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<p>The Exchange (part of the Shelter Development program) has requested a grant of \$325,000 from the City of La Crosse - ARPA funds. This grant would allow The Exchange to own the building (1009 4th Street South) used to store, operate and deliver household items to the most vulnerable members in our community. I ask that you strongly consider supporting this request or their second request of a down-payment \$97,000.00 to help secure a permanent place from which to do this good work of providing basic household items and furniture for the homeless and those who are housing insecure. The community members who come to The Exchange have been recommended to our non profit agency via a social service agency that verifies the need of the individual or family. So, this is truly a community effort to help the homeless begin a new life with some basic household items and furniture.</p>	La Crosse	2/17/2022	\$325,000.00 to purchase the building	approx. 500 people a year	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	The homeless and housing insecure in our community. This could be someone who has been living on the street or a mother who finds herself without a place to live after leaving an abusive spouse. I have helped in my volunteer role a single man who now has a room to live in at a shared home and someone who just arrived here from another stat or city hoping to find a safe place to live and raise her children. These clients need the most basic things, a bath towel, a cooking pot or a bed to sleep on. The Exchange has provided help to 500 people this past year.	no	
<p>Great River Folk Fest is the longest running music festival in the La Crosse Area, operating for over 45 years. These funds could contribute to operating costs, which include: park rental, licenses, insurance, tents, bands, and beverages to name a few. Many of these costs are paid to the City of La Crosse and local businesses.</p>	La Crosse	2/15/2022	20,000	1000+ attendees and La Crosse Area Businesses	Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency	Yes	Fundamentally, La Crosse area businesses will benefit from the use of these funds and local businesses put money back into local economy. Our festival is well-known regionally and nationally, drawing between 1,000 and 3,000 attendees yearly over its 45 year history. Attendees purchase travel, accommodations/lodging, food/beverage, and products from local businesses. Simply put, music festivals attract visitors and visitors spend money. The larger the festival, the greater the economic impact. COVID-19 has substantially impacted our tourism sector - a well supported festival will show dividends this year, as well as in the future as Great River Folk Fest has significant name recognition and longevity.	We have been financially sustainable in the past. As a nonprofit, we are typically breakeven.	
<p>If you don't own a car you may have trouble getting to jobs, daycare, shopping, etc. We charge people a monthly fee (if they can afford it) for a bus pass that may not go when or where they need to go, but we subsidize parking for people who don't even live in La Crosse. Use some of the funds to provide free annual passes for those who are eligible for social assistance.</p>	La crosse	2/15/2022	I don't know	Per WisDOT 30-40% of 16+ yr olds are non drivers	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	No	Low income workers, students, families. Those who may struggle to pay for a transit pass. Those who could use the extra funds for food, child supplies, medicine.	Yes, but future years' costs can come from increasing parking fees and city commitment to promote public transit for equity and climate action.	
<p>The Get on Living Stronger (GOLS) Campaign begun by the North La Crosse Business Association raised provided three essential elements to our locally-owned, small businesses during the pandemic: 1) educated and rallied the public to buy and support these businesses because they employ our local family and friends as well as are the fabric and vibe of our community 2) gave small, local businesses hope that someone was rallying to help them, and 3) spotlighted the nonprofits that are predominantly supported by locally owned businesses.</p> <p>A new nonprofit has launched to make the "Local First" movement last, covering the entire City. We easily raised \$60,000 for GOLS. We plan to match ARPA funds with those raised through businesses to develop a program promoting supporting local, creates an online store for startup makers and online directory of our smallest businesses, and that creates local influencers wanting to help spread their local loves to their followers.</p>	La Crosse	2/15/2022	\$100,000	70% of our small local businesse	Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency	Yes	<p>PPP data shows only 25% of La Crosse County (predominantly La Crosse) businesses received PPP funding. They are our stylists, personal trainers, fitness studios, artists, musicians, startup "makers" and more. While large corporations thrived to to greater resources and being deemed "essential", these small local businesses stay open burdened by quiet debt.</p> <p>The newly formed (EIN, nonprofit status approved (501c6) and board formed) Greater La Crosse Local Business Alliance created what they need - a free for all, pay as you are able or use the services organization that is their cheerleader, brings the public to them, gives them peer-to-peer connection, and creates an-entry-level store for the makers who currently struggle to get to market alone.</p>	As we make GOLS permanent, we know the businesses that are prospering and those who rely on these small, local businesses (attorneys, accountants, insurance agencies, etc.) have already said yes.	Yes, sustained by the organization.
<p>The City should create a plan that directs investment into the creation of a heating and cooling district that will serve public housing, the Southside Opportunity Zone, and the surrounding businesses. This reduces both fossil fuels consumption and expenses, and carbon emissions. The initial funding supports an exergy feasibility study, and the savings from implementing the results of the study will more than recover the study and implementation costs, with annual energy savings of 30% for the affected area, which includes four public housing towers and administration building.</p>								There will be no ongoing costs for this feasibility study. If the stakeholders decide to implement the suggested changes, there will be construction costs and ongoing operational expenses, but the ongoing savings should well exceed additional expenses to provide a net-savings to the Public Housing Authority, affected citizens, and businesses.	
<p>The study will examine expanding an existing district heating and cooling system, belonging to the Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA), currently operating at 50% capacity. The study will evaluate a range of energy efficiency options, such as adding solar and other renewables. The study will recommend how to move economically environmentally advantageous projects forward.</p>	La Crosse	2/15/2022	\$100,000-\$250,000	Several hundred to several thousand	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Residents of four public housing projects, residential & commercial buildings in the study area, and the Public Housing Authority budget, which can use the savings for other expenditures or rent stabilization. In addition, the citizens of La Crosse will benefit from reductions in energy consumption and carbon emissions.		

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Consider engaging Mr. Tracey Krueger, FSPA district manager, and the non-profit Climate Alliance for the Common Good.	La Crosse	2/15/2022	\$100,000 - \$200,000	All residents of City Public Housing plus more	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Residents of four La Crosse public housing properties, residential & commercial buildings in the study area, and the Public Housing Authority budget, which can use the savings for other expenditures. In addition, the citizens of La Crosse will benefit from reductions in energy consumption and carbon emissions.	
I am suggesting that 200,000 dollars be allocated to replacing the dehumidifier at Green Island Ice arena.	La Crosse	2/15/2022	200,000	1000	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	The Green Island Ice Arena is a vital part of the La Crosse community serving many families. Programs such as, Sled Hockey, Figure Skating, Curling, Youth and Adult hockey give the opportunity for over 500 families to remain health and active during the year. This increases the quality of life in La Crosse. The arena dehumidifier has been a continuing issue for the arena and will need to be replaced. The replacement of the dehumidifier will be needed in the future to continue giving members of the community an opportunity to enjoy the various programs and be the most energy efficient option. By allocating this funding for this project not only will the fix an infrastructure issue in the community but ease the burden on the capital improvement budget in the future. Thank you for the opportunity to request this project.	No
To increase safety around Myrick Park, I would respectfully suggest a guarded pedestrian crossing be installed at the entrance of Myrick Park at La Crosse Street, using a raised median and a flashing pedestrian crossing signal (RRFB or similar) to allow students and residents to safely cross the street to enter the park. This crossing could be similar in design to the other crossings that have been installed around the City of La Crosse over the past 5 years to increase pedestrian safety.	La Crosse	2/15/2022	175,000	Thousands of people annually	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	All users of Myrick Park, especially pedestrians trying to cross La Crosse Street near the entrance of Myrick Park.	No
To better support neighborhood safety around the Myrick Park, I would like to suggest that a sidewalk be installed in Myrick Park from La Crosse Street to Kid's Coulee and then continuing down the hill to the Myrick Park Center and the Gun Club Shelter. We always see parents with children, and students walking down the road in these areas to access the playground and Myrick Park Center and a sidewalk would greatly increase public safety for this neighborhood.	La Crosse	2/15/2022	250,000	Thousands of users annually	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	All users of Myrick Park would benefit from this use of funding, including students, parents, children, and other users of the park, especially pedestrians.	No
La Crosse Neighborhoods, Inc. and the Bike Share Committee Bike desires to further align with and facilitate many of the stated goals and adopted plans of the; City of La Crosse Common Council, City of La Crosse BPAC, 2002 Confluence Comprehensive Plan, 2009 City and County of La Crosse Strategic Plan for Sustainability, 2012 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Drift Bike Share emerged after years of community engagement, guided by a comprehensive bike share feasibility study, during the challenging times of the pandemic. Drift was successful in its first year of developing a self-sustaining partnership model that secured sponsorship funding for providing bike share services that coincided with locations of high need and demand. Additional one-time funds would provide the capital investment needed to expand the network of bikes and hubs providing safe, well-maintained, and high quality bikes to more users in our community.	LA CROSSE	2/14/2022	298,000	100,000	Support public health expenditures,Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families,Replace lost public sector revenue	Yes	Drift Bike Share non-profit was pioneered as a public-private partnership between local businesses and institutions who shared the City's and County's vision for La Crosse to provide a more affordable, accessible, and environmentally sustainable transportation alternative that contributes to the overall health and wellness of La Crosse. Residents, commuters, and visitors of La Crosse and the region will benefit by having bike share become an integral part of the public transportation network.	The Drift Bike Share program is a self-sustaining budget model supported financially by the community mainly through business, organization, and institutional sponsors and minimally through user fees. Providing one-time funding for the significant, up-front expenses for growth, development, and equipment would allow for sponsor and user fees to cover remaining costs related to the ongoing maintenance and annual program expenses.
La Crosse River Marsh Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails are badly in need of repair. The Willow trail is often impassable because of deep standing water at 3 or 4 low points of the trail. The solution is to raise the level of the trail from the Grand Crossing Trail to Lange Drive by at least two feet. If this is not feasible, a simple solution will fix 90% of the problem. At several points along the trail, berms on both sides of the trail exceed 6 inches and a moderate rain fall results in standing water at these points that cannot drain, trapped on both sides by the berms. Earth moving equipment should be used to shave off the berms on the side of the trail opposite the river to allow drainage. The parts of the trail that do not have this problem have a shoulder that slopes away from the trail on the south side. This works. And add a board walk or steppingstones at the problem points. Put a bridge over the spillway on the Grand Crossing Trail. Gravel is dangerous to cyclists/bladder	La Crosse	2/14/2022	Raising trail: Less than replacing one city block	Educated guess: 200 people/day.	Support public health expenditures	Yes	Everyone who uses the marsh trails - pedestrians, dog walkers, roller bladders, roller skiers, bicyclists, runners, bird watchers, commuters, ... These trails are heavily used and are an urban gem. It is ridiculous that during spring, summer and fall, about half of the time, at least one point of the trail is in passable. The marsh trails are a superhighway for environmentally friendly transportation.	minor maintenance.

