

New Haven ARPA Funding Suggestions

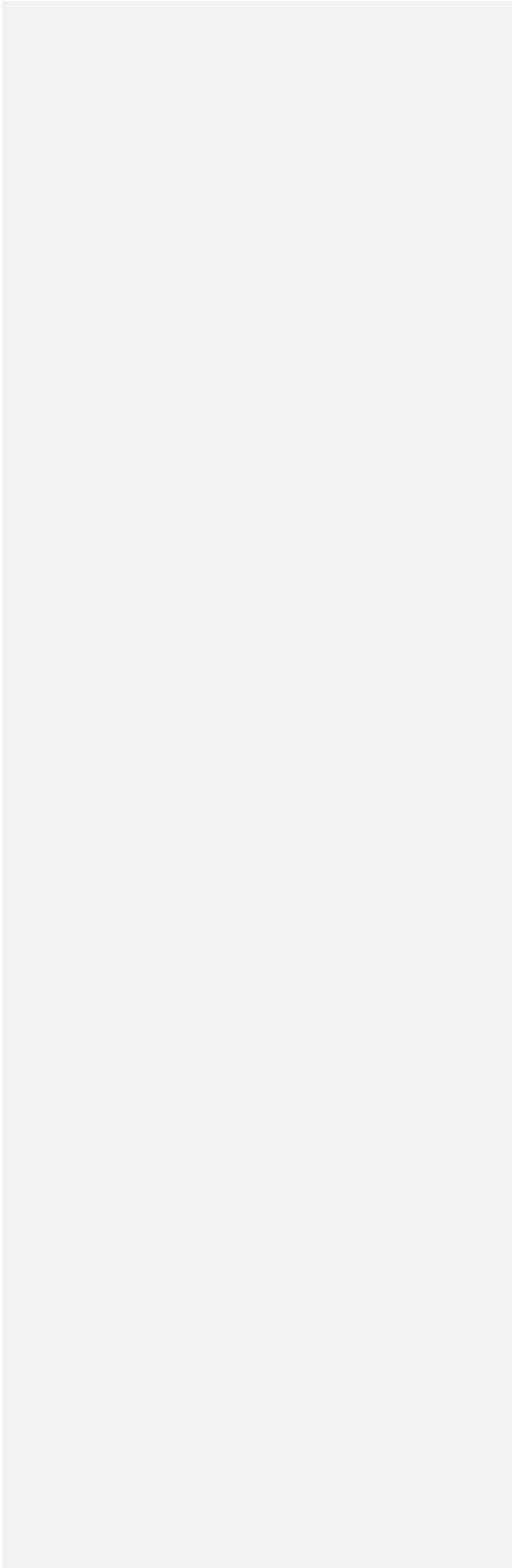
	Suggestion	Source	Estimated Cost	Comment
1	land for new fire station/emergency shelter	Selectboard members		
2	Digitize Town records	Town Clerk	\$50,000	
3	Conduct a study on an affordable housing project for our town	3/21/22 email from a resident		“The housing affordability and availability crisis is completely out of hand. I’ve wondered if the only solution may come from local, grassroots-based efforts to buy land and create small community developments: a tract of land with some common open space for gardens, yards, a septic system, well, and electric installed, and then 8 or 10 tiny houses. For young first time buyers. Like a small mobile home park that is occupant-owned/HOA.”
4	Purchase the Junction empty lot; use Brownfields funds to clean it up. Then use ARPA funds for affordable housing with solar and/or EV chargers	Energy Committee		This is another example of how to leverage ARPA funds by combining with another source of funds (in this case, Brownfields clean up funds). ACRPC has received \$100,000 of funding for site assessment from the Vermont Brownfields Revitalization Fund. ACRPC also worked with a consultant to apply in December 2021 for an additional EPA Community Wide Assessment grant to identify and assess sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, petroleum, and other contaminants. The overall goal of the ACRPC Brownfields Program is to return sites with real or perceived contamination to the marketplace or to be reused for the public good such as park & ride, solar, affordable housing with solar, etc.

