

Summary of Feedback on Projects for ARPA Funds

Category	Description	Number of times suggested
Transportation	Things to make Cochran Road safer (bike/pedestrian	46
Transportation	Bike/pedestrian paths/lanes (not necessarily on	40
Recreation	Tennis courts	39
Recreation	Pickle ball courts	24
Transportation	More parking on Bridge Street/in	21
Transportation	Sidewalks in general	20
Recreation	Basketball court(s)	19
Recreation	Dog park	15
Buildings	Town center renovation	15
Recreation	Expand and upgrade playground at Volunteer's	14
Recreation	Recreational trails/paths (as opposed to	14
Recreation	Improvements to Volunteer's Green in general	12
Transportation	Better access to Park and Ride via sidewalks, trails,	9
Recreation	Skate park	9
Energy	Solar panels on town buildings, community solar	9
Buildings	More community meeting space	8
Misc	Digitization of land records	7
Beautification	General landscaping to improve appearance of town,	6
Communication	Increase broadband availability	6
Recreation	Modernize and upgrade soccer/baseball fields at	6
Transportation	Sidewalks on Jericho Road and to Southview	6
Recreation	Benches at Volunteers Green and Browns Court	5
Buildings	Lighting -- solar-powered high efficiency or	5
Transportation	Misc bicycle and pedestrian safety (unspecified)	5
Financial	Pay police officers more, fully staff police	5
Arts	Create maker space/studio space for artists	4
Beautification	Improve farmer's market area -- level the ground,	4
Recreation	Splash pad	4
Recreation	Upgrade equipment (chalk line stripers, line paint,	4
Energy	Clean energy initiatives	3
Buildings	Energy efficiency and weatherization for Town	3
Energy	Funds for weatherization programs	3
Energy	Funds to help homeowners become more energy	3
Library	Improvements to and upgrades to library building	3
Water and Sewer	Improvements to town water and sewer	3
Energy	Install Level 3 fast charger	3
Energy	New generator for CHMS (disaster shelter)	3
Transportation	Transit access/improvements	3
Recreation	Conserve undeveloped land, keep it wild	2

Category	Description	Number of times suggested
Financial	Bonuses for Richmond Market employees, town	2
Transportation	Four-way stop at	2
Buildings	Improve/increase handicapped entrances, curb cuts	2
Misc	Pay for deferred maintenance and put-off projects	2
Recreation	Public restroom at Volunteer's Green	2
Beautification	Replace deteriorating benches, do landscaping, etc	2
Recreation	River platform for people to view river	2
Transportation	Rotary at Bridge Street/Main Street intersection	2
Recreation	Spigot for near baseball/soccer fields	2
Recreation	Wildlife bridges in heavy transportation corridors	2
Recreation	Gaga pit at Volunteers Green	1
Misc	Air quality study for Riverview Commons	1
Recreation	Batting cages	1
Recreation	Bleachers for baseball fields	1
Beautification	Cemetery fence (unspecified, but I imagine they	1
Recreation	Community garden space	1
Beautification	Covered pavilion at Volunteers Green with space for	1
Financial	Do nothing with money, send it back to US	1
Transportation	Enforce speed limits	1
Misc	Equipment for fire department (unspecified)	1
Buildings	Expand/upgrade Fire Department building	1
Misc	Fence around Maple Wind Farm to keep cows from	1
Recreation	Fitness court/trail (series of fitness stations)	1
Buildings	Flood mitigation barrier along Winooski	1
Communication	Free wifi for downtown Richmond	1
Child care	Fund renovations/improvements for existing child	1
Financial	Funding to help someone establish a new bike shop	1
MMCTV	Funding to replace diminishing funding from	1
Recreation	Improve playground at Richmond Elementary School	1
Recreation	Improvements to Chittenden County Fish and Game	1
Library	Increase funding to library and library programs	1
Buildings	Indoor farmer's market space available 12 months a	1
Landscaping	Keep bridge supports along Route 2 graffiti-free	1
Beautification	Landscaping and sign improvements (e.g. 'Welcome	1
Arts	Local arts pop-ups to draw people into town	1
Buildings	Money to remedy residences that are borderline	1
Buildings	More A/V equipment and other improvements for	1
Energy	More charging ports (for cars) around town	1
Library	More funds for book purchases	1
Recreation	Move Farmer's Market to Willis Farm area	1

