



American Rescue Plan State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Community Engagement Ward 2 Results

Survey Ranking Results (Total Respondents: 31)

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	11	5	3	8	4	2.30	2
Affordable Housing	8	8	7	8	0	2.48	3
Water & Sewer	8	6	11	2	4	2.26	1
Stormwater	2	8	6	11	4	2.96	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	16	3	4	2	3	3	2.04	1
Community Development	5	10	5	5	4	2	2.76	2
Economic Development	5	8	5	6	3	4	2.78	3
Public Works & Infrastructure	1	3	7	5	5	10	3.48	5
Parks & Recreation	3	4	6	7	5	6	3.28	4

Town Hall Comment Summary (Comments Received: 27)

Top Categories

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

Survey Comments - Ward 2

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?"

Current single-family Housing stock Rehabilitation

Downtown Development and providing quality housing to the city core.

Education

Keeping the community and grounds clean on a more regular schedule is important as well

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."

Housing/infrastructure

Lighting up the soccer complex

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

Affordable housing occupancy

Cameras in all neighborhoods focusing on crime areas

Funding for restaurants, particularly downtown.

Grants and low interest rate loans for the revitalization of downtown and businesses Matching grants for housing rehab

House Incentive funds to erase blight and create affordable housings

Group Homes & other Assisted Living Homes, Small Businesses, Youth Organizations, Help with Utilities. Why are City workers the ONLY people getting "Covid Premium Pay"?? Plenty other workers deserve that way more! How much is Andre getting??

Have additional public private partnerships for downtown development.

I would like the city to invest money into the youth sports programs. For example allowing parks and rec to use the complex for football practices, due to it being well lit and in a safer area than where we have practice now. This will also allow them to purchase more and better training equipment such as sleds, tackling dummies so we can have the kids prepared for the next level as in school football

I would like to see funds invested in housing programs to help low and moderate income families as well as families in housing and utility crisis.

Imperial Center planetarium

Keep making battle park nicer

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

More lights at the soccer complex. The sport is getting larger and making sure we can use the entire field in the afternoon would be wonderful. The children enjoy playing under the lights.

More money funded toward repairs homes by the City

Neighborhood cleanup Boarded up housing eyesores and using flood house spaces for junk yards

Playground equipment for Englewood Elementary School. The students have no outside equipment to play on. Please consider this investment for the students and families in our community.

Provide more lighting at soccer fields. Bathrooms closer to fields at sports complex

Reduction in Crime

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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.

Sidewalk in Candlewood

Spend money improving the science center and replacing the bulb in the planetarium

Tear down the old run-down houses that are beyond repair, and spend the money upgrading and revitalizing the houses that can be repaired.