5	Provide childcare services within some of the empty space at Beeman. (or another unused building in town)	3/21/22 email from resident		I hear so many families who are struggling to find child care for their kids and who have to move either out of state or to other areas where child care is more readily available.
6	Create some community spaces (the old church in New Haven Mills, the train depot, for example)	3/21/22 email from resident		New Haven needs places for the community to come together for music, stories, or to gather to share their lives with one another.
7	Connect to Middlebury waste water lines to serve southern New Haven so that affordable housing can be built without digging multiple septic systems	From comments at 3/14/22 Planning Commission on the feasibility of building affordable housing		<p>ARPA lists water and sewer infrastructure investments as allowable uses of funds. Also, \$170 million of the Vermont ARPA funds are scheduled for water and sewer infrastructure projects. So leveraging New Haven and Vermont ARPA funds is a possibility.</p> <p>To investigate possibility, contact Bob Wells Wastewater Superintendent rwells@townofmiddlebury.org</p> <p>For research: contact Vergennes/Ferrisburgh people who have been trying to connect sewers. Katie at ACRPC has this history</p>
8	Build community solar with lower rates for low/mod income households	Energy Committee		Is there Town land or brownfields where enough solar can be installed (like Bristol's) to have a meaningful impact? A regional project might be better if other towns are interested in sharing the costs. This could also lower the price per kW to an accessible amount for low-moderate income individuals. Such a project may also qualify for other federal funding posted in the recent ACRPC newsletter. Piggybacking with other sources of funding is listed as recommended for ARPA funding.

				ARPA encourages such leveraged use of their funds.
9	Weatherization of residential, municipal, and commercial buildings	Energy Committee		Other sources for weatherization funds are available. Including, Vermont ARPA funds, Window Dressers, rebates from Efficiency Vermont, Neighborworks, etc. ACRPC is currently pursuing the possibility of a region-wide competition to weatherize homes
10	Funding of local public transportation options (TVT, bike/walk council). Electric buses and vans? Running more often to shops, train stations, BTV?	Energy Committee		Currently are creating a transportation survey for New Haven to learn what would prompt residents to use public transportation or ride sharing. Since New Haven doesn't have a developed business "downtown" surrounded by homes, bike paths would likely not be used much
11	Funding of Maple Broadband	Selectboard members, Energy Committee members, 3/22/22 em from a resident, see Addy Indy article renewable energy Maple Broadband funding; 8/6/22 Front Porch Forum post recting to 8/5/222 post from Dan Sonneborn • Bristol Representative, Addison		Broadband is on the list of approved ARPA expenditures since it allows people to work remotely during the pandemic. To make it worthwhile, high speed Internet needs to reach most of the Town residents, some of which are in remote areas. There is also the possibility of leveraging ARPA funds for such a project. A partnership between Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom, submitted an NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Grant which, if approved, will provide over \$8 million in funds dedicated to extending fiber broadband service to over 1,600 addresses in the Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom operating territory of Addison County; and Initiated a

