR NEWPORT

March 2nd, 2022 City Council Workshop



WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH ARPA FUNDS? *(Now)*

ARPA funds can be used for the following purposes:

- *To support the **public health response** to the pandemic*
- *To respond to the **adverse economic effects** of the pandemic*
- *To offer extra pay **for essential workers***
- *To improve water, sewer and broadband **infrastructure***
- *And to **replace local revenue** lost due to the pandemic.*

NOTE

These funds will be delivered in two tranches and must be allocated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026.

3 CONNECTED SOURCES OF FUNDS

LOCAL ARPA FUND

\$7.3 MILLION*

Approx. (not received)

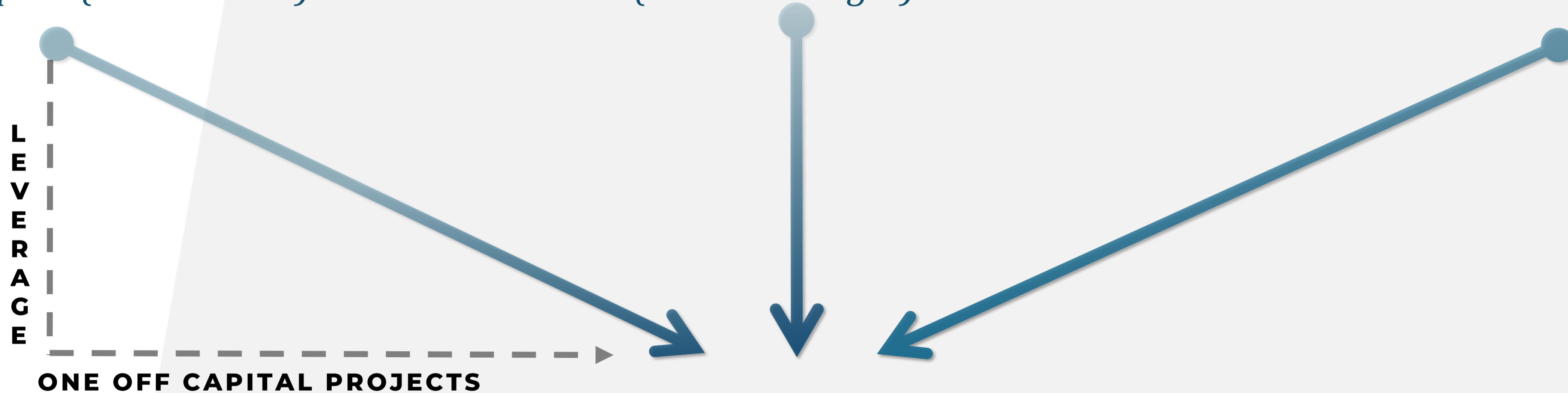
STATE ARPA FUNDS

\$1.13 BILLION

(see Gov. budget)

FEDERAL FUNDING

**FROM BIDEN
INFRASTRUCTURE BILL**



OPPORTUNITY

**Funds Received to date:*

Approximately \$3.3 million



3 “BUCKETS” OF SPENDING



- **LOST REVENUE**
- **GOVERNMENT SERVICES**
- **\$10 MILLION STANDARD ALLOWANCE**

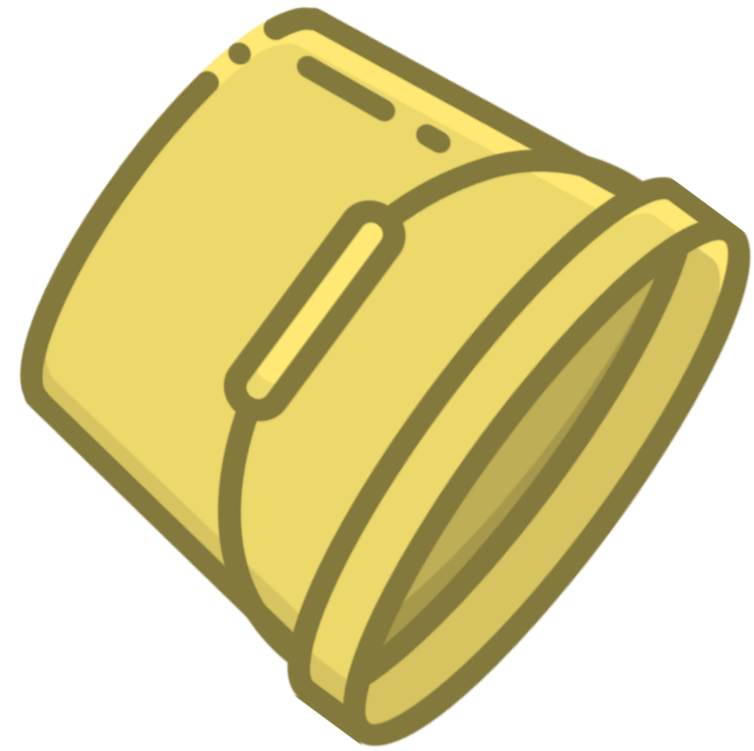


- **PUBLIC HEALTH**
- **ECONOMIC RESPONSE**



- **INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **WATER**
- **SEWER**
- **BROADBAND**





