

Q2 Please share specific suggestions that fall under the accepted uses of ARPA funds. (You may call out a priority listed in the parentheses above.)

Answered: 79 Skipped: 83

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Affordable housing production & preservation	1/21/2022 10:10 AM
2	supporting nonprofits providing essential services; affordable housing for 30% AMI and folks transitioning out of homelessness (ie permanent supportive housing and incentivizing landlords to take housing choice vouchers); supporting BIPOC businesses	1/19/2022 9:13 PM
3	Having affordable home for our families and being bale to pay rent with no worries.	1/19/2022 9:27 AM
4	As noted above, I suggest that we look at the Carrboro residents who have been most negatively impacted by the pandemic and get aid to them ASAP.	1/18/2022 4:36 PM
5	Affordable housing because I don't make much but the rent keep going up every years.	1/18/2022 8:31 AM
6	Paying premium essential worker is my number 1 suggestions because they are putting their lives on the line working.	1/18/2022 8:23 AM
7	Supporting public health, especially during Covid ours family require special needs.	1/18/2022 8:12 AM
8	The Town should allocate at least 20% of ARPA funds for affordable housing targeting households earning less than 30% of AMI. This would bolster essential government services for disproportionately impacted communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. More specifically, the Town should prioritize redeveloping and constructing public housing, which will increase access to quality shelter for households most likely to experience disparate health and economic impacts. To the extent possible, the Town should also utilize funding to acquire for-sale private property to ease the financial demands of new public development. Especially during economic crises, we cannot rely on the non-profit and private sectors to adequately respond to our affordable housing needs. Thanks for strengthening our Town's role in keeping our communities safe.	1/16/2022 5:10 PM
9	Address housing instability - homelessness - and home preservation	1/14/2022 10:41 AM
10	15% of funds for affordable housing	1/14/2022 9:36 AM
11	Somehow those with mortgages should be able to get some help. They were affected by COVID as well. Not just renters.	1/14/2022 9:23 AM
12	Protect public health and economic well-being by investing in affordable housing and programs/services to end and prevent homelessness	1/14/2022 9:16 AM
13	affordable housing	1/14/2022 9:13 AM
14	APR funds will be most impactful in our community if used to expand the number of housing units that are affordable at 30% AMI	1/14/2022 9:12 AM
15	my priory is that having affordable housing from families that have low income.	1/13/2022 7:30 PM
16	Solarize. Climate change is already costing billions and killing people. Invest in decarbonizing.	1/12/2022 10:11 PM
17	%15 of ARPA funding should go to affordable housing. We are in the midst of a crisis. We need funding for affordable housing developments, subsidy, acquisition of properties for affordable housing, and creative housing solutions like cooperatives, mobile homes, tiny homes, and emergency housing for those who are unhoused.	1/12/2022 5:09 PM
18	Investing in affordable housing preservation and creation should be a key part of ARPA spending because it supports all the other goals around public health, economics, et al.	1/12/2022 4:56 PM
19	We need more housing for low-income elderly residents of Orange County.	1/12/2022 4:18 PM
20	Help with Rent and Utilities.	1/12/2022 12:44 PM

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21	Aid for families that have low income (Rent, utilities)	1/12/2022 12:42 PM
22	Make affordable housing a priority	1/11/2022 2:24 PM
23	I am writing to request that the Town of Carrboro and the Town of Chapel Hill use the funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act to support affordable housing for Orange County residents. I am a regular volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, (Wednesday Crew). I have seen first hand how much affordable housing means to home owners as they often work side by side volunteers and staff to build their home. They are so grateful to be able to move into their own homes! In addition, it is well known that home ownership has a strong positive impact on a family's financial stability, health, education and community life. Some recent examples are: Habitat for Humanity at Crescent Magnolia in Hillsborough, this is the affordable housing for homeowners 55+, and is now complete. Families are living in the 24 accessible, single level homes, for Orange County Seniors. I was so excited to be part of this project! Whether I am standing on a ladder, hammering nails into 2 by 4s or attaching hinges to cabinets it is a great sense of community and accomplishment. This is Habitat's first project to build affordable housing designated for seniors. Many more seniors would benefit this type of affordable home. The Weavers Grove project is another example of an innovative approach to develop affordable housing and to expand opportunities to create a diverse community who are not able to afford their own homes in Chapel Hill. I am now part of the crews building affordable single family homes North of Hillsborough on Odie Street. I hope if you haven't done so, please visit one of these sites. Thank you for your past strong support for affordable housing. Your continued support will ensure that many more Orange County citizens will have affordable homes. Sincerely, Ann Chamberlin Habitat for Humanity Orange County Volunteer acandcm@gmail.com	1/8/2022 12:09 PM
24	Ensure affordable housing through partnerships such as Habitat for Humanity	1/8/2022 8:21 AM
25	Service industry workers are key to Carrboro and Chapel Hill and this pandemic has tanked them. Providing a better system for our service industry folks, including good pay and benefits, and keeping them able to live in town through affordable housing efforts is key to what makes this town fun and unique. Carrboro used to be so much more fun because of its diverse population. Now, most of the interesting, artistic, creative, and contributive people that were here have moved away because they can no longer afford rent and the jobs do not pay enough in this industry we crave and want to support rent prices in town. I think affordable housing for service industry/creative types/minorities/etc is extremely important, but only giving those opportunities through habitat, community home trust, self help, etc is not a great outlet. We need rent control measures and better opportunities for people to own homes here when they have lived and contributed to this community- not just homes that are affordable to people moving here from California with excess wealth and nothing to add to our culture or town. Habitat and CHT efforts are great, but when you don't own the land also associated with the home, you are not empowered to gain real wealth and build yourself in the same manner. What we need is a program less driven by greed and more driven by the community spirit this town was built on. Stop building mega-homes on every square inch of Carrboro and start building smaller starter homes that our long-time residents can afford. And make sure they get them by valuing community contribution over dollar signs when it comes time to sell those homes and existing homes in the area. That's the only way to keep this town great. If all the homes go to the people with the highest offer, the town will continue to become so incredibly boring that nobody wants to live here anymore anyway.	1/7/2022 10:59 PM
26	The federal government has specific guidelines for use of money. Essential workers are supposed to get premium pay for working during the pandemic. They are overworked and understaffed	1/7/2022 9:24 PM
27	Affordable housing	1/7/2022 1:57 PM
28	Need for affordable housing for people who work here. They often have to commute at long distances. Not these ugly high-rise apartments.	1/7/2022 1:30 PM
29	Affordable housing, services for the unhoused, food help, and child care assistance will help to ease the burden on the suffering in our community.	1/7/2022 1:10 PM
30	Affordable housing	1/7/2022 12:59 PM
31	Invest in affordable housing--this addresses infrastructure, services to affected communities, helps town employees live in our community and supports public health in a broad sense	1/7/2022 12:47 PM