Category	Description	Number of times suggested
Financial	One time payments for Richmond businesses that	1
Financial	One-time exemption from property taxes for	1
Recreation	Outdoor learning spaces	1
Transportation	Purchase an easement through the Farr land and the	1
Landscaping	Remove/lower cables across Winooski that block	1
Cemetery	Renovation of cemetery	1
Beautification	Repair bandshell	1
Library	Replace all Library lights with LEDs	1
Misc	Replace police department radios	1
Misc	Replace/upgrade town highway department and	1
Recreation	Running track (indoor or outdoor)	1
Misc	School resource officer	1
Buildings	Space for a Richmond museum of some kind	1
Misc	Switch to paid firefighters	1
Library	Technology investment/upgrades	1
Recreation	Teen center	1
Misc	Trail and game cameras for ACF	1
Recreation	Upgrade playground at Riverview Commons	1
Financial	Use as matching funds in general, or for Inflation	1
Recreation	Yurts	1

Feedback on Projects for ARPA Funds that have been stricken from consideration by the ARPA Committee

Stricken	Category	Description	Number of times suggested	Reason for Striking
X	Recreation	Recreation center with pool, gymnasiums, climbing walls, etc	38	Not possible given current amount of funding available
X	Housing	Create more affordable housing (incl. for seniors, disabled)	11	Probably not possible given current amount of funding available
X	Recreation	Ice rink (indoor or outdoor)	10	Not possible given current amount of funding available
X	Child care	Somehow create more affordable child care	9	Fails the "no continuing expenses" test
X	Buildings	Senior center	6	Probably not possible given current amount of funding available
X	Landscaping	Buried power lines downtown	5	Not possible given current amount of funding available
X	Financial	Debt service	4	Not permitted under ARPA
X	Financial	Tax reduction	3	Not permitted under ARPA
X	Recreation	Mini golf	3	Probably not possible due to space required
X	Recreation	Cross-country groomed trails at Volunteer's Green	3	Fails the "no continuing expenses" test
X	Recreation	Town campground	2	Fails the "no continuing expenses" test
X	Mental health	Teen center with mental health services and support programs	2	Probably not possible given current amount of funding available
X	Recreation	Subsidize fees for camps, swim programs, etc	2	Fails the "no continuing expenses" test
X	Misc	Make people with junk on their front lawns clean it up	2	Unclear how this would be done
X	Communication	Infrastructure/towers to improve cell phone reception	2	Not possible given current amount of funding available
X	Recreation	Hire recreation director	2	Fails the "no continuing expenses" test
X	Recreation	Funding for town band, July 4th committee, etc	2	Fails the "no continuing expenses" test
X	Recreation	Driving range	2	Probably not possible due to space required
X	Child care	Create cooperative child-care space	2	Not possible given current amount of funding available
X	Recreation	Shower space and inexpensive camping option for Long Trail hikers	1	Long Trail does not go through Richmond any longer
X	Transportation	Ride share/errands share app for use by townspeople	1	Might already be such a thing
X	Buildings	Purchase Riverview Commons outright	1	Not possible given current amount of funding available
X	Buildings	Public composting facility	1	Not possible given current amount of funding available
X	Buildings	Make Gary Bressor finish his house	1	Unclear how this would be done
X	Recreation	Make baseball/soccer free for next 10-15 years	1	Fails the "no continuing expenses" test
X	Financial	Lower real estate costs	1	Unclear how this would be done
X	Buildings	Help Riverview Commons residents purchase their properties	1	Probably not possible given current amount of funding available
X	Misc	Free lunch in schools	1	Fails the "no continuing expenses" test
X	Misc	Fire alarms in every house directly connected to fire station	1	Unclear how this would be done
X	Misc	Emerald Ash Borer fund	1	Fails the "no continuing expenses" test
X	Recreation	Creation of fund to fund recreation programs	1	Fails the "no continuing expenses" test
X	Buildings	Build/recruit a pharmacy to Richmond	1	Unclear how this would be done
X	Misc	Build a car wash, distribute proceeds to taxpayers	1	Fails the "no continuing expenses" test