		<p>County Communications Union District/Maple</p> <p>Broadband:</p> <p>8/8/22 Front Porch Forum post;</p> <p>8/8/22 Front Porch Forum post;</p>	<p>program to pre-purchase long lead-time materials now, to improve likelihood that necessary construction materials will be on hand in time to begin network construction in 2022. Also, \$250.5 million of Vermont ARPA funds have been allocated to for broadband and wireless connectivity.</p> <p>As per the Selectboard, the Maple Broadband money goes into a big statewide pot and they use it as they build it all out; there's no way to direct the funds to just the New Haven portion</p> <p>Maple Broadband funding: https://www.addisonindependent.com/2022/07/21/maple-broadband-gets-8-7m-for-buildout/?utm_source=Addison+Independent+News+Digest&utm_campaign=e9bd108606-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_23_01_06_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fbdffb3850-e9bd108606-407748527</p> <p>Maple Broadband suggests that towns can use ARPA funds “to provide some sort of affordable access to low-income residents”</p> <p>8/8/22 Front Porch Forum post: Re: High-Speed Fiber Internet Coming to Addison County “Why not New Haven??? At least some of us have painfully slow DSL that greatly limits communication for school, work, and personal use.”</p>
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12	Upgrade and increase output from Beldens Falls hydro plant	Energy Committee		Hydro is considered a renewable energy source and increasing the output of Beldens Falls would allow the Town to meet its' goals of producing more local renewable energy. Plans and materials to upgrade the power plant were in the works and then abandoned (as per Cindy Hill). These can be resurrected. We would need to work with FERC for approvals—which might be complicated. ARPA specifically says can use the \$ for such a purpose
13	Premium pay for extra essential workers at a community housing shelters	3/8/22 email from John Graham Housing & Services (JGHS)	\$8,133	Located in Vergennes, VT, JGHS provides emergency shelter, housing, and essential services to people experiencing homelessness across Addison County. The extra workers were needed because of the increase in demand for shelter housing during the pandemic. There are 8 of these shelters Addison County. Those who use the shelters are homeless, low income, unemployed, or under-employed.
14	For a Head Start program: New well and septic system	Sent to Town Clerk		
15	Update various rescue equipment	Bristol Rescue Squad	\$65,000	
16	Renovate/update St. Mary's private school in Middlebury	Turning Point Center, Middlebury	\$24,438	Turning Point Center of Addison County is a 501(c)3 non-profit recovery center that provides a safe, friendly, and

				substance use free environment where all people in recovery, and their families and friends, can meet for peer-to-peer recovery support, social activities, recovery coaching, education, and advocacy.
17	Add solar to the roof of the town office, or other town buildings like the town hall	Selectboard member		
18	Install automated speed limit signs for the village area	Selectboard member		
19	Work with the school district to offer pre-k services in the empty space of our school and/or daycare services.	5/10/22 email from resident		In light of declining enrollment in our school district, it feels that we need to put some effort into making our town/school attractive to young families.
20	Move the library into the Depot and convert the current library space into a town-sponsored daycare program	5/10/22 email from resident		It could be a co-op (similar to the one in Lincoln) or subsidized by contracting with the Parent/Child Center or some of the other childcare programs. Having the library in the Depot would keep it vibrant and would insure the community would have an interest in its upkeep and longevity. Could also be used for a Headstart program.
21	Build a park for community members in the area behind the depot.	5/10/22 email from resident		Park benches, trees, gardens and paths would be a great place for people to come and visit with one another and enjoy the company of friends and the beauty that is New Haven. There are grants for these kinds of projects as well!!!
22	Use some money for community events that	5/10/22 email from resident		When people feel connected to their community, they take ownership and responsibility. The town green folks

	bring our townspeople together.			have done an amazing job doing some of this and perhaps there could be a town-wide celebration just because. It could happen around the fireman's BBQ or we could bring in pizza ovens near the playground so kids and families could all gather
23	Upgrade the transformer sub-station that feeds the most of New Haven so that solar interconnection projects can proceed	Energy Committee		Currently, the GMP transformer substations are overloaded (with solar producing sites and projects waiting for approval in the solar queue) that no new solar project over 5 kW capacity can get approval. See the red areas on the GMP solar map 2.0. This situation can be alleviated with funds to upgrade the substation capacities. This would either be the substation at Hewitt Rd (serves Bristol and much of western New Haven) or the one in Weybridge. ARPA funds would need to be combined with funds from ARPA Bristol, VELCO, and/or GMP, etc.
24	Pay property tax rebates to residents	6/9/22 email from resident		[we] would like to see the ARPA funds be used to reduce our residential property taxes. We both worked through the pandemic as well as many other town residents did. It was intended for the town so why not let the residential taxpayers of our town be the benefactors of these funds? For example give every residential property taxpayer an equal percentage rebate of their property taxes?
25	Digitize town records, food delivery service, emergency shelter, better pay for John Graham, disaster committee, no new firehouse, community solar, broadband, senior housing	6/9/22 email from resident		Since this money was for Covid relief, I don't think we should be looking at new things / wish lists/ pie-in-the-sky stuff, but rather what can make us <u>ready for another disaster and help with lingering Covid results.</u> We need to create an extensive plan that will help in the NEXT pandemic or other disaster. Or ONGOING for Covid

