

Suggestions/Input Received via Email

Please don't forget about the overworked middle class. Not trying to take anything away from other groups but families now have child care monies. Homeless have many people and organizations working together for them. Personally we never received any of the stimulus money. We work full and part time jobs. We pay high property taxes, a little boost would help.

Fire/Police/EMS deserve something extra during this time to use toward pay or wherever their need I am learning from multiple avenues that our healthcare workers are wearing out, burning out, just plane tiring out.

an endorsement letter for Drift's (bike share) ARPA application

water and sewer to French Island. It would be a long-term and laudable use of one-time money. The PFAS contamination of their water seems to have no other solution, and those folks cannot continue to use bottled water indefinitely. They can't even sell their homes if they need to, because of this water contamination. I don't think French Island inhabitants need to join the municipality of La Crosse in order to get water and sewer service. They need relief, and soon. They could pay a higher rate for service than La Crosse residents. I urge you to include this in your discussions of the Federal money.

The city of LaCrosse should help seniors with the rest of government money. My husband passed of cancer and I live on his SS but am having lots of things I need fixed but no money to do it. My garage door opener cost 600.00 to replace it broke. My deck is hazardous etc where can I get help

The suggestions are: bus shelters, bike lockers, and nimble municipal snow-clearing equipment. These things could support both the physical and mental health of individuals and families with mobility challenges. Bus shelters could give weather protection and a little more dignity to transit riders. Even benches at more stops (and trees!) could help. Bike lockers (such as the ones available in some parking ramps and the transit center) placed in neighborhood parks, could be used by individuals without garages or other secure and sheltered means of storing bikes. This would be especially helpful for electric bicycles, which are rising in popularity and can be game-changers for some individuals' and family's mobility. Clearing snow from street corners, particularly those that are also bus stops, can make walking and bussing more pleasant, safer, and in some cases, possible at all. Allowing individuals and families to get by without having to purchase and operate an automobile, or a second automobile, could have a significant impact on both household budgets and the local economy. (The thousands of dollars for the cost of a car could translate into more money for rent, mortgage, education, healthcare, groceries, dining out, etc.) Another suggestion would probably fall under "replace lost public sector revenue." Could money go to the planning department for more staffing to develop and support active transportation infrastructure? Thanks for your time and for all that you do.

First & foremost: Street repair. The City has overspent on round-a-bouts while too many city streets have been neglected. I'm referring to streets that aren't throughways, like Cass St. or South Avenue. The 2nd suggestion: the City should abide by its ordinance re: snow removal. I clear the full width of my section of the sidewalk. However, my lot, & my next-door neighbor's border a crosswalk neither of us is responsible for. The City has someone make one pass with a large snowblower. But they don't backtrack to clear the full width. Taxpaying residents are expected to clear the full width of "their" sidewalks. Shouldn't the Public Works Dept. abide by that same ordinance? If their's not enough in their budget you should allocate ARPA funds for Public Works to hire extra seasonal workers to plow or shovel & put ICE MELT on those TREACHEROUS ICE PATCHES on that crosswalk school children have to walk on! Those patches of treacherous ice get particularly large on two squares adjacent to squares raised by tree roots. I noticed the Public Works Dept. put marker flags along those raised sections to alert the snowblower operator to raise his plow.

Boilers and roofing at the La Crosse Center.

Money should go to property tax payers that have been footing the bill for lots of things. Added to the tax bills. Not to non profits, she feels like non profits have been taking a good share of the money and costing us a lot in two years. Such as the homeless.

1. With the recent addition of Kwik Trip to incorporate a Day Care facility on Darling Court, I feel it would be important to add an outlet to the North, roads are not part of ARP but funds can be used for stormwater infrastructure. It would be beneficial to the area with families coming to the Day Care facility possibly to use some of the excess sales tax from the County to build a road to extend North.
2. ARP funding for Parks, would like to see an upgrade to Badger/ Hickey park to include a new structure if possible to promote Community health and economic recovery. Fema is requiring the shelter to be in compliance, not sure of the cost to remove it from the Floodplain. With the nearby Bridgeview Plaza I would like to have funding to add partial fencing surrounding the Park as well.
3. Extra funding dollars for assistance with residents with lead pipe removals in homes, assistance with rent payments and options for solar initiatives of funding sources.

Please consider using the funds to hire experts to conduct an 'exergy' feasibility study that takes builds on the district heating and cooling capacities of the facilities belonging to Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Our existing district heating and cooling system operates at 50% of its capacity. The output of our system can be used to power a larger district, providing heating and cooling for the four public housing buildings and neighborhood buildings beyond our FSPA Campus.