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<p>1. I am suggesting that funds be allocated for the completion of the All Abilities Trane Park Project. There are one maybe two areas that have not been completed.</p> <p>2. Funds need to be allocated for the Green Island Ice Arena. If it is to be an asset to the youth and adults in the future it must be upgraded.</p>	La Crosse	2/14/2022	Trane Park- 750,000, Ice Arena-1million	Over 50,000 for the Trane Park , 5000 Green Island	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	All individuals especially those with special needs will benefit from the completion of the All Abilities Trane Park . As for the Ice Arena all children of all ages and adults including those with special needs will benefit. A city of over 50,000 must have a facility such as this for recreation and fitness. Adults and special needs individuals along with high school hockey players need a local rink.	Only normal maintenance
Commission a permanent supportive housing study for the region if this has not been done by the city within the past 3 years	la crosse	2/13/2022	\$50,000	possibly 100 plus	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Those in the region experiencing housing insecurity and affordable housing issues. This was presented in the downtown vision 2040 plan adopted by the common council in 2021.	no but it should be used to plan a successful strategy for solutions to homelessness and affordable housing the region
<p>funding for Hub/situation table model of helping vulnerable populations by increasing communications among local police, city departments, medical professionals, and 30 social service groups to connect families and individuals who may need services from more than one community agency. Representatives meet regularly to review cases and develop action plans for at risk individuals and families. Two "navigators" hired by mental health agency build relationships and connect with those at risk.</p> <p>This program was approved in the Vision 2040 downtown plan in 2021 by the common council.</p> <p>This should be a highest priority for funding along with permanent supportive housing study.</p>	la crosse	2/13/2022	\$125,000 per year for 2 years	100 plus per calender year	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	No	underserved populations experiencing mental health crisis, at risk low income, those experiencing housing insecurities, and many more.	yes. Grants and sponsorships will be sought following arpa fund use
<p>Invest in wellness of the general public. Create a wellness/gathering area for all ages at the Forest Hills Golf Course, similar to when it was the Country Club, yet offer a space to be utilized year round. Collaborate with UW-L and their physical education and PT programs to assist in offering a variety of classes to all ages. This would be a gathering area to promote wellness and education throughout all life stages. Consider offering a climbing wall, pickle ball, basic tumbling, etc - spaces/exercises not currently available to all community members. In winter this can serve as a warming hut to skiers, sledders, runners, bikers. Create a space to gather after, encourage small business to offer food and drink. Consider offering 1-2 hour childcare for parents to exercise outdoors - or even an indoor play area for young kids. As a community many have suffered loss and hardship and broken relationships purely based on the need to socially distance. This is an amazing opportunity to re-b</p>	La Crosse	2/13/2022	Unknown.	All those who wish	Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency	No	All ages of the community	Yes, this is an investment.
<p>The Exchange is a program that supplies essential household items when a person or family finds housing. Items are donated and then given to others so they can start a household with much needed items. Purchase of the current building the Exchange uses would be a huge help and ensure that the program could continue to expand and serve the homeless population in La Crosse.</p>	La Crosse	2/13/2022	\$325,000 for purchase or \$97,000 for downpaymet	Over 1000 per year	Support public health expenditures,Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Anyone currently unsheltered or anyone able to find housing.	No
For the Exchange to purchase the building at 1007 4th St in LaCrosse which the organization is currently renting.	La Crosse	2/12/2022	\$325,000 for the purchase.	500 households (1000 people) each year	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	<p>Using these funds to purchase this building, the Exchange will have a permanent place that is suitable, accessible and sustainable for the organization to provide its services. The following people will accordingly benefit from this use of funds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The families and individuals who are able to obtain furniture and household items at no cost when they are getting their first home or apartment and cannot afford to buy furnishings for their new home. 2) The people who are downsizing or emptying homes for various reasons now have a way to donate their household items to people who have nothing or very little. 3) The whole community of La Crosse benefits because furniture and household items that would otherwise go to the landfill are now being recycled and given to those who need it. 	The usual maintenance and utility costs.

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The Exchange!	La Crosse	2/11/2022	325,000	500	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	The people trying to get secure housing. When someone has secure housing they can get a good nights rest, shower, and be well prepared for getting a job. It's a fundamental need to have a safe place to stay.	None that I know of
Purchase of the building for The Exchange	La Crosse	2/10/2022	\$325,000 or \$950,000 for down payment	500 households..about 1000 persons per year	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Families newly placed in apartments, others needing household items	Supplied by volunteers
1) Bail fund for low-level first time offender unable to post cash bail 2) Mental health specialists to serve as first responders on appropriate emergency calls, an after hours emergency mental health clinic to keep people out of the ER	La Crosse	2/9/2022	1) any amount to start 2) min \$50,000 per pro	Unknown	Support public health expenditures,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	No	1) Low level first time time offenders, our neighbors 2) Those struggling with mental health emergencies, our neighbors	Yes, to be successful
Purchase the property at W5723 State Road 33 and turn it into a multipurpose public space/park with trails for walking, running, mountain biking, and cross country skiing in the winter. We could dedicate some of the flatter acres as a community farm site, or alternatively, divide those acres into small parcels available for aspiring to farmers to get a start since land access / financing is a huge barrier to entry. We have an excellent trails community and volunteer organization in ORA, who can assist with trail building and trail design. There is also widespread interest and need for healthy fresh produce.	La Crosse	2/9/2022	2.8 million for the land, additional for trails	>60,000	Support public health expenditures,Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	All residents of La Crosse as well as visitors will benefit from this by having a nearby location for outdoor recreation. Having more recreational trails helps us become a regional outdoor recreation destination, and when people visit trails they also visit area shops, restaurants and often stay overnight. This helps the local economy. By having a more active community, we also improve the health and wellbeing of our residents. If we pursue the start up farm idea, this would help increase access to aspiring farmers who may be kept out by high cost of entry or lack of access to land.	trail maintenance which could be volunteer basis from ORA if they agree
The Exchange currently rents a building in which they house furniture and household goods which they offer to persons who need a fresh start to get back on their feet. It would help immensely if they owned the building.	Onalaska	2/9/2022	325,000 purchase price of building	1000+ people	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	The Exchange currently serves 500 households (more than 1000 people) per year. People are able to come in to the Exchange with their advocate and pick out furniture and household items (all donated by community members) to help them furnish their home. This gives them a great head start on getting back on their feet.	No
Purchase of the current building housing the non-profit called theExchange. The building houses all community donations and allows clients to "shop" with an advocate. It is the key to the operation serving a critical community need.	La Crosse	2/8/2022	If fully fund, approximately \$395,000 is needed.	About 1,000 per year.	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	About 1,000 persons each year who are moving from homelessness or other dire situations into an apartment. This nonprofit supports these people with donated household items basic to a move into an apartment.	Ongoing costs will be handled in other ways.

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Target funds that support the development and maintenance of affordable housing (aka Coulee Cap/Habitat type projects.	La Crosse	2/8/2022	As much as can be allocated of the 19M	All city residents	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Everyone in the community, either directly or indirectly. It will directly help low income individuals gain homeownership and maintain their existing property. Indirectly, it will improve the tax base, make the city more livable for workforce, and improve our infrastructure.	Likely, but not necessarily the responsibility of they city
Homeless shelter is sorely needed for our growing population of people living on the street. People sleeping in parks and under bridges isn't acceptable in any level.	LA CROSSE	2/8/2022	3 million for a large shelter that is furnished	I hope every suffering homeless soul	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	All of the community as it addresses a major local issue and would give the homeless a place of their own as a community!	Yes. Maintenance .
Commercial rehab assistance to historic building owners when creating upper floor housing by establishment of a matching grant opportunity to offset the high cost of water line upgrades into the buildings to accommodate a sprinkler system for safe housing. suggesting a \$20,000 matching grant if new housing is created. The IRS final rule expanded scope to include commercial rehabilitation.	la crosse	2/8/2022	\$200,000	10 owners but many others indirectly as stated abo	Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Property and business owners negatively impacted by the covid restrictions and negative economic impacts for March 17 2020 and onward. Benefits include creation of new housing units, rehabilitation of historic structures, supporting construction jobs in the community, removal of blight and increase in property values and improving safety of residents. These can be measurable although the induced effects are visible in other rehab spurred by neighbors reinvesting. This may not be as quantifiable.	no
Provide affordable, safe housing. Habitat for Humanity would be an excellent vehicle to use the funds.	La Crosse	2/8/2022	\$10,000,000.00	All citizens	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	The disenfranchised, unemployed, low income and hard working families.	Yes, housing should be a continuing program for La Crosse.
Provide access to safe, affordable housing for low-income families through partnership with organizations like Habitat for Humanity.	Onalaska	2/8/2022	a significant amount of the available fund	Funding will impact all residents within La Crosse	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Marginalized, low-income, disenfranchised, hard-working families	Yes, funding should continued to be a priority within the City
Provide access to safe, affordable housing for low-income families. Please feel free to encourage funding to Habitat for Humanity/homeownership	La Crosse	2/8/2022	10-15% of total	Funding will impact all residents within La Cros	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Marginalized, low-income, disenfranchised, hard-working families	Yes, funding should continued to be a priority within the City beyond ARPA

