



From the Desk of Purcellville Town Council Member Stanley Milan  
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**Topic for Discussion:** Community Engagement and Input on Spending of Purcellville’s American Rescue Plan Act Funds

**Background:** Purcellville has been allocated \$9.2 Million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which must be spent by December 31, 2024. There are still questions at the state and federal levels to confirm the amount allocated and to provide clarity on what the funds may be used for. However, while we await confirmation and clarification on the ARPA, I would like to take the pulse of our community on what they will like to see the funds go towards.

**The Request:** Use the Polco platform to inform the citizens of Purcellville of the ARPA funding and currently stated eligible uses for the funds, and obtain their input, based on current Capital Improvement Program projects and other community needs, on the top three items for funding.

**The How:**

1. Renew the Town’s Polco annual account at \$5,500
2. Review and finalize draft survey narrative and question for citizens response
3. Town Staff post question and narrative on Polco Platform for a respond period of a month
4. Make the current 558 subscribers to Purcellville Polco and others aware of the survey
  - a. To validate only Purcellville residents respond to the survey they need to register on Polco and validate their address to access this survey
5. Obtain and discuss responses to the survey and analyze and take appropriate action

**Draft Question:** Based on your understanding of the Town’s current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects and other needs within the community, and the stated Uses of Funds please list and rank the top three (3) projects you would like see funded with Purcellville’s ARPA allocation.

**Narrative on CIP:** Link on the Polco Survey to the current CIP projects for Purcellville

**Narrative on Uses of Funds from ARPA Document:**

“(1) USE OF FUNDS.—Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraph (3), a State, territory, or Tribal government shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section, or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4), to cover costs incurred by the State, territory, or Tribal government, by December 31, 2024—

“(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households,



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small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

“(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the State, territory, or Tribal government that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

“(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal government due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the State, territory, or Tribal government prior to the emergency; or

“(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

“(2) FURTHER RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—A State or territory shall not use the funds provided under this section or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4) to either directly or indirectly offset a reduction in the net tax revenue of such State or territory resulting from a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation during the covered period that reduces any tax (by providing for a reduction in a rate, a rebate, a deduction, a credit, or otherwise) or delays the imposition of any tax or tax increase.

“(B) PENSION FUNDS.—No State or territory may use funds made available under this section for deposit into any pension fund.

“(3) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—A State, territory, or Tribal government receiving a payment from funds made available under this section may transfer funds to a private nonprofit organization (as that term is defined in paragraph (17) of section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(17))), a Tribal organization (as that term is defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)), a public benefit corporation involved in the transportation of passengers or cargo, or a special-purpose unit of State or local government. “(d) CERTIFICATIONS AND REPORTS.—

**Action Item:** Renew Polco subscription, review and finalize survey question for the public, and submit to public for feedback within 30 days.