We support this study because it can be implemented in a way that greatly lowers costly energy bills for the poorest residents of our city while optimizing energy efficiency and combatting climate change. This study could also examine options that add renewable energy, such as solar, all while reducing carbon emissions.

I live at Stoffel court, and we have a lot of dead space not being used that could use improvement to make it viable for the residents.

At stoffel, we have one apartment sacrificed as our "library", which is not kept up as a library. If it offered wi-fi it would be more library-like. As well, when the no-smoking policies were put in place, it simply forced residents to the ally or sidewalk, which makes the community more unsightly, and sticks people out in bad weather, that just want to use a legal product. A simple solution would be to cater to smokers, make a smoking room that has proper ventilation, and is climate controlled. People shouldn't be made to feel unwelcome, where they live. One room of the sacrificed "library" is trash storage, and would be a great smoking area. (and I'm not a smoker, it's about respect to some degree)

As well, we have a salon that goes unused. All the equipment is there, but it never opens, how about a salary to hire someone and open that back up for service, as it sits now, it is a liability, and a place to submit our surveys under the door. Could be used for something other than a salon, could be a vending area, or a number of things.

Before I lived here, they banned grilling, and I hear it's really missed. Having to drive to a park to grill is not a luxury everyone here can afford. The issue was people not handling their grills properly, well, install some like you see in parks, and have a metal trash can for coals, like we see at Pettibone park. It was made a rule by rubber stamp, and never reconsidered if these funds are for improving the community, that would improve a lot around here, as a social outlet, as well for people that just miss grilling.

I would venture a guess a lot of public housing has these dead spaces collecting dust, and since the funds touch on public housing, I would think it would qualify. Improving and breathing life back into what exists is just as important as new builds

Trees, trees and more trees! They will be a lasting benefit to the community.

The homeless issue is, as the Mayor suggested in a recent forum, a vexing problem. Why not consider a long term fix, such as creating a "tiny village" where people have a safe place to be housed while they are receiving other services to become contributing members of society? (Tiny houses are just that--- tiny housing with a bedroom, small kitchen facility and bathroom), usually built with a community facility for laundry, congregate meals, etc. as part of the complex. I realize that all of the homeless cannot be housed this way, but the concept would deal with some and provide an incentive for them to qualify.

Otherwise, when considering options for trying to solve this problem, consider that some of what the homeless need is to BE in community, not necessarily single housing where they are left without support and communication which CONNECTS them to viable society. (I was once on the streets myself, not because I was without assets but because I was mentally ill enough to become separated from them. My experience, however, informed me about what it is like to live AS a homeless person). Thanks for asking.

I don't know if you have parameters for how to spend the covid relief money, but I have the following.

- 1) Since the money is for covid relief, look at the damage done by covid and use the money to rectify that.
- 2) This money that we got is adding to the national debt and should not be spent for things that should be in our regular budget - especially programs that would need to be extended by expanding our budget.

The two things that I think were mostly damaged by covid were small businesses and children in school.

- are there ways to use the money to help small businesses that were hurt by covid; reimburse for costs they had in dealing with governments covid response; give aid for things they can show they need to get back to normal

- use the money for summer programs for kids that are behind in school; have summer programs for core subjects - reading and math - for kids that are behind in those subjects; not summer programs that are just child care, districts can fund that if they want them, but core instruction to bring kids back up to grade level.

I would like to suggest that use some of funds for grants for small business, We did not put in for the early one the city had, But as this drages on?

I would like to see the City use money from this plan to plant more trees in our city neighborhoods. Although we do have a tree planting program, it is structured in such a way that our poorer neighborhoods do not benefit from it as much as the better off neighborhoods. Some people can't afford the cost of the trees, or they live in a rental and have no control over participation. A simple drive around our neighborhoods gives us a stark picture of the lack of trees in the poorer neighborhoods - often dominated by landlords who don't participate in the program.

If more City funds were used for this program - to pay for the total cost of the trees and providing City watering services where necessary, all of the citizens of La Crosse could benefit from the advantages that trees give to neighborhoods, such as:

- * maximizing shade
- * saving energy
- * contributing to cleaner air and citizen health
- * increasing the enjoyment and beauty of the City overall
- * increasing property value

Numerous studies have shown that the more green spaces a city has directly contributes to the overall mental and physical health of its residents.