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Provide access to safe, affordable housing for low-income families. Utilize existing organizations and processes like Habitat for Humanity.	La Crosse	2/8/2022	\$2M	Funding will impact all residents within La Crosse	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Marginalized, low-income, disenfranchised, hard-working families along with all residents as this will increase tax base for the city/county.	Yes, funding should continued to be a priority within the City
1. Provide financial assistance with exterior improvements of homes by reimbursement for needed roofing, siding, soffit, fascia, and gutter work. The funds could be payed as a % of the cost of project. The % reimbursed could be partially based on income level and also on roofing/siding material quality (assuming a better quality material costs more and looks better for longer-more \$ reimbursed for higher quality materials is probably good to encourage). This work is typically done by local contractors so the funds help keep the local workforce employed and the exterior improvements would benefit the appearance of neighborhoods. 2. Provide financial support to assist housing efforts for low income families. 3. Put more effort into attracting/keeping business that have good pay. More people working with better pay minimizes the need for the first two suggestions.	La Crosse	2/7/2022	1. 4m 2. 6m 3. 10m	12000+	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families, Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	Yes	1. Homeowners, neighborhoods, and construction workers would benefit from the exterior improvements. 2. Lower income families. 3. The local workforce would benefit from having some better job opportunities. Increasing the median income level would bring the greatest long term benefit to the City-put the most money here even though it is probably not the most popular.	Opt 1 needs city staff to admin \$200K/yr, No for 2 and 3.
Provide access to safe, affordable housing for low-income families which can be accomplished by funding homeownership through Habitat for Humanity.	Hokah	2/7/2022	10,000,000	Funding will impact all residents within La Crosse	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Marginalized, low-income, disenfranchised, hard-working families.	Yes, as funding for housing should continue to be a priority within the city.
Housing!!!	La Crosse	2/7/2022	Large percent of the 19 M	Generations of families	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	No	People of low income and families who are within poverty and disenfranchised	Yes
Provide access to safe, affordable housing for low-income families. Provide funding directly to Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area, who has a proven record of providing home ownership to many families in the area, time and time again.	La Crosse	2/7/2022	\$8 million	Funding will impact all residents within La Crosse	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Marginalized, low-income, disenfranchised, hard-working families	Yes, funding should continue to be a priority.
Housing continues to be a major issue for low-income, marginalized individuals within the City of La Crosse. Citizens repeatedly highlight housing as a top priority. ARPA funding specifically puts focus on housing. Safe, affordable housing provides a plethora of benefits for individuals and communities, including positive health and education outcomes, increased economic impact for communities, attracting employees, and on and on. A large portion of ARPA funding should be set-aside to provide access to safe, affordable housing for low-income families, from homelessness, to rental assistance, to homeownership, to owner-occupied rehabilitation. Funding to Habitat for Humanity to provide access to affordable housing should be a priority.	La Crosse	2/7/2022	\$1,500,000	20 families	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Everyone within the community benefits, but especially low-income and marginalized community members.	No

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I believe funds should be used to create a tiny house community for the area's most vulnerable residents. However, unlike most tiny house communities, I don't believe it should be designed as temporary housing for the homeless. Tiny houses are a viable option for permanent housing. Realistically, they are the only affordable option for home ownership for the lowest-income individuals. And as a member of this group who had no choice but to move from the La Crosse area to find affordable housing, I can tell you that most people would rather live in a tiny house that they own than in a subsidized rental.	Peoria	2/7/2022	300,000	Approximately 25 to 30 people permanently helped	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	No	Low-income homeless individuals. I would especially like to see those suffering from mental health issues receive help in this way. People with mental illnesses make up a large percentage of the homeless population. Staying in shelters is often difficult for them.	Yes, some, in the form of upkeep of the land the tiny houses would sit on.
My concern is how sheltering the currently unsheltered is approached. Until the Chamber of Commerce building was sold to someone else, the suggested plan was to use the exiting building to house services and an adjacent building would be constructed to house the unsheltered. I think any thought of one site located downtown would be a mistake. Temporary shelter was provided at Houska Park last summer, with the goal of reducing pressure on Cameron and Burns Parks. There was also considerable pressure on downtown business owners, issues with parking structures, and a generally negative impression formed by visitors. Concentrating the unsheltered population in a downtown location would be a mistake. When they are not in their housing, where are they going to be? I understand one stop services. Is that to benefit the unsheltered or those providing the services? I would suggest multiple leased locations. These should be located in La Crosse (2-3), West Salem, Holmen, and Onalaska (1-2).	LA CROSSE	2/6/2022	to be explored - I don't know	The unsheltered, downtown merchants and residents+	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	No	Ideally - everyone.	yes
The pandemic and shutdown have negatively impacted our citizen's mental wellbeing. We have learned that being active outdoors improves one's health and wellbeing. I would like to see funding used to support current efforts to build trails and other outdoor recreational infrastructure.	La Crosse	2/6/2022	not sure	Not sure	Support public health expenditures	No	Having access to quality outdoor activity space would benefit the entire community.	ongoing maintenance expenses unknow
Please consider supporting the Harry J Olson senior center. The center has over 200 members, each of which I'm sure find value in belonging. I myself joined about a year ago. I attend exercise class twice weekly, and find it helps me maintain my balance and flexibility. I am 74. The center's future is currently uncertain. It would be a shame to lose this valuable resource.	La Crosse	2/4/2022	Unknown	Over 200	Support public health expenditures	No	There are about 7000 senior citizens in La Crosse. Many would benefit from the programs Harry J Olson has to offer. With support from the city of La Crosse, the center would continue, and perhaps even attract more members or expand it's program offerings.	Yes
The sewer system within the city needs updating. Streets are flooding in several areas when there is a hard rain.								
The streets of La Crosse need repair and replacement, as an example Green Bay St. is in need of repair.							The community as a whole will benefit from using these funds in this manner.	
We also need to address the water issues on French Island.	La Crosse	2/4/2022	unknown	The citizens of La Crosse County	Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	Yes	I do oppose, very strongly using this money for one certain population such as the homeless population.	There maybe continued cost for upkeep
Combat all the ugly false news from the trump and Feehan people. Label any false healthcare with a large poison logo								
Continue to assist the homeless as well as been done till now, Continue to partner with agencies that assist people with home maintenance and ownership of homes.					Support public health expenditures,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families,Provide premium pay for essential workers,Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	No		
Increase hourly pay for all to \$15 and hour.	La Crosse	2/4/2022	\$500,000 to \$1M	unknown		No	The entire community will benefit from improving livability for all members of our city.	Probably

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The Exchange program, which is a local furniture bank for low income families moving into new residence. This program provides gently used furniture that has been donated to people in need that are trying to establish a new home. Over my 30 years of public service and working with many volunteer organizations, this is by far the most useful and economically efficient one I have seen.	La Crosse	2/4/2022	\$30,000	Over 500 clients in 2021	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	No	Low income families and persons moving into new residence. People that normally would not be able to get new or used furniture. Helps get people off the street and into new residence with furniture	Yes
The Exchange supplying needed items for individual or families who were able to get housing but need furniture and other essential items to furnish their new housing. Many have nothing to begin with such as the homeless population that I worked with and took to the Exchange to furnish them with the essentials needed for their homes. The Exchange provides a need that is so essential in our community and much needed.	Holmen	2/3/2022	I'm not sure of a amount needed	Hundreds	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families, Replace lost public sector revenue	No	Families and individuals especially the homeless population who we are able to find housing for who have nothing to start with or the funds to buy what is needed to provide the essentials to furnish their new homes.	Yes
of the many failures of my generation has been the failure to continue upgrading our infrastructure; so roads, water and yes broadband improvements. Our national public health priorities are poorly addressed, so yes on trying to do things locally with this money; help the neediest, and population health initiatives. Also the poor, assisting in food, shelter and education.	La Crosse	2/3/2022	all of it!	50,000	Support public health expenditures, Serving the hardest-hit communities and families, Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	Yes	The entire community	no
Housing assistance for homeless and low income residents. Financial assistance for The Exchange which provides free household goods to those residents.	La Crosse	2/3/2022	\$25,000	Hundreds of families	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	1000 citizens	\$25,000
I chose the above category although I think several categories are better suited. I think the money should be roughly spent into three general categories of immediate desperate need, mid-term and long-term. In college it was repeatedly said that some of the best investments for society are education that yields the greatest return.	La Crosse	2/3/2022	All	The entire community that the funds were awarded t	Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency	Yes	I would like the money to be used in ways that are non-partisan. To lift the lowest most hardest hit up and bring people together.	Depends on how it's setup and what everyone else thinks
Health disparity is running rampant. When people's health isn't good everything about their lives is difficult. The opportunity to meld social services with good health is a healthier community overall. I am suggesting that the workforce of Community Health Workers be looked at and supported with these funds. Great Rivers HUB, at Great Rivers United Way, partners with Community Health Workers across the city of La Crosse and increasing this work force would go a long way with health disparities.	Onalaska	2/3/2022	250,000	750	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	The community members who need the extra navigation through the health and social services offered will benefit, making them much more productive citizens. Community Health Workers themselves would benefit because the job is designed to be people who are with lived experience or from "the neighborhood", which offers a career path for many who would not have been able to find a strong career without higher education. The workers don't need to have a bachelor's degree and the pay is maintained at or above \$20/hour. Community Health Workers are working now within Great Rivers HUB and are located at Family & Children's Center, Independent Living Resources, the YMCA, St. Clare Health Mission. There needs to be another 25 in the community to see the full partnership with Great Rivers HUB realized.	Ongoing costs can come from other donation sources.