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32	rent and bills	1/5/2022 1:58 PM
33	low income support for household such as bills and rent and interpreter support service for refugees and immigrants.	1/5/2022 10:12 AM
34	Interpreter service such as filling our forms and any other stuffs.	1/5/2022 8:50 AM
35	Financial assistance for childcare; affordable childcare options	1/4/2022 8:54 AM
36	Mental health for Lagunes and refuge community is much needed in carroro	12/30/2021 8:35 PM
37	I ama day care provider and it putting my health out there and still getting pay the same minimal rate we provider for those that are essential should be also consider essential	12/30/2021 8:33 PM
38	N/a	12/30/2021 8:29 PM
39	Housing is much need for our community that is undocumented and are making 9dollars a hour	12/30/2021 8:26 PM
40	education for our children is very important but i feel like we are getting minimal assistance at the school not like white kids that cant afford assistance even if school don't provide. we need quality after school tutoring for our children that are always folling behind	12/28/2021 1:02 PM
41	Education seem to be tithe biggest issues my son can never get coughth up and is alway getting help on Aly at the end of school cycle. It seem just enough help to finish the school.	12/21/2021 7:41 PM
42	Just don't give any of this money to the police	12/18/2021 8:29 AM
43	Affordable housing!	12/14/2021 9:26 AM
44	Premium pay for essential workers during the pandemic (including grocery workers!)	12/7/2021 6:16 PM
45	Help individuals and small businesses	12/7/2021 3:05 PM
46	People who are working everyday during the pandemic deserve better pay and bonuses	12/7/2021 10:22 AM
47	It doesnt matter what any of us think. The money will go to those who are already receiving govt money and those of us who worked through pandemic continue to get nothing.	12/6/2021 8:51 PM
48	Essential workers and households effected	12/6/2021 1:03 PM
49	Provide more funding for prekindergarten scholarships for first line workers.	12/6/2021 12:46 PM
50	Support mental health services and increase access to address the backlog of providers who have full client case loads for teletherapy as well as psychological assessments like ADHD. This can be done by implementing assistance grants that clients can apply for, and recruiting more counselors and mental health professionals.	12/6/2021 12:26 PM
51	Health care as been most impacted by COVID. God bless our doctors and their staff. Please provide necessary PPE and assistance to those who cannot afford care.	12/6/2021 10:46 AM
52	I'm very concerned about the homeless situation - particularly the community of folks living in the tent city that is growing behind the food lion on Jones ferry road. Something needs to be done ASAP to help these people and address this tragic situation.	12/6/2021 8:39 AM
53	These funds should be allocated to local businesses that had to close for more than 60 days during the height of the pandemic	12/6/2021 8:17 AM
54	Rent and housing assistance without requiring "trouble", meaning not waiting until threat of eviction (which strains relationship with landlord and has rippling effect on personal and family health) and adjusting the income limit for assistance to something realistic. For example, a 2 bedroom in town is typically \$1400 before utilities. If a single parent is forced to rent than they'd have had to prove they can pay 3x that amount in gross income and I assure we lie about it so we can keep our kids housed in a safe least racist community. Additionally, the funds can be used to pay childcare centers and and low income (less than \$20/hour) to give reprieve to those of us that have to work to live but are skipping meals because we don't qualify for federal assistance.	12/4/2021 12:55 PM
55	Services for unhoused persons should be a priority. Too many people living in tents in Carrboro. Affordable housing would help alleviate this issue a little bit.	12/2/2021 4:23 PM
56	More affordable housing options are needed for folks under 30% AMI	12/1/2021 3:33 PM