General Government Services

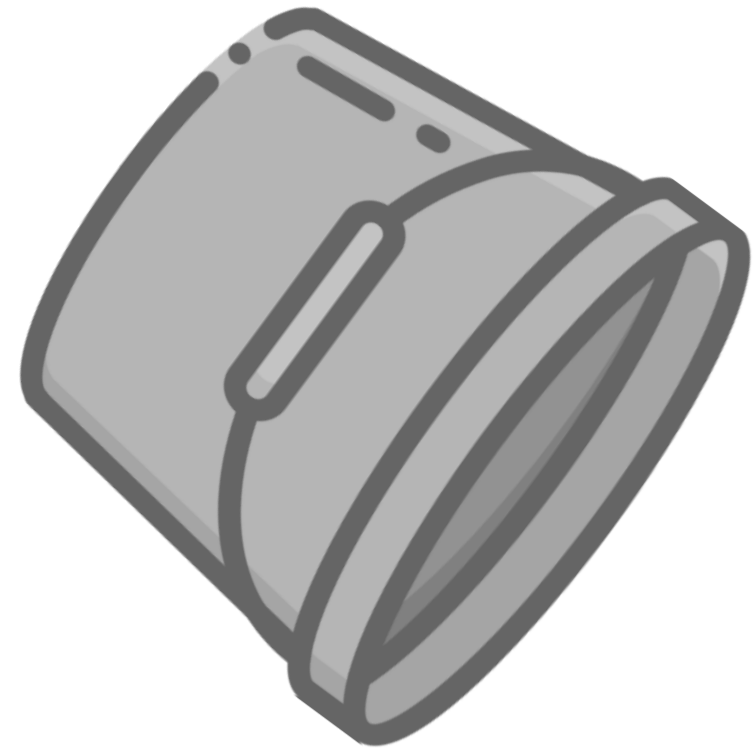
Any service traditionally provided by Government

INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

- Infrastructure, including roads & sidewalks
- Cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure
- Health services
- Environmental remediation
- School or educational services
- And the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services including the purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles.

*Paying interest or principal on outstanding debt, replenishing rainy day or other reserve funds, pension contributions or paying settlements or judgments **would not** be considered provision of a government service, since these uses of funds do not entail direct provision of services to citizens.*





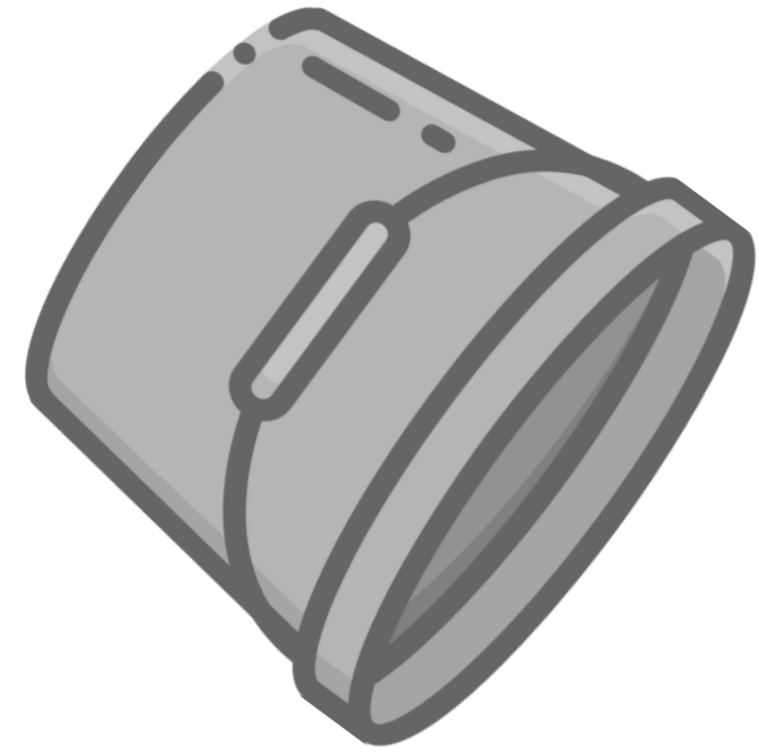
Public Health

Support public health response: Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare and certain public health and safety staff

INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO

- **MITIGATING COVID-19**
 - Vaccine programs
 - PPE
 - Medical expenses
 - Enhancing public health data systems
 - Capital investments in public facilities in responding to public health needs
- **BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS**
 - Mental health/substance abuse treatment
 - Crisis response/hotlines
 - Services to promote access to social services





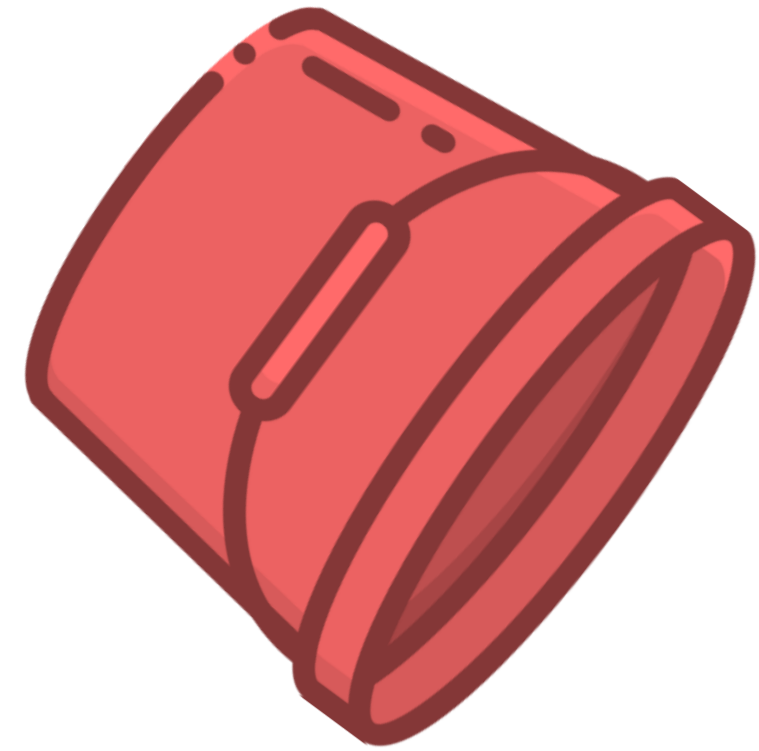
Assistance to Businesses/NPOs

Provide aid to small business and industries negatively impacted by COVID-19 and its effects on the local economy.

IMPACTED INDUSTRIES INCLUDED

- Hospitality, leisure, travel or tourism
- Other industries identified locally to have a demonstrable pandemic impact and rational for aid





Infrastructure

Make necessary improvements to municipal infrastructures, including projects that address the impacts of climate change.

LEVERAGING EXISTING PROGRAMS

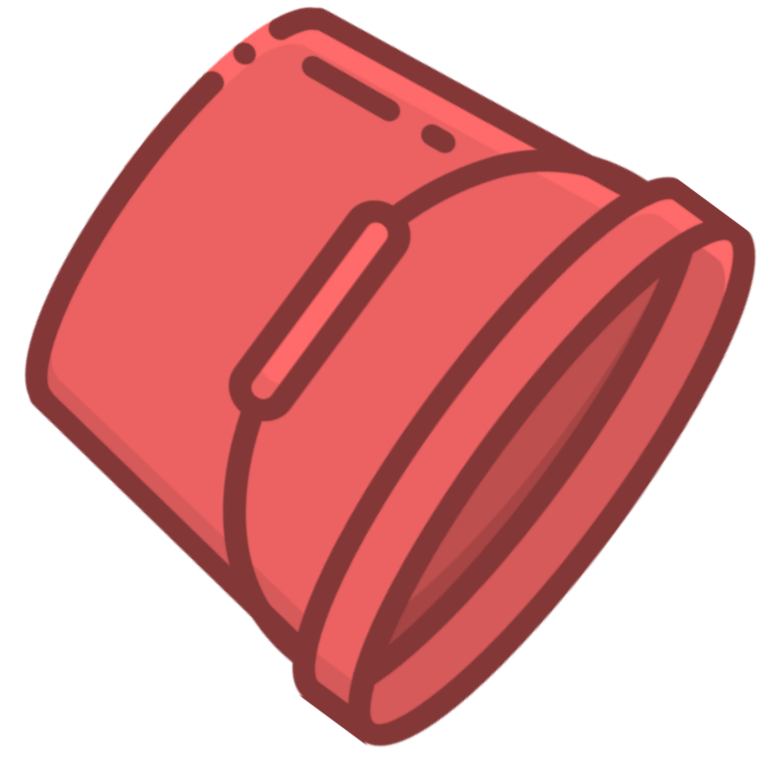
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