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Using the money for free early childhood education for families who cannot afford daycare or quality daycare. Research shows how impactful these early programs can be, both in the short term to help families not to pay for childcare and long-term to foster productive individuals.								
Investing in infrastructure especially broadband for rural areas is another way to help children living in rural areas to be able to continue their education more effectively.	La Crosse	2/3/2022	I do not have the data to accurately respond	No data to respond	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families,Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	No	Children and families in need	For early childhood education part yes, but broadband investment is a one time investment.
Please support theExchange - La Crosse Area Furniture Bank in assisting them to purchase the building they lease at 1009 4th street S. La Crosse. Mission: through the effective reuse of donated items, theExchange collaborates with local organizations to provide home essentials for community members in need. While we are able to generate enough funds and grants for the program and client services, most grants/funds restrict us from using this money to pay for ongoing building costs/lease.	La Crosse	2/3/2022	300,000 to purchase building at 1009 4th street S.	assist an average of 40 households per month	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Started out of a garage in 2016, we are now serving 500 households per year (average 40per month) with the basics of living - beds, linens, kitchen pots/pans,dishes, small appliances, sofas, table and chairs, dressers, etc by re-using gently used item donated by the community. theExchange collaborates with over 30 different social service agencies, ministries and school systems to identify those in need, and keeps large items such as mattresses out of the landfill. We serve a diverse community ranging from homeless or transitioning, the poor, fleeing abuse, victims of disaster, eviction, etc. We are well supported by the community as noted in our 2021 stats: 4500 volunteer hours, 1035 donation visits, 581 pick ups and deliveries. We were able to provide 517 households with all the items they needed to set up a home - around 60% needing partial to complete fulfillment. Others need a few or single unique items such as a motion chair, air conditioner, table, etc	No, we are able to get support through grants and private donors to run the program.
As inflation rises & folks are in greater need of assistance, mental health crises & help with housing & electricity are essential. This crisis has exposed problems that were already there. I would like to see this money used to create systemic, long-lasting fixes to these problems—not just short-term gains for those effected but alleviation of the systems that cause this to be ongoing problem exacerbated by a pandemic. For instance, the Econolodge is still problematic with rumors of human trafficking still emanating from the project and inadequate oversight. Does the city need to own its own facility like this & then figure out how to staff it adequately so that individuals are not being trafficked out of there? If we can help this problem, then businesses in the areas will be less effected whether they are downtown businesses that receive heavy foot traffic from houseless folks or Northside businesses who now have increasing foot traffic from folks with mental illnesses & addictions	La Crosse	2/3/2022	1.2 million for hotel; Staffing 5 yrs; 1.5 million	Businesses, houseless & nearly houseless	Support public health expenditures,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Buy a second version of the Econolodge & staff with folks getting them to mental health & addiction treatment. By helping this population receive medication, treatment and assistance for addiction, businesses will benefit secondarily because there will not be the disruption to their work by these individuals who very rightly just need warm spaces with food where they can be in winter months. I also see the rapid flipping of homes for rentals in this town as driving up living expenses for our poorest who don't have the capital to invest in a mortgage. More multiple socio-economic rentals like the condos by Gundersen & the ones above the train station need to be pursued to ensure that the nearly houseless don't end up houseless by high rent.	Yes, staffing & maintenance
Combine a county-wide increase of minimum wage with a supplemental income to essential workers that includes low-paid health care workers, low-paid city/county employees, low-paid school and child-care workers.	La Crosse	2/3/2022	unsure, need data on workforce to determine	1000s	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families,Provide premium pay for essential workers	No	Low-paid health care workers, low-paid city/county employees, low-paid school and child-care workers.	Yes, moving to better economic equality requires vigilance
More funds need to be allotted to our Unhoused Population. The lack of a safe place for them to simply exist is a tragedy, and very painful to think about for oneself! We have so many people homeless in this town, and many that aren't receiving help due to restrictions, it's disheartening to see especially in winter. I encounter them frequently since I work in a hotel downtown that offers free coffee in the Lobby, and it appears that some that stop by just for that free cup of coffee don't have any other option for "breakfast", let alone somewhere else to be to get out of the cold. Think about where you would go if you had no house, no job, and no car: where is a safe, indoor place that you could go spend an hour or two without spending money?	La Crosse	2/3/2022	More than the 70,000 allotted now	Not sure.	Support public health expenditures	No	The homeless and unhoused, as well as the public servants like police that are called to deal with them.	HOUSING FIRST is the solution. Every other problem a homeless person has is because they don't have a HOME.
Bonuses for all direct patient healthcare workers.	La Crosse	2/2/2022	unknown	All citizens.	Provide premium pay for essential workers,Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	Yes	Retaining the healthcare workers. They are a gift. The benefit would be modernization. It would avoid more expensive repairs later. Everyone deserves good plumbing. Good plumbing is good for good health.	No

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Hospital workers need our help!	La Crosse	2/2/2022	100 million	20k	Provide premium pay for essential workers	Yes	The community	Nope!
Use funds to provide excellent education to All students. Provide needed schools with infrastructure needs and modernization for schools that need it to make learning a pleasant experience. Teachers are getting to the point that they are stressed out and are not getting needed support. The students and even parents do not respect them and this causes problems in the classroom, teachers are spending their time disciplining students instead of teaching. Learning should be fun and teaching should also be fun. Hire the best teachers at a competitive salary	La Crosse	2/2/2022	Maximum needed	All LaCrosse	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families,Provide premium pay for essential workers	No	Students, teachers and staff. Plus the whole city of La Crosse	Minimal
How about installing and grading up that portion of Grand Crossing trail in the marsh? It consistently washes out with certain river levels	La Crosse	2/2/2022	Good question for engineers.	Thousands?	Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	Yes	All the marsh people.	Should be a one time install. Whereas now the city crews repeatedly spread new crushed limestone every time the waters recede.
Update these systems to help the cost to seniors home expences	La Crosse	2/2/2022	several million	All city residents	Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	Yes	everyone in the city	Up keep and repairs
Repairs to a community and historic building.	West Salem	2/2/2022	100,000	5,000 - 10,000 per year	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	The American Legion Post 52 and also the community, With this building and organization is kept up and running they can keep supporting the community and our local veterans	No
Walking only streets on Pearl/ 3rd Street with patios for business. To balance the traffic make West Ave an Autobahn-type highway for quick navigation from north to south.	La crosse	2/2/2022	Prob like 2-4 million to make West Ave adjustments	60k+	Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	Yes	Both pedestrians and drivers	No the Autobahn is the safest highway in the world. Join the future Lax

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Thinks some fund should be made available to individuals who want or need help starting a business in lacrosse. Could me made in form of grants, loans, etc they in turn help economy of lacrosse and employ citizens etc. Seem like no help for people who want to open a business in lacrosse. Money tsx breks a lwsys given to the wealthiest largest businesssed	Lavrossd	1/10/2022	Vary on proposals. Rent help start up cost	Vady in terms of employees and citizens	Replace lost public sector revenue	Yes	The city by creting a business that all citizens could use or frequent. Help people unemployed with jobs. Give people a chance to creste a businesses that would bring more to lacrosse in terms of tourists taxes etc.	If businesses get support from citizens and city officials to succeed then no
Help individuals start up small business of their own. Help with small start up costs that will help people get the ball rolling on starting a business or business plan. Motivate others to search out ways to be independent and learn how to earn. Can help the unemployment rate to go down. Help businesses rebuild	La Crosse	1/7/2022	20000-50000	100-1000.	Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency	Yes	Future business owners Individuals who are stuck in getting approved for funds to start a business The city Unemployment rates Struggling businesses	Yes.
Financial assistance to the working poor	La Crosse	11/29/2021	Unknown	Unknown	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Working poor	Unknown
Many of the city of La Crosse residents have suffered from the Covid shutdown. Mental health help should be free for all school children and adults through these funds.								
The negative economic impacts are many people falling behind, not because they are sick but because they have to quarantine when they come in contact with people diagnosed with Covid and then they have to quarentine. And get no pay.	la crosse	11/29/2021	1,000,000	Thousands in the school district and living in La	Support public health expenditures,Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency	Yes	All people affected. School councilors can provide recommendations for children and their parents-Workers can apply with proof they had to stay home and quarantine with no pay.	maybe
Buy the Econolodge. Stop wasting money renting it. You can sell it after the County or the City Housing Authority has built a variety of housing to accommodate them, and the future sale revenue might not be encumbered like the original funds(check with Val Fenske before she leaves the City next January). Every dollar spent renting the building is a dollar wasted. This problem is not going to be solved by March next year and we will be back to having our Parks turned into homeless camps. Wash, rinse, repeat.	La Crosse	11/22/2021	3 million	Hundreds.	Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	The homeless. They will have a secure place to live to rebuild their lives without having to worry about what is going to happen when the lease term expires.	I am making the suggestion but have no interest in getting involved with any of this, this should have been something Mayor Reynolds worked towards since he was elected.
I am asking that some funding be used to support the needs of our house-less community, as well as those who are low-income housed. Specifically, I am asking that down-payments for rent are assisted, as well as emergency rental assistance for those who have had sudden changes in employment that leave them economically vulnerable.								
As a resident of French Island I am asking that some of the money is used to support providing water clean-up/filtering to residents effected by PFA's. My own home has been tested and the water is contaminated. Let's continue to provide temporary clean water as well as clean, filtered systems for those contaminated.	La Crosse	11/16/2021	I would rely on experts for these numbers	unknown	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families,invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	No	For the first, our low-income and house-less populations. Secondly, the entire community benefits when folks who are previously at risk are no longer at risk. For clean water/assistance: those on French Island whose water has been contaminated.	I assume water costs would be ongoing in the short term but forever. Housing assistance would be ongoing but lessen with time.