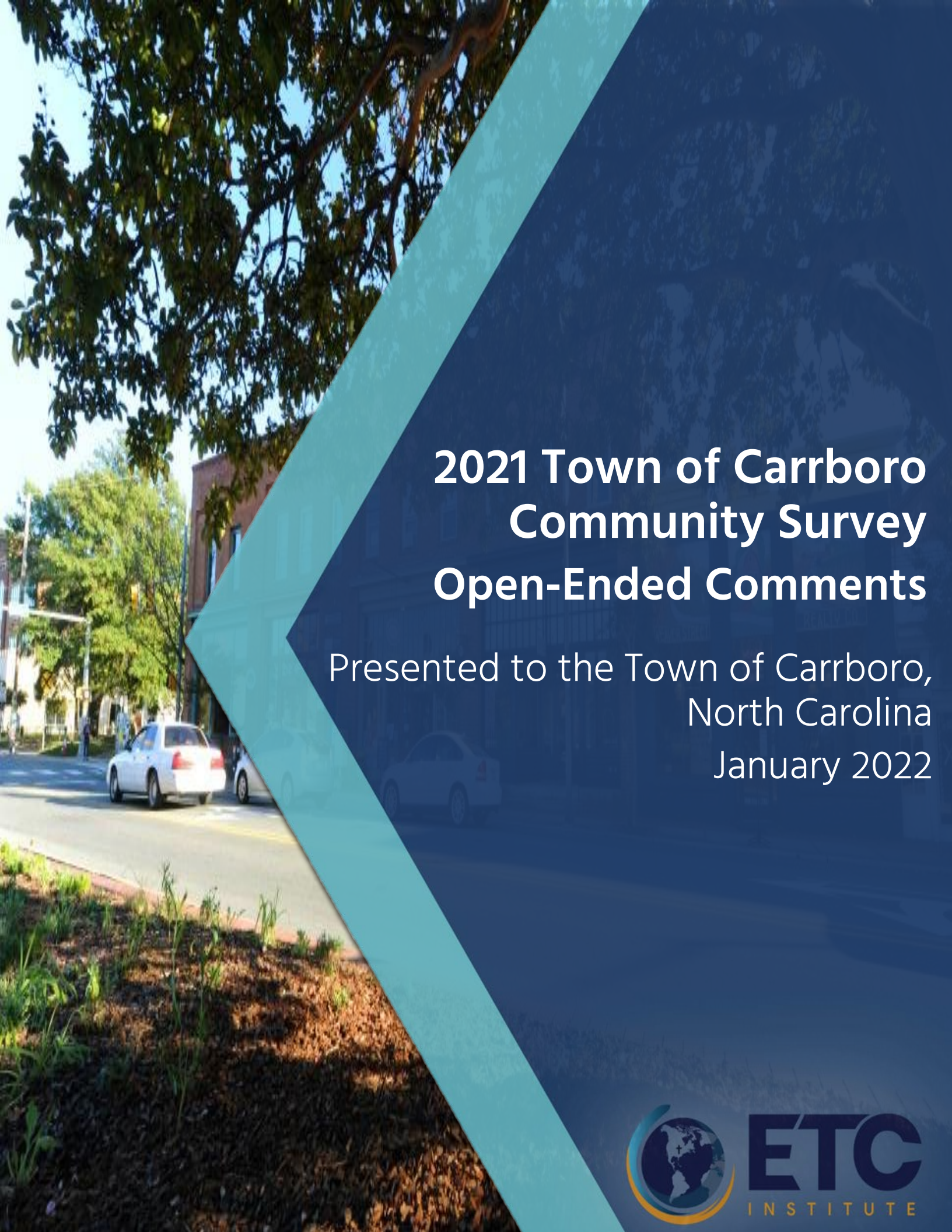
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57	Number 1 is most important, obviously. Those who are most affected need the most help. Numbers 2 & 3 go hand-in-hand and really are the same thing. Negative economic impact is exacerbated by infrastructure needs. Premium pay for essential workers of the town would be nice, but they have already been paid their salaries. They should be fine, financially. Public health, in the area in which we live, should not be necessary. It should be a major concern for UNC, however.	12/1/2021 12:44 PM
58	Incentives for mandates for vaccines and mask-wearing in larger housing units that are enclosed; incentives to businesses that implement vaccine mandates for employees AND customers	12/1/2021 6:59 AM
59	Depending on the budget, I'd prefer to see 2-3 actions well supported/developed vs. spreading too thin trying to hit all buckets. Also always want to see a DEI lense to anything being decided.	11/30/2021 11:53 PM
60	While all fields are important, infrastructure will have the broadest impact, specifically in regards to water. In the past several years, there have been significant disruptions at OWASA that resulted in water shortages and scarcity citywide. Dwindling lake levels and OWASA's historically poor reserves should be addressed.	11/30/2021 10:44 PM
61	Affordable housing.	11/30/2021 10:29 PM
62	Broadband, childcare and transportation are priorities.	11/30/2021 8:52 PM
63	Carrboro needs affordable housing.	11/30/2021 7:48 PM
64	I strongly recommend that a sidewalk be installed on high Street. I can't count the times I've walked my dog in the evening and almost got hit by a car. The funds to accomplish this should be taken out of the infrastructure bill that has already passed. Let's not wait until somebody gets hit or worse.	11/30/2021 4:55 PM
65	I feel ARPA's intent was more people focused. My priorities list reflects this We should get hard infrastructure help from BIFF	11/30/2021 4:07 PM
66	mental health services and supports for school-aged children (elementary, middle, and high)	11/30/2021 3:17 PM
67	Public health spending is obviously important right now, but if there are funds available, let's catch up on supporting impacted communities and updating infrastructure, especially for those impacted communities. The economy will take care of itself if we can address the other issues.	11/29/2021 10:50 AM
68	START WITH premium pay for law enforcement, fire, and other essential workers.	11/29/2021 10:37 AM
69	Assistance for lower income people living in Carrboro. Support for schools such as bus drivers, crossing guards and substitute teachers. Homeless and mental illness.	11/24/2021 7:01 AM
70	Broadband	11/23/2021 6:22 PM
71	Continuing community outreach to encourage behaviors which limit spread of COVID 19 including vaccinations	11/23/2021 7:24 AM
72	Provide housing for homeless	11/22/2021 6:30 PM
73	Solar and battery storage infrastructure to move away from coal.	11/22/2021 2:27 PM
74	Increased pay for essential workers, assistance for the unhoused, and affordable rent are the most important. Let's take care of people first.	11/22/2021 11:19 AM
75	Buy more treatment options approved by CDC and make it public knowledge, drop vaccine and mask mandates, support charter and home schools	11/22/2021 10:57 AM
76	Assist The ArtsCenter with their move to a new location.	11/19/2021 5:07 PM
77	Child care, broadband infrastructure, behavioral healthcare	11/19/2021 5:01 PM
78	Lead remediation, mental health	11/19/2021 4:43 PM
79	Child Care, affordable housing,	11/19/2021 4:35 PM