				<p>relief. Are there people in the town who have long Covid who need financial help because of medical bills or loss of income?</p> <p>For example, Digitizing town records would mean people could access them without going to the town clerk's office. A plan for food and other services delivery if we are again isolated. An emergency shelter if a disaster forces people from their homes. Better pay for John Graham employees.</p> <p>Create a committee to plan for disasters. What do we need that is not in place at this time? An emergency shelter would be a really good idea. But what's wrong with the current fire station? Why do we need a new one? Maybe we need it but as a resident, I haven't seen proof/a list of reasons why we would need a different firehouse.</p> <p>Community solar and extending broadband would help with another disaster. Getting us off dependency on oil and getting the free energy from the sun. Belden Falls Hydroelectric power idea goes along with this.</p> <p>If you ARE talking about housing, then what about Senior housing? There will be more and more seniors with lower income, coming along.</p>
26	Pay property tax rebates to residents	6/10/22 email from resident		I suggest that the ARPA money be used to benefit all taxpayers of New Haven, not just special interest groups/projects. Return a percentage of property taxes to property owners.
27	Suggestion withdrawn	6/10/22 Front Porch Forum comment, subsequent emails of		Suggestion withdrawn

		6/10/22 and 6/14/22		
28	Direct financial support related to Covid hardships, programs to prepare and deal with another pandemic--digitizing Town records, emergency shelter, community solar, & broadband connection	6/11/22 Front Porch Forum posting		<p>Helping people who lost income during Covid makes sense. Since this money was for Covid relief, I don't think we should be looking at new "wish list" things that we happen to want but which are unrelated to Covid. What can ready us for another disaster and help with lingering Covid effects?</p> <p>We need to create an extensive plan that will help in the NEXT pandemic or other disaster. Or ONGOING for Covid relief. Are there people in the town who have long Covid who need financial help because of medical bills or loss of income?</p> <p>Digitizing town records would mean people could access them without going to the town clerk's office, in the event of needing to be isolated. We need a plan for food and other services delivery if we are again isolated. An emergency shelter if a disaster forces people from their homes.</p> <p>What do we need that is not in place at this time?</p> <p>Community solar and extending broadband would help with another disaster. Getting us off dependency on oil and getting energy from the sun.</p>
29	Wastewater and denser housing to make a viable town center	6/12/22 email from resident		New Haven lacks a walkable downtown and an area of dense housing. I wonder if funds could go towards studying the feasibility of establishing a wastewater

				<p>system that would allow for more businesses and denser housing (therefore more affordable!) near the center of town. Ideally within walking distance of Beeman to attract young families.</p> <p>To make something like this happen would be a substantial and long-term undertaking, but could really benefit the town by bringing in revenue from businesses, encouraging residents to spend their shopping dollars here instead of in neighboring towns, and maintaining the younger population that will keep our elementary school open.</p>
30	Broadband	6/16/22 email from resident		I have terrible cell service in New Haven.
31	A contract for expanded County Sheriff police work	6/22/22 request by the Addison County Sherriff's Office	\$80,000 For 1500 hours of police work	<p style="text-align: center;">ARPA FUNDS RE UEST</p> <p>Post pandemic, rural counties have seen the impact of the severe staffing issues the State Police are experiencing. As a result, the State Police have acknowledged that they will prioritize major crimes and felonies over community policing, "quality of life crimes" and traffic enforcement. Consequently, these calls for service will either garner no response or a simple phone call when time allows. This situation will likely exist for a number of years as police recruitment still lags behind attrition due to retirement and routine resignations. The best-case scenario is that it will take at least 5 years before staffing levels can return to pre pandemic levels.</p> <p>The Sheriff's Department is in a unique position to step in and fill the gaps. We are proposing replacing the traditional year to year town contract for traffic enforcement on town roads with a multi-year ARPA funded contract for more comprehensive services. Deputies will continue traffic enforcement but will be available to respond to other calls for service that are currently going unanswered.</p> <p>We are proposing restructuring the traditional Town contract for Sheriff Department services. In its place we are suggesting towns contract with the Sheriff's Department for expanded police services and pay for it by accessing ARPA funds. For the town of New Haven we recommend a contract of \$80,000, equivalent to roughly 15% of New Haven's ARPA funds. This contract would represent at least 1500 hours of police services to be accessed as the need arises. In the first year of the contract hours would be billed at a flat rate of \$50/hr (no separate fee for mileage or fuel surcharge). In subsequent years remaining hours would be billed at an increase of 2.5%/year.</p> <p>Sgt Michael Elmore Chris Campbell –</p>
32	Weatherize town buildings	6/24/22 Efficiency Vermont notice		<p>Re: H518 (aka: The Municipal Energy Resilience Act)</p> <p>In the near future, municipalities will be able to enroll in a municipal grant program with Buildings and General Services (BGS) to receive American</p>