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get some space like parking lots or the abandoned kmart and build public housing apartments for homeless people there.	La Crosse	11/5/2021	It depends on the buildings and the amount of them	100 or more	Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	No	The large amount of homeless people in la crosse	yes
Please fix our roads and water run-off issues. There is few affordable places to live here in the city and what there is in the even 800-900 range are run down and in need of repair. I do know this because my daughter is moving here from Florida and we have only found 2 places in this price range.	LA CROSSE	10/13/2021	?	The whole Coulee region and community.	Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	No	Many single people and single parents (which I was) will benefit from this. With only one income, it is very difficult to have a life, a needed car, internet (there is only 2 to choose from) along with other essentials needed. The roads and water run off will help all with car repairs and flooding damage.	Yes., but it will be a better place to live for all.
infrastructure	la crosse	10/12/2021	?	entire community	Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	Yes	entire community	dont know
The Vang Council of La Crosse (VCL) is requesting City of La Crosse ARPA funds to host a two-day summer sports festival on Saturday & Sunday in La Crosse that will include various sports competition, a day program, and a night live-band party held at the La Crosse Center. VCL is approximating that there will be 25,000 - 30,000 attendees for our event and will have a huge economic impact to the local La Crosse economy and businesses.	La Crosse	10/11/2021	\$250,000	25,000 - 30,000	Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency	Yes	The La Crosse area, La Crosse economy, and businesses.	Yes, we plan to make this festival an annual summer festival.
Use funds toward the Police Department/Fire Department/EMS - wherever they feel the greatest need.	La Crosse	9/29/2021	N/A - whatever is available.	52,000 or more - far reaching	Support public health expenditures,Provide premium pay for essential workers	Yes	Police Department/Fire Department/Emergency Services	Uncertain.
The city needs to address the flood plain issue on the northside of La Crosse. I believe the city needs use existing available land or buy land/dilapidated homes that are located in the flood plain. Then they could raise it up to an appropriate level and then improve/construct affordable housing. This housing has to be at or near the cost of their current home. The families in the current homes need affordable housing to move to in order to vacate the properties they are currently in. Moving to a home that is potentially 2 to 3 times the cost of their current home isn't an option. We do not want to gentrify this community. Using these available funds to start addressing the flood plain issue on the northside would continue to have a chain reaction in addressing the problem as a whole.	La Crosse	9/9/2021	\$8,000,000	The north strategy area has a population of 4,798	Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	No	Every residence and business in the city of La Crosse. Addressing the flood plain issue is going to cost millions and if we don't use these available funds now we may never get this chance again. Then it would have to be addressed by the tax base. No one will be happy about that. If the city doesn't address the problem the homes will continue to deteriorate. When the homes are finally to the point they need to be condemned and vacated then there won't be a tax base to pull from. The residents can't improve their property on their own. They will never be able to get the permits. The whole block has to be addressed at one time. As a group the residents can not afford to make this kind of change on their own either.	Until the full problem is addressed.

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The investment in standardized water/sewer ensures equitable division of nature's more critical resources. There are people within the Town of Campbell that don't have clean drinking water. This should be made a priority.	La Crosse	9/8/2021	10 million		Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	Yes	Everyone in the local area	Maintenance/upkeep, required upgrades, expansion due to population growth
I would love to see a portion of the money used for addressing the growing mental health crises in our community, streamlining resources and providing more mental health training to both public and private sector who work with the public so that outreach is a community effort	La Crosse	9/8/2021	2,000,000		Support public health expenditures,Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families,Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	Yes	Everyone benefits by tackling mental health	Unsure
The lack of child care in the city is a barrier to parents returning to work. Creating a multi-faceted plan to include incentives for start-up child care and expansion, child care worker training and compensation and incentives to retain existing child care businesses will increase the availability of child care in the city.	La Crosse	9/7/2021	2 to 3 million	hundreds of families and 30 plus child care sites	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Child care programs, parents and their children and employers will benefit	possibly
Green Stormwater Infrastructure, runoff from stormwater continues to be a major cause of water pollution in urban areas. It carries trash, bacteria, heavy metals, and other pollutants through storm sewers into local waterways. Heavy rainstorms can cause flooding that damages property and infrastructure. Our system of gutters, pipes, and tunnels are aging, and its existing capacity to manage large volumes of stormwater is decreasing. To meet this challenge, many communities are installing green infrastructure systems to bolster their capacity to manage stormwater. Basically, green infrastructure filters and absorbs stormwater where it falls through; raingardens, bioswales, green streets and alleys, urban tree canopy (addition and restoration) and, land conservation.	La Crosse	9/7/2021	\$28,000,000	50,000	Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	Yes	All the citizens of La Crosse will benefit from a decrease in flooded roads, improved water quality, decreased run-off and recharging of our existing aquifers, instead of washing our stormwater indirectly down the Mississippi River. A decrease in overall spending will be realized and long-term reduction of mill rate due to decreased cost of green infrastructure opposed to traditional "gray" infrastructure; sewers, gutters, and increased tunnel/pipe size.	No
Invest in the growth of la crosse- the streets are in desperate need of refurbishment, the storm drainage of the city needs reworking, and the waterfront, while beautiful, has a ton of lost opportunity due to the industrial buildings covering most of the waterfront. Rebuild the south waterfront where industry currently sits- cross st, front st, joseph houska drive: Restaurants, local small business, walking paths along the waterfront, parks, anything that will bring even greater attraction to the area. Invest in that and the long term benefit will impact all of residence of la crosse for years to come, the water gets a ton of visitor traffic and improving the south waterfront will only bolster that appeal to both visit la crosse and move to la crosse	La Crosse	9/7/2021	Na	Na	Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	No	All residence of la crosse have the potential to see the economic growth of the city if key areas are invested in to attract more visitors and even more long term residents.	Yes- maintain public areas
The City of LaCrosse is in desperate need of a Full time Flood Plain manager and a full time Engineer to assist with getting folks out of the flood plain. Both of these positions can be a full time job for many many years into the future. At this point a part time Floodplain manager, does not help much in any way, & any resident in the flood plain. There is not an engineer in the city that knows enough about the flood plain bulletin 10-01, FEMA, USACE, city and can be dedicated solely to floodplain issues. I believe the Flood plain issues have been around since before the flood of 1965, what other issues have been so longstanding and not addressed? Investing in both of both of those positions would be beneficial to positively affect business's, employment, schools, decent housing, and every aspect of a community.	La Crosse	9/1/2021	Endless	It would be thousands in all affected areas.	Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	No	Every city resident that lives in the flood plain! The entire city would benefit - if flood issues are addressed homes can be maintained better. Residents could actually repair, build and improve their property! Folks would actually be able to sell their homes to families instead of slum lords. More families in a comunity the better the community. Slum lords renting to slummy tentants bring a whole neighborhood down.	\$10,000,000

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<p>I do believe all of the topics above our important to our community. One area that I personally would like to see assistance allocated is to companies that work in the Mental Health Field. I own Mastering Life Skills, and what I do is contract with the City of La Crosse County Comprehensive Community program. In March of 2020, I delivered a baby two days after lock down. It was one of the most terrifying experiences of my life. I had a toddler at home, and a brand new baby plus Covid. So, I decided to stay home for as many months as I could afford to prevent our family from getting Covid or being exposed to it at busy daycares. I stayed home for about 6 months. During that time, I applied for the Federal and State Cares Act. Come to find out, that Mental Illnesses were not part of either of the grants. Only companies that worked with individual's diagnosed with Physical or Cognitive Disabilities could receive the funding. So, I did not qualify.</p>	La Crosse	8/31/2021	29904	1	<p>Support public health expenditures,Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families,Replace lost public sector revenue,Provide premium pay for essential workers,Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure</p>	Yes	<p>Since Mental Health is so important, I would like to receive a portion of the grant. The year prior, my income was 29,904 additional dollars. We plan to use this money to pay off our credit card debt, and daily living. We will put a large amount back into the community. I can offer proof when it is needed. I would ask for any amount that you decide up to that amount. I love helping those in our community find the resources they need in order to be independent and successful. Also, I would like two hire two more additional staff in January, so if there was extra funds, I could use 5,000 to help get started with their pay until they have consumers they are working with. I will do this with or without assistance but, really would appreciate any dollar. As far as the other millions of dollars, serving the hardest hit families would be the next topic I would choose. Creating grants to help children eat, have clothes, and other community supports to have their basic needs met.</p>	No
<p>The Hunger Task Force has a history of being increasingly effective and efficient in providing food to programs that serve the hungry. Redistribution of surplus food is a crucial sustainability issue and we work to ensure that all of our citizens receive the nourishment needed to thrive.</p>	La Crosse	8/26/2021	75,000	1000	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	<p>Currently we have identified over 1600 income eligible individuals in La Crosse County eligible to receive Stock Boxes, the majority of whom live in the city. To start, we would be serving 500 easily and would increase our reach within a few months to up to 1000.</p> <p>Senior hunger and complications that arise from senior hunger are real due to low-income and having a poor diet. The Stockbox can help by playing an important role by providing nutritious foods, which can ultimately improve the health status of these individuals.</p>	HTF will budget for on-going costs.
<p>Child care is both a family need and an economic necessity. The current child care crisis is impacting the well-being of families and the availability of a quality workforce in the La Crosse area. Funding to support the retention of current child care slots, expansion of existing child care centers and start-up funding for new child care sites would address these issues. In addition, for these efforts to be effective, funding needs to be directed toward increasing the pipeline of child care workers in light of the current staffing crisis by supporting entry-level education requirements and the development of new training pathways for more efficient entry into the field.</p>	La Crosse	8/26/2021	\$3-4 Million	1588 children from 657 families + 34 cc sites	<p>Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families,Provide premium pay for essential workers</p>	Yes	<p>Families, businesses and the community would all benefit from childcare-directed funding. Quality child care has not only been proven to improve child outcomes but also reduces family stress. Businesses benefit from a larger and more productive workforce as the lack of child care keeps people (particularly women) out of the workforce and impacts productivity as employees are forced to deal with child care challenges during their work day. Finally, the community as a whole benefits when quality child care options exist. Similar to schools, libraries and parks, child care is a community asset that not only attracts new residents but also supports the existing population.</p>	Long-term sustainability would be a prioritized outcome of the projects under this funding
<p>Due to the pandemic, Trinity has lost financial support for ministries. The use of these funds would go towards assistance in paying employees/leaders of the non-profit.</p>	La Crosse	8/25/2021	\$40,000.00	300-500 people will be served.	<p>Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Provide premium pay for essential workers</p>	Yes	<p>The local community would benefit, including those that find assistance in our worship, food pantry (60-100), clothes closets (schools), and those who partake in our Monday Meals program (100-200).</p>	Ongoing costs are subsidized with fundraising.
<p>I'm using a storage site to store all donations to help the homeless in Houska Park. I currently have a contract for \$55/month. I'm looking for funding to help with that. There is also a need for storage bins/totes for the homeless to store their things and items that are donated or given to them. These totes are necessary to help protect against rain, bugs, etc. It also helps with the distribution of items. I think at least 50 totes are needed.</p>	La Crosse	8/23/2021	800	65-70	<p>Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families</p>	Yes	homeless in Houska Park	not that I can foresee right now