Q2 Por favor compártanos aquellas de sus sugerencias que claramente encajen en un uso aceptable para el financiamiento ARPA.

Answered: 16 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	i do think our kids need more help in school specially now after having all this loss do to covid. tutoring, one on one help ect	1/11/2022 2:26 PM
2	i feel like my parent you benefit from a some economic relief	1/11/2022 2:23 PM
3	i live in carrboro and even thought i rent my landlord has always struggle with septic and has told me that we can have sewer because there is none near by. i believed for a long time he was lying but it true and we are in carrboro. so to me that would be a priority	1/10/2022 2:37 PM
4	a lot of our community has lost there home they rent due to lost of income and had to move with families to a only ready crowded home. i don't know i we could help those and how to get information to them	1/7/2022 1:26 PM
5	education is very important but I feel is disportional	1/7/2022 1:22 PM
6	n/a	1/7/2022 1:21 PM
7	Para mi renta ya que por la pandémia no ha dejado sin ahorros	1/3/2022 9:41 PM
8	Give fund to minority business that may not have all the document that are required do to our statues	1/3/2022 9:22 PM
9	I don't know how to give example but this are really good topic for carrboro to be worked on	1/3/2022 9:14 PM
10	I and my partner bought a house 15 year ago and we don't have sewer and starting to have septic issues and can not afford to redo it I have to drain every 2 years	1/3/2022 9:12 PM
11	We need school to help our kids of low income with tutoring (quality)	1/3/2022 9:10 PM
12	Community clinic are no longer taking. We patient must of the time do to capacity	12/30/2021 8:28 PM
13	I don't know	12/30/2021 8:27 PM
14	housing for those that live in mobile homes	12/29/2021 3:31 PM
15	no ideas or suggestions	12/28/2021 12:45 PM
16	I dont have legal statues but i would like to get pay cost of living here in carrboro or at least have affordable housing	12/28/2021 12:12 PM



2021 Town of Carrboro Community Survey Open-Ended Comments

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North Carolina
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Q23. Optional: Please share specific suggestions for how the Town should use ARPA funds in the space provided below.

- 1. Climate change is priority #1 (infrastructure, digital divide equity) 2. Child care & affordable housing & education are essential to sustainability & equity. 3. Essential workers should be paid equality.
- 1. Morgan Week Greenway. 2. S Greensboro sidewalk. 3. Prediction crossing at 54-overpass. 4. New affordable housing.
- 1.solar power for all rooftops (schools, govt buildings, businesses, solar charging stations . solar flower installations for residential sites. 2.goal of 30% tree cover including maintaining existing trees and planting new shrubs and trees. partner with Arbor Day Society. 3. Deer population control. 4. use of leasing space in Shelton Station beside Dingo Dog Brewing Company for the town library! this space has been EMPTY since it was built. 5.town ordinance to prohibit GAS infrastructure for new homes (gas stoves, gas water heaters and gas heat) to prepare for the climate change future. this was done in New York. Hawaii uses solar heating for all water in new structures.
- A program designed to help low income kids catch up against educational setbacks experienced during the pandemic
- Access to green space. The Green Tract is a great opportunity for low income folks to access unmanicured green space, save 80 of the 100 acres. Subsidize scatter-affordable housing.
- Affordable housing (childcare options are so limited.) As a lesser priority (but personal interest) I would love the town to prioritize collection of compost as a service.
- After school care for kids and more pay for teachers.
- As a driver I struggle with bikers on old NC 06-Homestead. Larger, more bike lanes would reduce risk. I support biking but not when they take up the whole road.
- As a middle school teacher in the CHCCS community, I see a significant and detrimental difference between the “haves” and the “have-nots.” I would like to see this funding go toward improving conditions for marginalized communities and families, who are largely African-American and Hispanic people.
- Assess what will have long term impact for the dollars available
- Assume by investing in infrastructure and getting approval from town council, you will then have money available to provide premium pay for essential as well as non-essential workers. Assume for 3-5, you are already receiving subsidies as are the businesses and people. My big ask is to send out information once decision is made on how to divide up money so people of carrboro can know what the plan is, through main forms of social media - tv, web, comm apps.
- Balance long term resilience with urgent humanitarian need, but always see if there are other ways to fund and advance those, too.
- Be good and protect our environment Be safe!!! Thank you.
- BUILD A CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT-SEPERATE FROM CARRBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT-FOR THE TOWN. INCREASE K-12 TEACHER PAY AND GENERAL SCHOOL FUNDING, OPPORTTUNITIES FOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION
- Buy the valuable properties that are currently wasted on empty parking lots and build affordable housing everywhere downtown. Build sidewalks, protect bike lanes, and create a pedestrian zone on Weaver St. Fund weekend bus service.