- ❖ Construct, improve, and repair wastewater treatment plants, control non-point sources of pollution, improve resilience of infrastructure to severe weather events, create green infrastructure, and protect waterbodies from pollution.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

- ❖ Build or upgrade facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, including replacement of lead service lines (includes consolidation, cybersecurity, and climate change



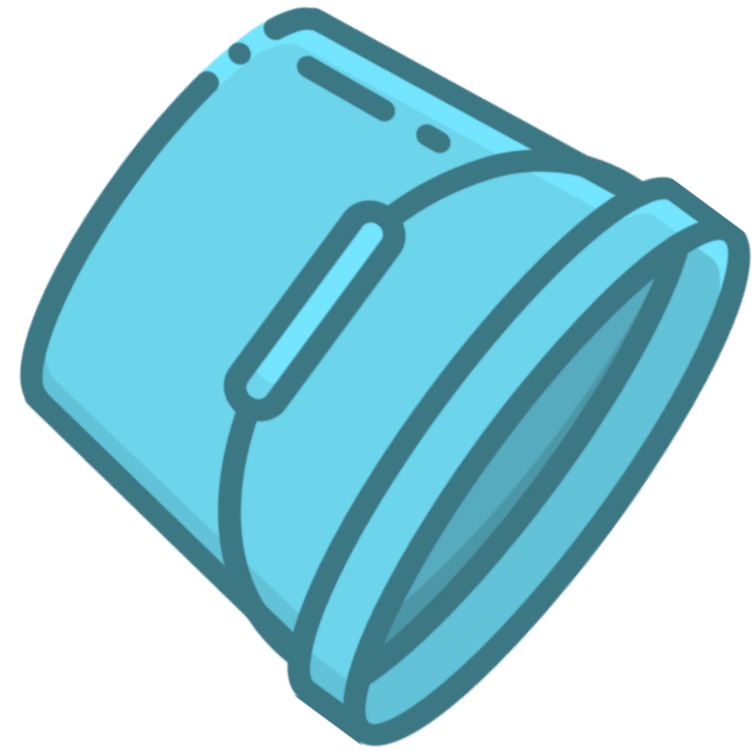


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BROADBAND





State vs. Local ARPA Funds

Many categories covered by State ARPA funds not to be confused with our Local fund allocation

A NOTE ON LOCAL ARPA FUNDS

- **Have not listed as a “Bucket Item” any use of local funds that are otherwise obtainable through other sources i.e. State budget or other Federal/State programs**
- **No consideration has been given to premium pay**



ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Newport's Online ARPA Engagement began Sept. 15th and ran until Nov. 9th.