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<p>There are a number of initiatives that I would like to see, but I am not sure how much each will cost so I have listed a number of projects that I would like to see in order of what should be funded first.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with the school district to keep Lincoln Middle and Emerson Elementary Schools open. If a school does need to be closed, it should be Southern Bluffs, due to its poor location in the city. 2. Expand the bikeshare system into more neighborhoods. It's hard to attract users when only downtown has stations. 3. Remove the outside traffic lanes on Losey Blvd and build protected bike lanes in their place. 4. Increase bus frequencies and/or develop a plan for moving towards BRT on certain corridors. 5. Create an electric carshare system for the city. 	La Crosse	8/20/2021	Unknown	Everyone	Support public health expenditures,Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,Serving the hardest-hit communities and families	Yes	Everyone from better schools, cleaner air, safer transportation options	Unknown
testing this form for glitches	La Crosse	8/19/2021	test	test	Support public health expenditures	Yes	testing	test
<p>To improve livability and quality of neighborhoods, plant trees along city streets on public rights-of-way/boulevards and on other city land (parks, etc.). Fill in areas currently lacking tree cover and shade, and expand tree cover as a whole across La Crosse, perhaps focusing on the areas where people were most hit by the pandemic and neighborhoods that are struggling overall.</p> <p>There are many areas across the city with notable gaps in tree cover along streets and sidewalks as trees have died or been removed due to disease; other streets are simply void of trees. Tree cover makes neighborhoods more livable and improves health of residents. This has been studied at length in several major US cities.</p> <p>This could fall into the "replacing lost public sector revenue" category if the city planted less trees per year than it normally does during the pandemic. Perhaps these funds could be used in part to catch up on planting that was forgone during that time period.</p>	La Crosse	8/13/2021	10's of k's to 100's of k's dependent on scope	Full city population in addition to visitors	Serving the hardest-hit communities and families,Replace lost public sector revenue	No	All residents who make it outdoors for any reason. Trees provide shade for pedestrians during the hot summer months, they beautify neighborhoods, and they help mitigate heavy rainfall to lessen flooding on roads.	Ongoing maintenance and upkeep
<p>Build a high speed community broadband network covering all residents, perhaps focusing on residents who currently don't have fiber-to-the-home broadband available in their neighborhood.</p> <p>If this is not possible to do as a city, alternatively, consider commissioning a private Internet Service Provider to build out fiber-to-the-home broadband services to neighborhoods that are not yet served by this technology. Include stipulations that services will be provided to residents at a reasonable cost.</p>	La Crosse	8/13/2021	Multiple millions	Entire city	Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	No	All city of La Crosse residents. Most importantly, though, those without residential fiber Internet available at their homes.	Yes
<p>Current help with our water and sewer system and wastewater treatment. Include any possible mitigation of PFOAs/PFAS in wells on French Island and greater La Crosse as needed.</p>	La Crosse	8/12/2021	21,990,000	hundreds if not thousands as they continue testing	Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure	No	General Public and specific well owners affected by the airport PFOAS problem.	Yes of course.
<p>Please fix as many roads and public spaces as needed. Clean up Parks and public lands to an acceptable level that we are proud of our city and public lands and parks once again. I am guessing the \$21 million is not even close to being enough so how do we do more? I would also suggest selling more facilities that do not need to be owned by the city. La Crosse should sell Pettibone RV campground, Pettibone Boat Club and all facilities associated with it. Sell the land for all the private boat houses. Sell the Municipal Boat Harbor and lands. All these areas are used by Private parties not as public use and I don't understand the benefit to me as a taxpayer. Funding these operations that may be losing money every year and not generating full potential and tax revenue for the city. I would like to see more of these types of sales that would make sense for the city and would of course welcome public input on why we should not sell these parcels.</p>	La Crosse	8/12/2021	21,990,000	Residents and visitors and tourism.		Yes	Residents and visitors and tourism.	Of course, we need to maintain all.

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Counseling and legal aid to prevent evictions and homelessness. This should be a city service. Investing before a family is homeless will prevent much higher financial and societal costs later on. Also, we need more public housing for low income families. Families should not be forced to beg Section 8 in sub-par, overpriced private properties.	La Crosse	8/11/2021	I don't know	I don't know. 500+?		No	Those who are spending more than 1/3 of income on rental housing, those who are evicted, the city.	Yes, but it's a necessary service that has been missing. I believe savings in other sectors will more than pay for future expenses.
Increased investment into outdoor recreation including multi-use trails, trailheads and maintenance.	La Crosse	8/11/2021	\$1-2 million	50,000+		No	Community members of all ages and socioeconomic levels as well as businesses looking to recruit and relocate and retain a highly skilled/trained workforce. The travel and tourism sector will more certainly benefit from an investment in our trail system as our trails specifically for mountain biking continue to be a draw for tourists to the area.	Yes
SECURE, SHELTERED BIKE PARKING FOR CITY RESIDENTS. Because people are more likely to use bikes for short, everyday trips if it is easy and because many people who could use bikes in this manner may not use them as much because they live in old houses converted to apartments where there's no accessible, secure, street-level bike parking, requiring them to lug bikes up and down stairs and in and out doors, I propose that the city provide secure outdoor bike parking (like https://www.duo-gard.com/product-cat/bike-parking/bike-cages/) every block in neighborhoods where there are many apartments like downtown and near higher ed and hospitals. One bike cage per block would either take up one car parking space per block or, along Cass St, could be installed in the useless bumpout protected no parking lane along the north side of the street from West Ave to 7th. Each bike parking structure would provide safe, secure, accessible parking for up to	La Crosse	8/11/2021	I don't know	How many apartment dwellers in the city		Yes	Primary beneficiary: (Low-income) apartments dwellers who do bike and would bike more if it were easier. Secondary: landlords (less wear and tear from tenants lugging bikes in and out) Additional: City - more people using bikes/fewer using cars, cleaner air, fewer carbon emissions	No
Upper and Lower Hixon Trailhead - Build permanent facilities at each trailhead that would include a small building for a gathering place, bathrooms with plumbing and showers, and outdoor changing facilities. These "modern" trailhead building will serve to upgrade the trails as a destination for travelers and users outside the Coulee Region. A quick examination of other trails that are destinations and make significant contributions to tourism dollars in their communities, will show you the deficiencies our system has and the modernization we must do to compete for these dollars. Additionally, continuing to build, expand, and maintain our trails will only serve to recruit more long term residents to LaCrosse and build our tax base (and increase the quality of living for residents). Outdoor recreation is a huge win win for everyone involved!	La Crosse	8/10/2021	1,000,000 to 2,000,000	20,000+		Yes	These "modern" trailhead building will serve to upgrade the trails as a destination for travelers and users outside the Coulee Region. A quick examination of other trails that are destinations and make significant contributions to tourism dollars in their communities, will show you the deficiencies our system has and the modernization we must do to compete for these dollars. Additionally, continuing to build, expand, and maintain our trails will only serve to recruit more long term residents to LaCrosse and build our tax base (and increase the quality of living for residents). Outdoor recreation is a huge win win for everyone involved!	It would continue to be a part of the Parks and Rec Dept. Again, this would only grow their opportunities for programming ideas and options. This would also benefit the Chamber of Commerce and their tourism efforts.
Expand bus service to more locations and add 24/7 service. The target should be no residence or business more than 3 blocks from a bus stop. An overnight bus loop (at a minimum extending from the Mall area, along West Avenue, to 14/61) would give people who start or end work between 10 PM and 5 AM the option of taking the bus. Expanded bus service is a prerequisite of essentially all other necessary reforms toward reducing car use, particularly parking fees and high-density housing. Because this will almost certainly require a financial investment for several years before the infrastructural benefits pay off, ARPA funding is appropriate.	LA CROSSE	8/10/2021	\$5 million per year	Several thousand		No	All community members, but particularly low-income and people who work overnight.	Yes
Improve the sewage system! Do you know how many cars have been totaled in the past two weeks because the manholes couldn't handle the thunderstorms? Mine car was one of them. With climate change, it's going to get worse. Update the sewage system and stop the manholes from exploding.	La Crosse	8/10/2021	unknown, I don't know sewage costs	50,000		Yes	Anyone who parks on the street. So most people. I want to highlight people who work at Chileda and need to park on a low-lying section of Victory street. At least seven of us had our cars totaled because the manhole dumped 3 feet of water onto the street in 10 minutes. What about anyone who uses Mormon Coulee road? Residents of south side had trouble going home on Saturday afternoon.	Yes, maintain the sewage system better