- Clean up, remove graffiti from buildings.
- Climate change initiatives, especially investing in green spaces and bikes paths. Also, please consider how to connect different areas of Carrboro to others... not all roads lead downtown. An example is connecting neighborhoods to schools, so more students can bike/walk and reduce car lines.
- Close the achievement gap for POC in public schools.
- Consider sharing our ARPA funds with less affluent communities. Purchase affordable land for affordable housing.
- Covid has hurt all of us, but no one more than communities of color. These communities suffer considerable discrimination in access to services, healthcare, police support, and are overall more likely to be affected by the pandemic. The networks of support in Carrboro are structured such that benefits disproportionately flow to white upper class residents. We have a veneer of equality, and there is some effort at it, but it is often superficial and not really intended to support our communities of color. To illustrate, In my answers above, I often discussed safety and police issues. As a person of color, I am referring to safety FROM police. There is no way to make that clear, which tells me that this study is not being seen through the lens of a POC.
- Covid is here to stay. Help those that have lost loved ones with rent and bills.
- Create complete sidewalk separated bike lane and greenway networks linked to CH transit services.
- Don't get any further in debt!
- Encourage World Wide, specific programs for the Carrboro Community Inc.
- Everyone is already doing #1 at a corporate and individual level, so the money should go to places where it's needed, not already funded projects, etc.
- Expand TOC network to Midway area. Sitting/working outside is pandemic public health.
- For the investments in infrastructure, broadband is where we'd like to see the bulk of this investment.
- Funding for local doctor shelter.
- Funding is important for growth. Building a brick/mortar library is in my opinion a waste of resources.
- Funds should be used for things actually affected by pandemic, but not create excessive new programs/staff that must be funded in the future with local taxes. The tax rate in Carrboro is already the highest in the state.
- funds should be used in directed towards reparations for those impacted by structural racism, mitigation of the impacts of climate change and improving overall resiliency for the town in the future.
- GOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IS NEEDED TO PROTECT ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR PEOPLE IN A CLIMATE CHANGE FUTURE THAT INCLUDES INCREASED RUN OFF, STORMWATER, WEATHER EVENT
- Help businesses that opened during the pandemic.
- Help mitigate flooding due to development. Build an enormous public swimming pool.
- Help the needy attain stability in home and health.
- Help the ones that need it the most first.
- Helping businesses and keeping residents informed on what is being offered.

- High speed internet available for all at low or no cost. Add a dog park near downtown. Potable water when Owasa has outages.
- I believe investing in infrastructure like community-wide internet access initiatives and energy conservation/green energy, is an ideal way to support long-term community health and development. The pandemic has made clear the indispensable importance of reliable internet access, for education, work, information dissemination, etc. Town advancements in this area, and in expanding energy conservation efforts, will aid in small business growth and development. I think the acute support (PPE, premium pay, etc.) are laudable ideas, but that deep long-term investment is the best way to serve the community. It's easy to take the beauty/cleanliness/maintenance of our awesome town for granted, but they are the key to a town that continues to flourish.
- I believe investment in infrastructure and education should go hand in hand. Greater investment in the Town's broadband access would alleviate the cost of internet for less fortunate individuals. The investment in broadband also provides children in school with access to internet if not available in the home.
- I believe there is opportunity for considerable overlap on most of these priorities, particularly 3 & 5.
- I chose #3 as my top because I think supporting the people of Carrboro directly would have the greatest impact!
- I don't feel qualified to guide this. I lack the data to know where it is most needed. I would love to see some of it go towards long term infrastructure that supports the climate action plan. In the big picture, this is the most urgent public health crisis we face (worse than the pandemic in the big picture). However, I know I have not been impacted financially as much as other parts of the community and believe there are people, organizations, workers who definitely need some help right now.
- I FEEL ALL 5 ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT, EVEN THOUGH I FELT FORCED BY QUESTION 22 TO RANK
- I feel like the funds should be first directed to things that were directly impacted by COVID-19, e.g. not general infrastructure. General infrastructure is, of course, important, but there are (or should be) separate funding streams for that.
- I feel strong that #3 is the place to start.
- I find the wording in the "provide premium pay" option to be off putting and unclear. I don't know enough about pay scales or who you mean, but certainly hope you are paying people appropriate and livable wages, and helping front line workers.
- I think you have to take care of the basic needs first - make sure people are healthy and are supported in the face of negative economic impacts. Then you should address the inequities in our community - items 3 and 4. Then infrastructure. While I'd love to put lots of money in infrastructure programs that will last for years, I think the people of Carrboro and their needs come first.
- I THINK ARPA IS ONE TIME MONEY SO I RANKED NON RECURRING PRIORITIES HIGHER
- I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AS MUCH MONEY GO TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN HURT. CHILDREN NEED MORE SUPPORT WITH EDUCATION, FAMILIES NEED CHILDCARE AND UNHOUSED PEOPLE NEED SOMEWHERE TO STAY SAFE