				<p>Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to finance sustainability and resilience updates within their communities.</p> <p>While the program is still in design, here are ways municipalities can actively plan for efficiency improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Efficiency Vermont offers walkthroughs of town buildings to identify efficiency projects and high-level opportunities for municipal buildings. While these walkthroughs are not part of the qualification process for the BGS municipal grant program (and do not replace a formal energy audit), they can be a simple way to help identify upgrades that towns may want to focus on.
33	Caution re funding too many projects	6/25/22 Email from resident		This is a wonderful opportunity... but we should be cautious about not overburdening the funds and diluting their efficacy.
34	Head Start septic system	Request from Head Start		The septic system would be on private land—not land owned by Head Start
35	River corridor zoning	6/25/22 suggestion made at community ARPA meeting		Project would involve a study to analyze river conservation, public access, etc.
36	Maple Broadband	6/25/22 suggestion made at community ARPA meeting by Maple	\$50,000	Priority service goes to un-served and under-served residents. No residents who already have sufficiently high speed will be included. 7 of 20 districts that Maple Broadband could serve have committed. New Haven has yet to commit.

		Broadband rep		
37	Childcare facility for workers	6/25/22 suggestion made at community ARPA meeting; 7/5/22 comment from another resident; 7/12/22 email from Meg Baker of ACSDVT; 7/15/22 research from Maggie		<p>This project could be problematic given how difficult it is to get staff for these facilities.</p> <p>One possible great approach would be to add a child care room to Beeman Academy since it is already there and licensed, and has a huge outdoor play space.</p> <p>There is a new facility being built in Middlebury and possibly one in Vergennes, but those won't come on line for a few years.</p> <p>The Bristol Family Center was also looking to expand, and they might be happy to run a second site located in New Haven. Some communities create partnerships between the public schools and private child care providers to ensure that working families have the care they need in the hours they need it, without having to track their children around in the middle of the day.</p> <p>From Meg Baker: I'm happy to share some information. There is only one family child care home in New Haven right now. However, starting a child care program is a complicated endeavor. The greatest need is to serve infants and toddlers. I am not certain that a preschool program in New Haven would be viable. Below is some data about need that I can share. Happy to discuss further if needed.</p> <p>Enrollment, Community Capacity and Birth Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across all three Addison districts over the past several years, an average of 404 UPreK students were enrolled. Typically, more four year-olds than three year-olds are enrolled in PreK. UPreK