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Use ARPA funds to improve the City of La Crosse's resiliency to climate change by improving storm water infrastructure. As demonstrated by recent flooding events, our city's storm water infrastructure cannot keep up with the demands placed upon it. We have folks in our county who cannot drink the water from their taps. This is unacceptable and we have an opportunity to do something about it. We also need to be forward thinking and implement green infrastructure investments such as rain gardens, measures to conserve and reuse water, and reduce the energy consumption of public water treatment facilities. https://www.nlc.org/article/2021/06/01/using-american-rescue-plan-act-funds-for-water-wastewater-and-stormwater-infrastructure-projects/	La Crosse	8/10/2021	Unknown	All citizens		Yes	All citizens	No
ONE super important qualifying expenditure for ARPA funds is the complete modernization of the way the city informs (ideally ENGAGES with) its citizens on matters of policy and governance. Whether one is participating from their home, their phone, or in person at city hall, they should be able to hear and see what is happening and also be heard and seen. Modern captioning services are needed at minimum but I'm talking about funding the technology and staffing to engagement more than a handful of loud folks in city matters. Hire the right people to implement the right IT solutions, digital media solutions, disseminate information, and significantly increase community engagement. Two important reads (please pass these on to council and Mayor Reynolds): https://icma.org/articles/article/technology-and-human-emotion-coincide-foster-better-engagement-outcomes https://www.nlc.org/article/2021/05/26/arpa-local-recovery-funds-whats-in-it-for-connectivity-and-technology/	La Crosse	8/10/2021	\$500,000	All citizen's of the City of La Crosse		Yes	All citizen's of the City of La Crosse. Those making decisions on behalf of the people will be much better equipped to do so.	No
I have seen cities on the national news that have tackled the homeless problem by building tiny house villages/communities. Paired with a social worker who assists in tapping into existing program resources, I believe this could be a real stepping stone social program for our community.	LA CROSSE	8/10/2021	unknown	Est 80 persons + all county residents		Yes	1) The homeless population, first and foremost. 2) All the residents of La Crosse county. With the homeless population becoming contributing members of the community, businesses benefit, the optics and tourism of La Crosse benefits, and so on.	yes, maintenance of homes by city and social worker(s) / staff
I have been hearing how some of the manhole covers have been exploding from all of the rain that we have had. I would think that it is time to look into redoing the sewer system to support all of the problems with the rain that we have been getting. Our system is not built for this amount of water. It was fine when it was first put in, but I believe that it is time to up date the system.	La Crosse	8/10/2021	Unknown	Unknown		Yes	Everyone in the City.	Yes upkeep
On a grant basis until funds are used, pay to train and hire more inspectors to increase inspections of all neighborhoods in the city and enforce compliance from property owners to correct issues; earmark separate funds to support OWNER-OCCUPIED residents with making upgrades to correct issues. Do NOT provide those funds for landlords of properties in need of repairs. If landlords are NOT fiscally responsible enough to set aside funds from rents received to maintain their property (slumlords), they need to sell the property to someone who will correct the issues AND maintain the property, moving forward.								
Condemn non-compliant homes and replace those properties with tiny homes for the current homeless. Simultaneously, recruit to La Crosse more mental health workers to work with the chronically homeless to get on their feet while living in their own tiny home. Those mental health workers would also benefit the greater community (students in our schools, etc.).	La Crosse	8/10/2021	All of them	However many these funds can reach. Hundreds?		No	ALL city of La Crosse neighbors will benefit when we raise up residents who are struggling with mental health issues and/or living in subpar conditions.	Yes. Grants will be issued until funds are depleted.
Planting of trees in boulevards and park land. Due to the diseases brought on by the Emerald Ash Borer and the Dutch Elm disease capital that was planned for tree planting had to be expended for tree removal. The tremendous cost of tree removal left the community lacking in funds for tree replacement.	La Crosse	8/9/2021	\$250,000.00	over 50,000 people, every day		Yes	Every citizen living in the community, and every person who visits the community.	Yes, the City of La Crosse Parks and Forestry Department are funding for continual tree maintenance.

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<p>Please earmark funds sufficient to weatherize and upgrade all city public housing to the highest standards AND to incentivize and reward landlords to net-zero rehab. If allowed, accompany these upgrades with installing solar on all public and low-income housing and, as community (not utility) owned solar gardens that those in private rentals can afford and benefit from. This will immediately put money into the pockets of low income families, provide new local clean-energy jobs, improve "energy cost equity," and reduce the city's carbon emissions. Other communities have found that providing renewable clean energy and weatherized housing increases residents' wealth and health. See: https://rmi.org/social-equity-affordable-housing-and-the-net-zero-energy-opportunity/</p>	La Crosse	8/9/2021	As much as can be spared	As many as live in city low-income housing and ren		Yes	Low-income individuals and families. Elderly individuals. Those who live in substandard rental housing. The entire city (cleaner air from more renewable energy). If solar is considered a part of refurbishing, it should be allowed. There is not an ongoing cost after installation and it will improve the housing stock.	No
<p>The federal government recently enacted the emergency broadband program (EBB) to give low income individuals assistance with the cost of their broadband. While this is a great program, the income requirements were for those of the lowest income level. To qualify, income must be below \$16,788. I would like to see the city help those of us who live on Social Security, but are slightly over the minimum requirements. Here's my example. I receive \$18,331 annually in Social Security of which \$1735 is taken out for Medicare before I even receive my check. The amount I receive is \$16,596 annually, which should qualify me for EBB, but the EBB program considers my Medicare payments as income, so I miss qualifying for EBB by \$1543.</p>	La Crosse	8/9/2021	Unsure	La Crosse Seniors		Yes	I am sure I am not the only senior citizen in La Crosse who misses qualifying for the EBB program by just a few dollars. I would like to see the city, possibly in connection with the ADRC, or a similar resource, create a program to help seniors apply for the ARPA funds to supplement paying for broadband access where EBB program falls short. This could be a one time payment to seniors to supplement the EBB, once proof of income is received. It could also be an ongoing program, administered by ADRC, or a similar resource. I'd be happy to provide any additional information that is needed from me, and to work with any resources you identify who could possibly administer this request. Thank you.	Possibly
Anything to help the homeless with housing in La Crosse would be a good use of the funds.	La Crosse	8/8/2021	?	100,000		No	All people who live in or travel through La Crosse will benefit from taking care of the needs of the homeless in our city.	Yes
<p>Recreational and bike/ped infrastructure. In the 15 years I've lived here, the most important infrastructure projects that the City has invested in include the following: the pedestrian/bike tunnel access through the golf course to the lower Hixon parking lot; improvements to the Marsh Trail system; the Bud Hendrickson bridge; the bridge to Ile la Plume near Houska park; the southside trails linking Houska park down to south of Gundersen; the King St. traffic-calming improvements; the new "Gateway Trails" and neighborhood access points on Granddad Bluff; the State Road Forest and Chad Erickson park improvements; and the Trane All Abilities playground. These are just the ones that I can think of off the top of my head. When I (as a taxpaying resident of La Crosse) think of "infrastructure spending," I want that spending to go directly toward improving my family's quality of life in terms of our ability to easily access La Crosse's outdoor recreation opportunities on foot and by bike.</p>	La Crosse	8/7/2021	2,000,000	50,000+		No	Everyone in La Crosse, and future residents who will choose to move here as a result of "quality of life" benefits.	yes
<p>I believe we should look for projects that first of all benefit those of us who need it the most. Put the money into projects that will help provide housing and education and jobs for those who are struggling. If we already have public housing projects, put money into them to improve the areas to make them more livable for the residents. Increase green space around those areas and play areas that are safe and well maintained for the children that might be housed there. If these are families that struggle with day care needs, provide a day care on sight with people to staff it. If families struggle to find good transportation, provide vehicles to these families to facilitate their ability to provide for themselves. Create a place where families can talk to someone who will help them make the good decisions they need for their lives. I know there are support agencies that do this already, give extra funding to them for their good work.</p>	La Crosse	8/7/2021	5,000,000	the community of La Crosse		No	We, the community will all benefit from this use of funds, for whatever we do for the least is a bonus to all of us. Helping our neighbors helps us.	yes, to fund the program going forward to make it viable
I believe these funds could aid in the development of more community outdoor access including, trail development, parks, and enhancements of other outdoor access.	La Crosse	8/6/2021	1,000,000	50,000+		Yes	The entire city. More community access to outdoor activities brings in tourism for businesses, improves the health both physically and mentally of the members in our community, and enhances land use and safety for those that live close to public property.	General maintenance cost, but much of that is also managed by volunteer groups in the area.