450+

TOTAL RESPONSES

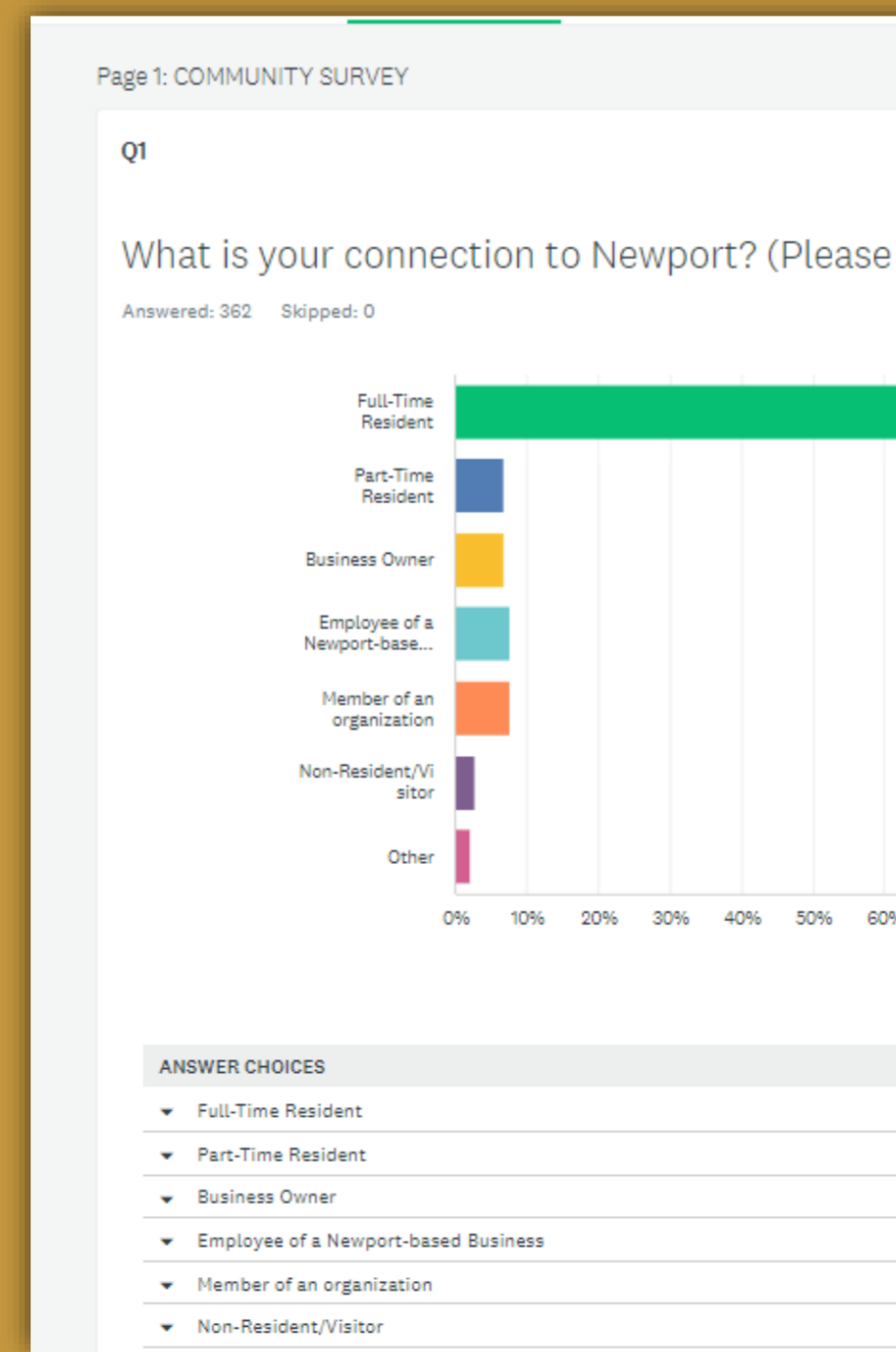
362 Survey Responses
94 Portal Submissions

86%

FULL TIME RESIDENTS

6.5% Seasonal Resident
12.3% Local Business Owner or Employee

- *Dedicated Webpage*
(www.CityofNewport.com/ARPA)
- *Media Coverage/Press Releases*
- *E-Newsletter & Direct Outreach*
- *Social Media Campaign*



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The American Rescue Plan Act

The U.S. Department of the Treasury is beginning the launch of its Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program which was established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Act contains **\$350 billion** in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments.

As part of their rollout, Treasury has released details on how these funds can be used in order to respond to acute pandemic response needs; fill revenue shortfalls among these governments; and support the communities and populations hardest-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public Engagement Calendar

City Councilors will be holding a series of community discussions to determine how Newport can make the best use of American Rescue Plan funds.

ARPA SURVEY FINDINGS

When asked to identify their TOP Six project priorities, Newporters said:

54% *Road & Sidewalk Repairs*

52% *Water Main & Sewer Projects*

48% *Resiliency Projects*

41% *Housing Assistance*

36% *Broadband Access*

35% *Open Space & Recreation*

STAFF INPUT ON USE OF FUNDS

Top three responses

- 1. Roads and sidewalks*
- 2. Affordable/Attainable Housing*
- 3. Storm water and water*





STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

*For the Allocation of local
ARPA funds*

A. GOVERNMENT SERVICES

1. *Broadband – \$1,000,000*
2. *Storm water/sewerage - \$ 2,000,000*
3. *General infrastructure support- \$3,000,000*
4. *Social Services/civic support – \$750,000*
5. *Miscellaneous/already committed - \$550,000*

B. DISCRETIONARY

*Funding to be determined provided proposal
meets at least one criteria outlined in categories
#4 or #5 and is demonstrably pandemic-related.*



QUESTIONS?

*More information will be posted online at
www.CityofNewport.com/ARPA*