



American Rescue Plan State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Community Engagement Edgecombe County Results

Survey Ranking Results (Total Respondents: 40)

On a scale of 1 (highest) to 4 (lowest), how would you rank the following categories as least important to most important to be invested in?

Category	Responses					Score	Rank
	1 (Highest)	2	3	4 (Lowest)	No Response		
Address Negative Economic Challenges	10	8	5	6	11	2.24	2
Affordable Housing	17	8	4	8	3	2.08	1
Water & Sewer	6	8	13	4	9	2.48	3
Stormwater	3	8	10	13	6	2.97	4

On a scale of 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest), please rank which general government program and service areas you believe should be prioritized for ARPA funding.

Category	Responses						Score	Rank
	1 (Highest)	2	3	4	5 (Lowest)	No Response		
Reduce Violent Crime	13	6	7	2	2	10	2.13	1
Community Development	12	11	0	2	4	11	2.14	2
Economic Development	7	7	15	1	2	8	2.50	4
Public Works & Infrastructure	1	6	7	11	4	11	2.45	3
Parks & Recreation	6	7	1	10	10	6	2.83	5

Town Hall Comment Summary (Comments Received: 64)

Top Categories

Rank	Category	Mentions	Rank	Category	Mentions
1	Affordable Housing	6	6	Equity	3
2	Housing Rehabilitation	6	7	Youth Programs	3
3	Small Business Support	5	8	Homeownership	2
4	Economic Development	4	9	Mental Health	2
5	Education	3	10	Neighborhoods	2

Survey Comments - Edgecombe County

Other Comments to Q3: "On a scale of 1 (highest) to 4 (lowest), how would you rank the following categories as least important to most important to be invested in?"

Community Code enforcement, Transit hours extended in the weekend, holidays, and during the week. Road paving, street lighting, rehabilitation of old houses. More on police patrols, ambulances, garbage pickup. More firefighters, youth activities, senior services and help for the disabled. Veterans and more homeless services. And above all working with everyone in the community.

Current single-family Housing stock Rehabilitation

Downtown Development and providing quality housing to the city core.

Education

Pay for police officers Mental and physical health education

Other Comments to Q4: "On a scale of 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest), please rank which general government program and service areas you believe should be prioritized for ARPA funding."

All of the above is a top priority

Education

educational needs high priority

Housing/infrastructure

If people are given a fair chance to have a decent place to live, food to eat, health care, education and job choices, then crime will be reduced because they have created a stake in their own community to care for.

Lighting up the soccer complex

Pay for police officers Mental and physical health education

Spreading economic development across the board not just for subsets or groups

Q5: Are there any specific projects, initiatives, programs, or ideas that you would like to see invested in through ARPA funds?

Affordable housing and parks

Affordable housing occupancy

Better lights in the neighborhoods

Cameras in all neighborhoods focusing on crime areas

Economic development, Community participation, Housing and Education. Public Safety and Quality of Life improvements.

Energy Assistance during winter months and during summer for the elderly and low income persons

Financial assistance with utility bill for the elderly and low-income residents in Rocky Mount, NC

fix our schools and create more after schools options to keep children busy and out of trouble.

Grants for older homes Grants to assist first-time homeowners Mental and physical health education Nonprofits

Have additional public private partnerships for downtown development.

Housing Revitalization Projects

I would love for the city to knock down the old dairy bar on Raleigh St. and Daughtry St. It has become a place for those not living in the area to gather.

Imperial Center planetarium

Job creation and economic stability. Developing strategies to keep businesses open on Edgecombe which can be done through crime reduction and education

Lighting the soccer complex and parking areas - paving all parking areas around the sports complex - additional parking area around soccer complex

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More money funded toward repairs homes by the City
Neighborhood cleanup Boarded up housing eyesores and using flood house spaces for junk yards
none
Offer competitive salary and benefits to your employees. None of the things you are considering spending this money on will matter if you don't have a workforce to provide basic city services. You are losing good workers every day because they can go to a neighboring municipality and be paid more and receive better benefits. You've already allocated nearly half of the money for affordable housing and downtown development. Neither of those should have been included in this survey.
Our youth. Develop out parks and Recs. Improve soccer fields, lighting, seating/bleachers, install artificial turf, etc. Soccer is popular, and Rocky Mount is way behind other Metro areas such as Wilson (Gillette Fields) which is state of the art, Raleigh-Durham and surrounding area soccer facilities. Needed to attract local youth, as well as coaches. Our child actually went to Wilson (WYSA) from Tar River (TRYSA) due to lack of facilities, games, knowledgeable coaches among many other things.
Pave parking lot in the soccer complex . Golf karts for soccer staff . Lights for all fields , score boards
Reparation's for American descendants of Slaves (reparative justice)
RMT Community Survey Statements by Otis Jordan_ 252 266-3686 Where travel ways are, where the people go, is where economic activity emerges, i.e., commercial retail centers. RETAIL SALES TAX is collected at the point of purchase/sale in the merchant's county of location. People follow the roads, and merchants/businesses follow the people. 85% of Edgecombe County Sales Tax Revenue goes to Nash Co., depriving Edgecombe Co. Of its tax Revenue. The north-south RR, US Highway 301(Bus) 301 bypass, and I-95 location in Nash county are the PSYCHICAL FACTORS that have created the sales tax inequities and cannot be changed. However, the HUMAN FACTOR, who are the elected government officials, can act to remedy the taxes and other disparities, as we can have wise men reason together to enact legislation via our constitution and democratic republic form of government. In that, Edgecombe county residents, over many years, have, without choice, paid billions of dollars in taxes and other revenue to Nash County and received no benefit, but instead just strife. Request that the Nash County Commissions offer a matching sum of the \$10,253,222 ARPA funds from the city of RMT to be used on the Nash County side of RMT. \$10, 253,222 is only a tiny fraction of the billions of dollars PAID TO NASH COUNTY by EDGECOMBE COUNTY RESIDENTS over the years. The ARPA fund can be used as stated by the ARPA allowable categories of "fair and equitable to address negative economic impacts and the exacerbation of pre-existing disparities." The City of RMT and Edgecombe County must immediately begin to stop the bleeding of Edgecombe County resources into Nash Co. These ARPA funds should be strategically used to make the most significant economic impact for RMT, Edge. Co., and in turn, Eastern NC. The planned NC Highway 64 to become (I-87). This future I-87 east-west corridor should be explored for economic people/commerce development out to the NC Coast. We need to build travel ways through eastern NC, where HOUSING AND PEOPLE go. The final proposal is that The City of Rocky Mount should set up an NGO-Non Profit downtown development authority and a community development authority, Tasked with the best use of these ARPA funds to develop downtown and the Rocky Mount community, respectively. An example of a good NGO with an excellent proven visible track record for the community development part is RMECDC. Nash County could set up its NGO for downtown and community development. Thus the best use of the ARPA is infostructure/houses. Rehabilitate and remodel existing housing stock, not new apartment buildings. Housing/infrastructure is always the key to any economic development. Otis Jordan.
Road repair
Workforce development for young people to offer trades
Yes, reimbursement or up front grants to have dangerous trees removed from yards (hanging over homes or causing concrete to crack in homes, etc...).