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I believe the full extent of these funds should be spent on people who are experiencing job, housing and food insecurity. The city has the responsibility of making sure anyone and everyone who is suffering has access to support through these funds.	La Crosse	8/5/2021	21,990,000	50,000 or as many people as necessary		Yes	Anyone in the community that is in need of food and shelter.	1000
Use funds to pay the remaining \$200k to build the Weigant Park shelter	La Crosse	8/5/2021	200,000	20,000		Yes	All community members The entire community would benefit for the following reasons: 1) Expanded responsible access to nature and the outdoors 2) Increased opportunity for health and wellness through nature based outdoor recreation 3) Increased opportunity for Children to get outside 4) Spreading out use due to the existing trail system already being used to capacity or beyond at certain times 5) The attraction and retention of a quality work force 6) The attraction and retention of potential new businesses / relocation of businesses to the La Crosse area due to increases access to outdoors for their potential staff 7) Increased opportunities to interconnect the existing trail networks which would allow for expanded use, and safer use by not needing to use existing roads to connect to the various networks in the community 8) Increased neighborhood access to reduce the need for locals to drive to trail heads for access into the outdoors (promote, running walking and riding to access trails)	No
The creation / expansion of shared use (bikes allowed) single track, natural surface trails within the City of La Crosse Parks System. Increased trail head parking and amenities for trail users (mapping, shelter, bathrooms, changing area) - General Park Features	La Crosse	8/5/2021	\$1,000,000	The entire region and beyond		Yes		Yes, for the purpose on maintenance
A continued maintenance fund to provide maintenance on the existing trail network and infrastructure.	La Crosse	8/5/2021	\$1,000,000	The entire region and beyond		Yes		Yes, for the purpose on maintenance
I suggest giving funds to an eviction legal counsel fund. La crosse has so many rentals that keep people from owning a home at a fair price. Furthermore slumlords like Nate Brooks have had many unethical evictions that have gone unpunished. La crosse residents need protection from land lords.	La Crosse	8/5/2021	25,000	At least 30% of la crosse		No	Every renter in the city.	Possibly
Community project to uplift community with inspiration and resources with stories of resilience and resources to act on Vision planning, Finances, Relationships, and Wellness.	LaCrosse	8/2/2021		60000 50,000		Yes	All community members seeking inspiration and resources	No
Enhance diversity for transit within the city. This would mean increased frequency and routes of bus service, which would make actual use of buses for daily activities much more likely. People are more likely to use public transit when less advance planning is needed to use it, and when reliability of access is greater. Our population is aging, and movement around the city by very young and very old currently depends on automobile transport (cab, Uber, friends, etc) and creates more isolation, less independence and less community involvement. We will all eventually become unable to drive if we age enough, yet can still be contributing people in the city.								
Improve bike lane routes, with reasonable access and safety in mind. This would mean more resurfacing of roadway or establishment of more bike lane real estate.	La Crosse, WI 54601	8/2/2021	?	Uncertain exact number...expect increased bus ride		No	Elderly, very young (pre-driving age), active adults seeking alternative transportation. Merchants near bus and bike routes.	Maintenance of expanded bus service.

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Use funding to guarantee legal counsel for all tenants facing eviction. Several cities, Milwaukee County, and some states already do this. These programs have been studied and shown to save more money than they cost, by reducing the cost burden of homelessness and reducing case load on the courts.							Affordable housing and homelessness are serious issues nationally, and locally we are feeling the effects as well. Legal counsel for eviction, and section 8 voucher expansion would help prevent homelessness, and find housing for people who are currently experiencing homelessness. These programs pay for themselves, and are an intelligent use of funding to better the community and our bottom line.	These can be put together as pilot projects. If they prove successful, they can be continued using other funding.
Use the funds to encourage the city to request and use more section 8 vouchers for housing. Section 8 vouchers bring federal dollars to the community, but the Housing Authority has a hard time finding landlords who will take section 8 tenants. Using ARPA funds to incentivize landlords would multiply ARPA dollars many times over if done effectively. This project has been done in other areas as well, and should be simple to recreate.							Climate change preparation and mitigation benefits every single resident of La Crosse. Specifically, the elderly and infants are very at risk to heat waves. Flooding is a serious issue in our area already, and is only going to get worse. We need to prepare now. The more we can do locally to shift transportation, food networks, and energy production and distribution systems to net zero, the better. We are already far behind on where we need to be to secure a livable planet and future in the coming decades. Please prioritize this now. Billions of lives are at risk.	Climate is not negotiable. The longer we wait to pay for it, the more it will cost as the situation deteriorates further.
ARPA funds must be used to help prepare La Crosse for the continued heat waves and extreme weather events coming due to the ongoing climate crisis. We need a comprehensive plan to protect our community members from extreme heat, floods, and drought.	La Crosse	7/31/2021	Eviction counsel = 150,000 annually	La crosse sees 300-400 eviction cases per year		No		
The school district of La Crosse is proposing closing Lincoln and Emerson schools. I would like to see these funds used to update these schools and maintain them. Older buildings are usually more structurally sound.	La Crosse	7/29/2021	As much as needed.	Many		Yes	Both of these schools are important to the neighborhoods and the city. Closing these buildings will increase transportation costs for the school district, increasing carbon emissions, encourage parents to send their children to private schools that are within walking or biking distance, and contribute to the decline of the Washburn and downtown neighborhoods.	No
I would recommend that the City of La Crosse use a portion of the ARPA to install solar systems on the housing developments at 4th & Jackson. Solar on these developments would reduce pollution from coal, reduce global warming, create jobs in Wisconsin, and retain funds in La Crosse that would otherwise be used to purchase coal from Wyoming. Unlike 5 years ago there are a number of organizations that provide grants to help fund Photovoltaic systems.	Onalaska	7/27/2021	\$200,000 Estimated after available grants.	Number of proposed residents.		Yes	The taxpayers would be the principal beneficiaries of these solar systems.	Minimal
1.) Build a bicycle trail connecting North Coulee Kinney Road with South Kinney Coulee Road- either along Highway 16 or an underpass under I 90. 2.) Construct boardwalks over the low spots on the Marsh trails.							1.) That connection will provide safe access for commuters and recreational cyclists all the way into West Salem. Also improves access to shopping and access to trails in the Industrial Park. 2.) Improve access from Myrick Park to downtown. Two areas frequently flood and are muddy or wash out.	
3.) Build an overpass over Copeland Ave. near Festival Foods. This crossing is hazardous now due to the speed of traffic.	La Crosse	7/21/2021	unknown- perhaps \$500000.	1000's.		Yes	3.) Eliminate a hazardous street crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists.	none other than routine maintenance as now done on trails
Funds should be allocated to create long-term economic prosperity, much like an endowment, to help La Crosse prepare for both climate change and the potential influx of climate refugees. (My family recently moved here from Oregon to escape fires near our home.) Here are some ideas: *Assistance for local businesses with pop-ups downtown (negotiate with landlords to assist those interested in trying new businesses downtown). *Build "green" multi-use spaces to house students and other lower income folks downtown. *Offer grants to upgrade single-family homes (formerly student slums) with green building practices to create more SFH.*Create grants for community-supported agriculture (CSAs). Take a page out of Viroqua's book! *Spend more to promote and support healthy-living vacations -- whole food, classes, outdoor sports and recreation, bike paths, green energy, etc. *Create grants to attract green-based businesses to town, with special incentives for employee-owned businesses.	La Crosse	7/21/2021	\$2 million	Thousands		Yes	Everyone, and the planet.	Perhaps
Project Proven at Western Technical College is in the midst of launching the Proven Leadership Group (working name), which seeks to reform the justice system primarily by engaging in political advocacy and community organization and amplifying the voices of justice-involved individuals. This group consists of those directly impacted by the system, led by men and women who have served time in prisons and jails. Because justice involvement too often coincides with economic oppression and poverty, ARPA funding would allow Project Proven to pay this group's membership for its advocacy, mentorship, public speaking, and community organization work. It would allow current and prospective members to devote more time and energy to changing the justice system, offsetting the costs (childcare, transportation, missed wages, etc.) that this work brings.	La Crosse	7/21/2021	\$20,000	5-10 Directly, Hundreds/Thousands Indirectly		Yes	People involved in the justice system would benefit from these funds both directly (from payment for work) and indirectly (from reformed housing, employment, and other policies in the La Crosse area). The broader community would benefit, too, given both the high cost of incarceration and community supervision and, more importantly, the skills, knowledge, and qualities that justice-involved people can bring to community-members, employers, organizations, agencies, and decision-makers.	Ideally, no- we are hoping to get a footing in the community and collaborate as much as we can. Hopefully organizations will realize the positive impact that the group is making. We will continue to seek out other grant/funding sources as well!

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Brief description of the use of funds you are suggesting	Address/City	Date	Estimated amount of funds needed	How many people will be affected served by this use of ARPA funds	Into which funding category does your suggested project fit	Is this a one time expense	Who will benefit from this use of these funds	Will there be ongoing costs for this recommended program project
Use ~\$1M to remove parking (where necessary) and stripe bike lanes throughout many key corridors in the city as a proof of concept that a basic bicycle network will lead to massive increases in use. Paint is no longer an ideal infrastructure component, however, the speed with which it can be deployed makes it good for prototyping transportation changes. Paint costs about \$5,000 per mile, which should easily stripe us about 150miles of lanes (75 if you do both directions).	Iacrosse	7/21/2021	1,000,000	15,000		No	Everyone, even people who choose to drive. By enabling more people to ride bikes for more trips, we reduce traffic congestion and parking needs. A recent poll of 1,000 Americans concluded that 50 percent plan to ride bikes more often post-pandemic. Bicycle sales have more than doubled in the last 20 months. Ridership is growing and we need to accommodate and encourage new users. Making is easier to do anything except drive is the only way to decrease auto usage.	Striping should be redone every year, every two years at minimum. Thermoplastic markings every 5 years.
Allocate more funds to the Affordable Housing Loan fund.	La Crosse	7/20/2021	\$2 million	many		Yes	Low income residents of La Crosse that wish to become homeowners.	not sure
Safety lighting in the UWL, WTC, & Viterbo Campus neighborhoods will be a great use. Lighting like what has been done on 6th & 7th streets, but on the surroung streets around the College Campuses. That lighting would also work great on State Street between 8th and 16th streets for the safety of UWL students who walk home at night from the downtown area. Also, increasing the lighting on Vine street between West Avenue and 16th for the UWL student houseing area will help for safety. Other great lighting options would be Pine street between 8th Street and 15th street, essentially between WTC & UWL. Around viterbo, safety lighting on Winnebago & Mississippi streets between 5th to 8th streets around student houseing would be great for added safety. Also around Viterbo, Jackson street between 3rd street & West Ave would be great for added safety lighting.	La Crosse	7/20/2021	Max \$5,000,000	20,000		Yes	Residents in the nieghborhoods for added safety. Both living in the neighborrhood and those who walk through.	Electricity costs
Use funds to solve the homeless issue at Houska Park. We could use funding for temporary shelter and other funding for housing and case management.	La Crosse	7/16/2021	\$1M	70-100		Yes	The people in our community who are experiencing homelessness.	yes, until people are housed