				<p>funding has substantially increased the number of children enrolled in publicly-funded PreK and there are more early childhood centers in our region than there were before UPreK funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MAUSD averaged 154 children (three and four year-olds) enrolled in Universal PreK. ○ New Haven resident UPreK numbers (including 3 and 4 year olds) are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2017-18: 10; ○ 2018-19: 16; ○ 2019-20: 19; ○ 2020-21: 23; ○ 2021-22: 22 ○ This UPreK enrollment data does not include preschoolers enrolled in programs that do not partner with the district: most home-based programs, religious programs, and programs that do not meet quality indicators. At this point, very few children are entering kindergarten in any school with <i>no</i> early childhood group experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 2013 to 2018, MAUSD births averaged 99 per year (MAUSD NESDEC Report). • This past school year, MAUSD PreK children were served by 24 different programs. Roughly one
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				<p>third of children each year leave the district to attend preschool in a program located elsewhere in Addison and Chittenden counties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the children in both districts are currently served by private community programs, but there are two 10-hour/week sessions of PreK within the schools and one full time, school day program. MAUSD's Early Ed program can serve about 35-40 children. • According to the Let's Grow Kids Stalled at the Start 2020 report, Addison County as a whole has 386 available openings for PreK children, although only 245 of these are at programs that are 4 or 5 STARS. The same report also estimates that 19% of PreK children do not have access to regulated child care programming and that about 74% of children have two parents in the workforce. <p>Developmental Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this point, there is no question regarding the benefits of high quality early childhood education. Substantial research indicates positive outcomes for children (see The Current State of Scientific Knowledge on PreKindergarten Effects). Absenteeism is linked to worse outcomes for children (Preschool Attendance in Chicago
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				<p>Public Schools). Little evidence exists regarding the effects of specific dosages of PreK programming, although evidence suggests that full day, full year and two years of high quality PreK result in better outcomes (see Learning Policy Institute Policy Brief: The Building Blocks of High-Quality Early Childhood Education Programs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the 2019-20 Ready For Kindergarten! Survey R4KIS, 93.55% of all MAUSD students were scored as developmentally ready for kindergarten. About 80% of students who were Free and Reduced Lunch eligible were considered “ready” for kindergarten. This is relatively consistent over time and is above the state average for K readiness. • A mixed delivery system (public-private partnership) has been found to be effective in developmental outcomes for PreK children in literacy, math, and communication (Virginia Mixed Delivery Pilot Program). <p>Early Childhood Best Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All child care programs must follow Vermont Child Care Licensing Regulations. • NAEYC accreditation is considered to be the gold standard for high quality early childhood programs operating with developmentally
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				<p>appropriate practice. A description of these standards is here. Preschoolers often have very different developmental needs than the K-12 population such as naps, self-care and diapering considerations, family partnerships, and health and safety considerations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to qualify for PreK tuition, the program must have a curriculum aligned with Vermont Early Learning Standards, at least 3 STARS (with a plan to get to 4), have a licensed teacher with an early childhood or early childhood special education endorsement, hold 2 parent-teacher conferences annually, offer opportunities for family engagement, and use the Teaching Strategies Gold assessment tool. TS Gold has a nominal cost of about \$15/child. • The staff:child ratio cannot be higher than 1:10, and group sizes cannot be larger than 20. Research indicates that smaller groups (12-15) are better (Learning Policy Institute Policy Brief: The Building Blocks of High-Quality Early Childhood Education Programs). <p>From Maggie: Act 166 of 2014 provides for universal access to publicly funded prekindergarten education. All public and private prekindergarten education programs,</p>
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				including Head Start and public school operated programs, must meet specific requirements to operate a PreK program in Vermont. The Agency of Education, in collaboration with the Agency of Human Services, created administrative rules to guide Act 166 implementation .
38	Conservation planning	6/25/22 Email from resident		I would love to see funds identified in support of conservation planning efforts. My specific interest is in including planning/zoning along the river corridors of the town. (https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/rivers/river-corridor-and-floodplain-protection/river-corridor-planning-and-protection)
39	Comment re housing development	6/25/22 Email from resident		Many of the comments received argue for housing development. That is a need to be addressed but I am very concerned about the scale and pace of development of open spaces and agricultural land. Having grown up in So Burlington I have a personal (and visceral) response to wanton building out of some very beautiful land by developers without much sense for quality of rural life. This is now happening on Munger and East Streets. And this can very easily take off in many other corners of the town....the value of VT is in its rural character and small towns. This does not preclude development... but it does mean that increasing density and locating of population growth requires very difficult, careful and imaginative thinking.