- I think that in our understanding of "essential" worker should take into account certain bands of salary. More specifically there may be essential employee's who make higher salaries perhaps \$75K or above, those workers should see less aid than those who make below that.
- I was so grateful to have my wi-fi covered through the government relief funds, especially since most of my classes are currently holding online classes.
- I would like some of the ARPA funds to be used for long-range projects that will help us in the future (e.g. broadband) even though the current need may be great in other areas.
- I would like the funds to increase baseline equity in infrastructure/access to services for disproportionately impacted communities.
- I've prioritized COVID-specific supports in the ranking above. Infrastructure investments, particularly those with environmental benefits, should be a permanent priority.
- IF CARRBORO IS STRUGGLING TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL WORKERS, PROVIDE PREMIUM PAY BUT IN GENERAL I THINK WE SHOULD ONLY PRIORITIZE THAT IF IT IS IMPACTING RETENTION. IT IS NOT A CRISIS-THEY HAVE JOBS. I DO APPRECIATE THEIR SERVICE, BUT CRISIS NEEDS GO FIRST. INFRASTRUCTURE DOESNT SEEM AS DIRECTLY RELATED TO COVID AS OTHER CHOICES
- IF WORKERS ARE PAID DECENT WAGES, THEY TEND TO STAY WITH THEIR JOBS A LONG TIME AND ENJOY WHAT THEY DO
- If you use funds for infrastructure, use it for broad band coverage. This pandemic has shown the need for universal broadband.
- Important to keep the city affordable and safe. Be responsive to changes in our health, environment and politics.
- Improve infrastructure in historically marginalized communities. Assist needy residents with water bill payments, rent and electric for at least 12 more months.
- Improved aesthetics and better affordable private housing options (vs. nursing homes) for the aging population (cottages that are one level, designed communities with businesses, healthcare, and amenities they can walk to or have transportation to, nature/ trails, etc.) Town planning standards that include and balance aesthetics, green areas, functionality, traffic, affordability (trailer parks and random, cheaply designed or overly dense housing without a consistent standard/appearance or green belt shielding them from the road may be affordable, but trailer homes aren't safe for the residents and all of the aforementioned are negative for the community aesthetic).
- Improving the water service stability. Since moving here, I have been experiencing several folds higher frequency of water outage compared to my previous place.
- Infrastructure encompasses the most essential function and purpose of local government. If infrastructure is not in order it will be impossible to focus on the other listed issues.
- Infrastructure investment can help all, long term. Short term, those in most need should get help, especially with education, both for adult and youth.
- Infrastructure is long term payoff. Social programs can change quickly (with society). Some programs like "affordable housing" are unsolvable: many communities have struggled with it for decades, with no impact. Education assistance is difficult to understand, meaning are we not in the top school district in the state? We need foundational items that will give us all long term impact, over decades.

- Infrastructure should be the top priority for Carrboro. Make our town more livable so that more businesses will want to be here and diversify our tax base. High speed internet should be freely available in every home. Fix the potholes and the uneven / busted up and not wide enough sidewalks by the railroad tracks downtown. Actually install sidewalks along the major corridors into downtown (e.g. S. Greensboro St., Estes Dr., Smith Level Rd., Hwy 54etc.) - make it part of a requirement that every developer needs to install bike lanes, sidewalks, and electric car charging stations into every development that they propose in order to get approval in Carrboro. Develop the empty eyesore properties throughout downtown (Hello, corner of W. Weaver St. and N. Greensboro St. - looking at you!). Build more free parking structures with ample electric vehicle charging stations around town (especially with all the automakers slated to go electric). You have a once in a generation opportunity to make a lasting impact and set the stage for sustainable growth in the 21st. century - don't waste it! You can leverage your funds with some public / private partnerships to make these more cost effective and sustainable (e.g. requirements to install / improve sidewalks, bike lanes, electric vehicle charging stations, solar panels, etc. in all new developments). Create an economic development corridor that links Downtown Carrboro with Carrboro Plaza. Build some mixed use facilities that combine affordable housing with commercial retail and office spaces that would actually expand the tax base. Merge the police and fire services with Chapel Hill since it's ridiculous that we have a completely separate police and fire department for such a small town when their services overlap so much. Add some artificial turf athletic fields to the parks so that the kids (and adults) have somewhere to play rain or shine (there aren't enough soccer / athletic fields in town). It's always too crowded. Install some pedestrian bridges over Hwy 54 and sidewalks by Kingswood Apartments so the residents aren't playing frogger trying to dodge busy highway traffic during morning and evening rush hours. Fix the roads and the many potholes on Jones Ferry Rd., Hwy 54, etc. Not all of the focus has to be on Downtown - there are residents that don't live near downtown (but would like to get to easily get to downtown, park and enjoy a meal and shop there) - make it easy for them and justify having one of the highest property taxes in the state. Of course, do this within the framework of sustainability, environmental justice, diversity, equity and inclusion. This isn't easy and there are a lot of NIMBY folks out there so work with some communications professionals to actually win over these diverse interests and get this done and make our little town truly the "Paris of the Piedmont." Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to talk more - rkwokusa@yahoo.com. January 5, 2022.
- Infrastructure, mitigate flooding, wastewater and clean water
- Interest in greenspace/protect green space, as we need to be out more and need the space.
- Invest in climate change initiatives like solar energy and the overall grid to prepare for outages and climate related natural disasters.
- Invest in projects that bring business to Carrboro. Events unique trail systems / parks, marketing, signage, parking.
- Investments in our infrastructure positions Carrboro to thrive. Clean water, clean energy and affordable housing options for wage earners as well as a means of transportation to jobs is necessary to thrive.
- Is there a way to use them for the roads? Testing free for residents.
- It is too expensive to live here. We need more affordable housing and childcare.

- IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THAT MONEY COULD BE USED TO TRY AND ADDRESS POTENTIAL/FUTURE PROBLEMS AND PANDEMICS-STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, OUTREACH AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES
- Items 1 - 4 while important are short term/temporary and help a limited number of citizens. Infrastructure is long term, essential, and helps everyone; it is also too often ignored because it can usually be put off till later, though later never seems to come because at any given time there always be more pressing immediate needs, and it is often a hard sell because there is typically no constituency advocating strongly for it.
- Like to avoid problems in the future regarding infrastructure issues new and essential workers with good services to avoid personal turnover.
- Lower the cost of living/ housing. Rent is getting outrageous
- MAKE SURE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES ARE ON THE WEBSITE IN TIMELY FASHION
- Many of the ideas listed above for ARPA funds are great suggestions. I think that a good use of some of the money would be to support local businesses in Carrboro, and to also support the creation of new local businesses in Carrboro. Small businesses can employ local residents and the money spent at those businesses can stay in town. Additionally, I believe that it would be helpful to spend some of the money on improving access to low-cost transportation around Carrboro, such as improving bike access around town and bus routes. Lastly, affordable housing is also lacking in Carrboro, and that could be a good use of money.
- Maybe the town could spend the money to attract businesses to the town. Gainful employment would address many other issues. Carrboro seems to be lagging other towns in the Triangle in terms of attracting businesses.
- Mental health services for youth adults. We are living a mental health epidemic and people need access to group therapy, support groups, etc.
- Monitor & increase testing & vaccination.
- More and better crosswalks esp. heading north up Hillsborough Rd. This will improve public safety for kids & other pedestrians, make Carrboro more ped-friendly which is part of climate change adaptation. Invest in other climate adaptation such as foot/bike paths and more green spaces (tree planting, protecting existing green spaces).
- More outdoor gathering areas
- Need more options for housing for seniors with pets.
- No bonus for police.
- NUMBERS 1, 3, AND 4 ARE TOO BIG TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE TOWN LEVEL. THEY ARE ITEMS THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BY THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. PLEASE REDUCE THE SPEED LIMITS ON ESTES DRIVE EXT AND ON GREENSBORO NEAR THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE TO SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC
- Over the course of this pandemic, I believe one of the most important and impactful things that employers can do is to monetarily recognize (in pay) that any type of public-facing work (bus drivers, postal carriers, first responders, government staff) involves employees putting their lives at increased risk. This is why I believe that premium pay for essential workers (and I would argue all local government employees serve essential roles) is one of the most important ways that Carrboro can show up for its residents.

- Pay down water and utility debt for impacted residents. Improve or replace aging infrastructure, and investment in lower taxes in the future. (This one is free!) Accelerate the permit and zoning approval process to increase housing supply. The town lets these things drag on forever. This would increase affordable housing at no cost to the town or taxpayers.
- Paying a good living wage to the people who kept us going during pandemic is primary. Using funds to combat climate change is top issue after.
- Please address the flooding and stormwater maintenance. Certain HOA's are being held responsible while others are not.
- Please pave roads - not just semi-repair potholes. Carrboro deserves better. I like Carrboro but tax burden too high. No bus to provide tax \$ for our community.
- Please send a letter to every home in Carrboro asking "If you lost income, childcare, housing and need any help from ARPA gov't funds please explain. Including help for education setbacks and exposure to lead, and return your request for help in the free envelope below. You can also call this town of Carrboro tel # if you have any difficulty writing or reading."
- Prioritize affordable housing units and address infrastructure needs of the community.
- PROVIDE MONEY TO SCHOOL SYSTEM
- Provide more access for Covid testing and other health care needs especially mental health. Increase recreational space, indoor and outdoor.
- Provide public health measures to places where people must be indoors, especially the schools
- Provide rental or mortgage assistance. Child care assistance to parents that need it.
- Provide support for businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic, provide support services for essential workers (childcare, healthcare), rent assistance or other interventions to prevent evictions or provide affordable housing.
- Providing high quality stable jobs and fixing town infrastructure will help move forward a stronger town.
- Public health and homelessness which has increased.
- Public health and infrastructure is the most important right now. The roads and sidewalks need work.
- Public money should be spent on the public at large. Pet projects and ideologically direction of funds is not desirable
- Regarding infrastructure investments, they should be with an eye towards preventing/mitigating climate change
- SIDEWALK AND EASEMENT PURCHASE FOR (UNREADABLE) FOR PITTSBORO ST SOUTH FOR CENTER OF TOWN-WHY WASNT THE RECENTLY COMPLETED HILLSLOE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON EAST SIDE OF PITTSBORO ST REQUIRED TO INSTALL SIDEWALKS ALONG PITTSBORO
- Slow down all the contractor and new development throughout the area. Homestead ave is getting overrun with new construction and it's starting to come to Hillsborough Rd (Sanderway, etc.). Estes has avoided major construction, and the new circle was a step forward for traffic flow, but we don't need to build any more large neighborhood of cookie-cutter housing.
- Some small businesses are really struggling invest in them.
- SOMETHING THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WOULD BENEFIT FROM- IMPROVED WIDER SIDEWALKS, ATTRACTIVENESS OF PUBLIC AREAS

