## American Rescue Plan Act

**Survey Results and Funding Recommendations** 



#### INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE

Including water, sewer, and broadband.

#### INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Resources to continue the fight against COVID-19.

## INVESTMENTS IN TOURISM

To support targeted industries hit hardest.

### ASSISTANCE TO HOUSEHOLDS

To offset the impact of COVID-19 on residents.

#### **ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

To build a strong, resilient, equitable recovery.

### ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES

To help businesses weather the economic storm.





Tax Refunds



Pension Plans



Debt Service or Replenishing Reserves

# Prohibited uses of ARPA Funding

**INELIGIBLE USES** 

#### May 2021

First Traunch Received by Talbot County.

**December 31, 2024** 

Funds must be obligated by the end of the calendar year.

**December 31, 2026** 

Funds must be fully spent.

# Timeline for using ARPA Funds.

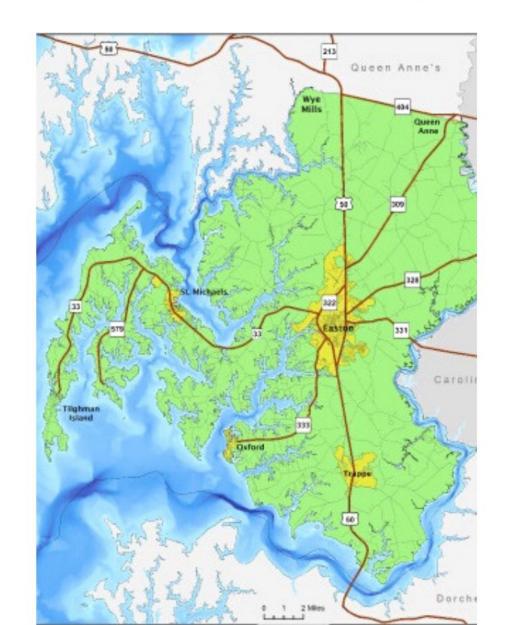
FEDERAL TREASURY GUIDANCE

ARPA SURVEY RESULTS

#### Survey Says . . .

634 PEOPLE RESPONDED WHEN ASKED HOW TALBOT COUNTY SHOULD INVEST IT'S ARPA FUNDS

52% of the respondents were from Easton, with responses coming from every corner of Talbot County



#### #1 Infrastructure

Expansion of broadband for education, remote work, and telehealth.

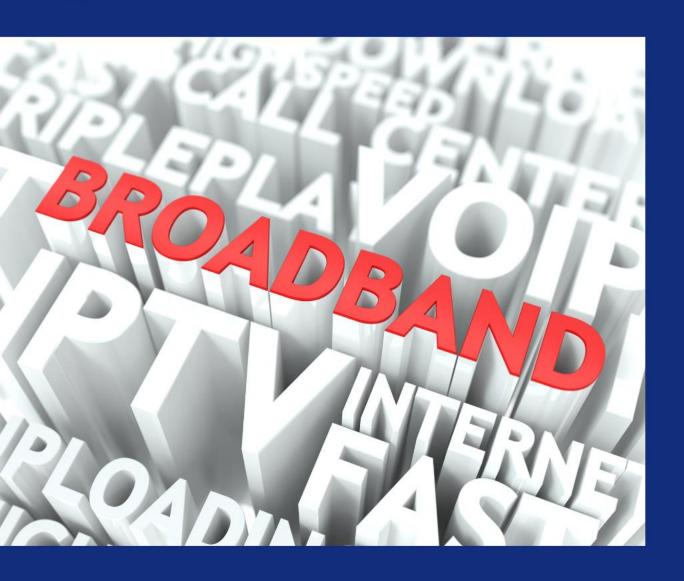
#### #2 Public Health

"We have learned from the pandemic that public health is vital."

#### **#3** Assistance to Households

"People should always be first when considering such issues."

# Of the six categories, these ranked the highest.



45% of those answering the survey ranked expansion of broadband as the top priority



# Continuing the Fight Against COVID-19

THE CORE OF THE ARPA LEGISLATION

A new EMS station in the north part of Talbot County topped the list, followed by a new Health Department.



# A helping hand for those in need

Assistance to households and small businesses ranked 3rd and 4th.









# OTHER NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THE SURVEY

426 RESPONDENTS TOOK
THE TIME TO ANSWER
OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS
ABOUT WHAT THEY SEE AS
PRIORITIES.

# INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE

## \$1.75 million

#### Continuing Broadband Expansion to the Unserved and Underserved

Easton Utilities selected through RFI process for this work.

\$105,000

# Improvements to failing septic system at Chesapeake Center

Filling a gap where other funding is unavailable and to help the environment.

# INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH



# Partial funding for an EMS Station/Back Up 911 Center in North County

Offsets costs included in Capital Improvement Projects \$300,000

Funding for additional EMS
Unit for Talbot County
Emergency Services

One-time expenditure.

\$500,000

## Talbot County Fire Company Grant Fund

Funding for equipment and other specific needs.

# INVESTMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

\$250,000

## Funding for Talbot County Nonprofit Grant Fund

Preference given to those with projects that help those in need.

\$150,000

## To replenish the shelves of Talbot County Food Banks

Continuing our efforts to feed the hungry.

\$50,000

#### For improved sound system at Talbot County Free Library

An anchor institution that helps residents from all walks.

#### **FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

# TALBOT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

\$160,000

#### Talbot County IT Cybersecurity Project

An investment in technology upgrades to improve efficiency.

\$235,000

#### **Administrative Costs**

Survey, staff, and other costs associated with distributing ARPA Funds.

## \$4.5 million

## Total of Recommendations for First Round of Funding

Task Force suggestions at least two rounds of funding.

