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County Looks for Residents' Input in American Rescue Plan Funding Survey

Residents can respond to the survey at www.ccpa.net/ARPSurvey through Tuesday, Feb. 22

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County needs resident's input through a short five minute [survey](#) on how to best allocate the \$46.7 million of the remaining American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. The funding was allocated to the county to assist the county, businesses, and residents recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are looking to residents for recommendations on how to allocate funding in five eligible categories," said Cumberland County Commissioner Gary Eichelberger. "We are looking for everyone's input including residents, businesses, non-profits and municipalities."

The American Rescue Plan provides five eligible use categories in which funds can be used for the following:

Support public health expenditures: funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.

Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency: including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.

Replace lost public sector revenue: using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.

Provide premium pay for essential workers: offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors.

Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure: Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Based upon these eligible categories, the county has developed three goals to assist in guiding how American Rescue Plan Funds should be used in Cumberland County:

Goal 1: Improve the physical and mental health of county residents directly and indirectly impacted by COVID-19.

Goal 2: Revitalize Cumberland County communities negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Goal 3: Restore and deliver government services impeded, delayed, or cancelled by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cumberland County was awarded \$49,214,152 in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and received \$24,214,152 in May 2021. The county is expected to receive the remaining \$25 million in 2022.

In September 2021, the Cumberland County Commissioners awarded three Cumberland County higher education institutions \$2.5 million through the Higher Education American Rescue Plan Recovery Grant Program (ARP). The county awarded Central Penn College - \$1.4 million for job training improvements; Shippensburg University - \$500,000 to cover the cost of COVID-19 testing and Messiah University - \$600,000 for projected costs of COVID-19 vaccines, testing and medical equipment.

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