- Staff is over worked due to Covid, grants and incentives need to be implemented to attract more healthcare personal.
- Stop permitting single family residences over 2000 SF.
- Stormwater management is a dire need. As is the need to incentivize developers to provide affordable housing. RE parking Main/Greensboro Streets should be car-free except local residents. The street lights, though increasingly efficient, are now a source of light pollution - which has disproportionate effects on vulnerable communities. Street lighting doesn't increase public safety and should not exist outside of pedestrian areas.
- Stormwater management.
- Subsidized childcare & assistance with rent & utilities for people who have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic
- Support people in Carrboro who have been left out (and are generally systematically left out) of formal relief programs, largely the undocumented community but also other immigrants who have many barriers to receiving support, especially during the pandemic, including language access, limited digital literacy, etc.
- Sustainable transport - bike lanes
- Test kit provisioning. Mask provisioning. Local business innovation. Job replacement mitigation,
- The F bus used to run all the way down Hillsborough Rd. prior to Covid. It would be nice to see that again.
- The funds should be used to outfit the town to handle the, current and future, impacts of climate change - our infrastructure and storm water containment particularly need attention.
- The goal should be more general and all encompassing. The effects be more long lasting.
- The Greensboro round about was a waste of money. Too many tall buildings are distasteful.
- The highest priority should be securing safe housing for disproportionately impacted communities, including the houseless, those who are at risk of losing housing, and those who don't have safe and healthy housing. Please support housing first approaches for the houseless, including use of underoccupied hotels. Please help people pay for rent, mortgage, and childcare without extended and burdensome eligibility testing. Please help people keep housing safe (lead/mold remediation, critical repairs, utilities). We ought to be prioritizing these actions all the time, not only when we get a windfall grant.
- The past 2 years has had severe impact on low-income families. Help the low income keep their housing.
- The town must put a sidewalk on high Street.
- The town should be better prepared for pandemics and have a supply of PPE available for essential employees, medical facilities, first responders, and other critical workers.
- The town should use one time funding to build and upgrade lasting infrastructure that will benefit all residents. Sidewalks and more robust bicycle lanes and paths would be a good place to start.
- The website doesn't update with current town board meetings and minutes. Also I never the holiday schedules for trash, yard debris and recycling. The new inspection portal is really nice, though.

- There is no paved bike path in Carrboro to ride recreationally anywhere near McDougle. Only the street. Create one even like Southern Village has that goes straight to town. Maybe also provide activities for people over 14 as well as under, and maybe subsidize some of the small business so people actually go back to work ,not stay home on welfare , so places are fully staffed again Enough is enough! Time to get back to normalcy!
- THIS COMMENT IS NOT ARPA SPECIFIC-THE TOWNS OF CARRBORO AND CHAPEL HILL AND UNC NEED TO COMBINE SERVICES INTO ONE TO GAIN EFFICIENCIES AND PASS SAVINGS IN FORM OF PAYBACK TO THOSE WHO PROVIDE THE SERVICE
- This is hard as they're all important and I'd like to see both lasting investments a relief for the directly impacted.
- THIS PANDEMIC DOESNT IMPACT EVERYONE EQUALLY. WE NEED TO LIFT UP THOSE WHO ARE MOST MARGINALIZED-UNHOUSED PERSON, FOR EXAMPLE.IN ORDER TO HAVE A HEALTHY, THRIVING COMMUNITY
- UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS WERE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STIMULUS OR HOUSING MONEY FROM GOVERNMENT YET MANY ARE STILL UNDEREMPLOYED IN RESTURANTS, NAIL SALONS, YEARD WORK DUE TO PANDEMIC
- Use the fund to support the future health of the community.
- Use the funds to keep schools open and safer. It can be done!!!
- Use this mindful capital to make long term investments in physical infrastructure for the town.
- We (my husband and I) are concerned that we will not be able to afford the \$4,000 property tax on our 730 square ft home as we age. It doesn't really relate to this anyway I apologize, but people on fixed incomes should not have to leave our wonderful community.
- We have had some situations where we were yelled at by local government workers.
- We have to pay for trash, water, and amenities. Raised rent on old apartments that have been updated.
- We need to address affordable housing options for first responders, teachers, and other essential workers so they live and invest in our community. We need more businesses that generate high sales tax revenues.
- We need to lift up communities of color.
- We will soon have a library maybe this has been funded by ARPA?
- While everyone has been impacted by the pandemic, it has not impacted folks equally. Some Carrboro residents have not been impacted economically, while some folks have been very much affected. I would like to see the funds go to aiding those who need it most.
- While public health is covered by other groups, Carrboro needs to take the opportunity to improve factors that lead to long term public health. These include investing in infrastructure that has been long neglected.
- With so many experiencing financial problems (for various reasons) more needs to be done for financial aid and especially affordable housing.
- Work training program as there appears to be many under staffed skilled employees in our community. Our economic vitality depend on effectively filling these jobs.
- Work within Orange County and other counties to advocate and coordinate efforts that benefit those most negatively and disproportionately affected.