40	Use renewable energy to power all town buildings	6/25/22 Email from resident		I am in full support of addressing town energy usage, starting with retrofitting all town buildings (town hall, Beeman, town garage, etc.) so they are supported by renewable energy sources such as solar or wind. I believe this would start with a feasibility study which the ARPA moneys could support.
41	Sustainable food program for the school	6/25/22 Email from resident		I support assuring we support a sustainable school food program - assuring ready access to daily food with quality options. There is great activity occurring int the state level where further funding might be available to support this. The ARPA money might be used to investigate these options for implementation in New Haven.
42	Create a local growers program	6/25/22 Email from resident		I would love to see the town evaluate how it can support local growers and rather than develop open land how can we facilitate the use of some of that open agricultural land with the goal of enticing young agricultural entrepreneurs to the town.
43	Update new building standards to incorporate energy efficiency aspects and renewable energy	6/26/22 Email from resident		Use ARPA funds to assure that any new housing (or built infrastructure for that matter) built in town meets a stated energy usage and efficiency standard... That could mean 'requiring' at build out that there are renewable systems integrated into the house, barn, workshop, etc. It is time that we review all building standards with the recognition of climate change issues, and the need to get off fossil fuels, and reduce reliance on centralized energy sources...
44	Fix roads for bicyclists	6/26/22 Email from resident		After riding my bike on South St. and North St. ---put some of the funds towards getting those roads repaved. There are holes in the pavement that would swallow up a

				bike tire and could cause a horrible accident!
45	Maple Broadband	6/27/22 email from Maple Broadband representative; 7/11/22 follow-up email from Maple Broadband representative; 8/25/22 emails with Maple Broadband representative;	\$250,000	<p>... if all towns donated 10% of their total ARPA allocation, Maple Broadband would receive ~\$1.08 million. To date we have received approximately 1/3 of this amount.</p> <p>For reference purposes, our estimated cost for pre-construction (engineering design) and make-ready (preparing the telephone poles for aerial cable deployment) for New Haven is approximately \$250,000.</p> <p>I wanted to clarify one thing regarding the restriction on grant funds for DSL areas, as I realized my description was not as clear as it could have been. I've had a look at the high level design and there are only a handful of places where the restriction occurs.</p> <p>To be clear, we are not allowed to use grant funds to build fiber routes on streets where ALL of the households are listed as having a connection of 25Mbps up/3Mbps down. These are considered "served" by the Department of Public Services. We may build fiber routes past households that are served so long as the route is necessary to get to an unserved or underserved address. I understand that I may have come across as meaning that we cannot build to any address served with DSL at 25/3, which is not at all the case.</p> <p>7/11/22; I wanted to follow up with you on the amount of the other town contributions. To respect confidentiality I can't get into the details but I can say that 8 towns that have contributed (out of a total of</p>

			<p>20), and at least one other town is in the final stages of finalizing its contribution.</p> <p>The most common amount is \$50,000.</p> <p><u>8/25/22 email exchange:</u> Hi—one more question occurred to me. If New Haven commits to spending ARPA funds for Maple Broadband here, how long would it take to get to us (given the more needy towns ahead of us in your pipeline). And, once started, how long to complete the hook ups? I realize that all you can do is give his an estimate, but anything in the ball park would help us decide.</p> <p>Thanks, Maggie Eaton</p> <p>Response: This is really tough to answer at the moment. We are literally right now doing the analysis of our future build zones to understand where we can and can't use grant funding, which might mean that certain sections will get built in the very near future and others not for a couple of years.</p> <p>The general timeline is that most areas where we can use grant funding would be built by the end of 2024, and most or all of the rest by the end of 2026. But I should be clear that these timeframes won't be affected whether or not New Haven gives ARPA funds. I don't, right now, know what portion of New Haven falls into each of these categories.</p> <p>The serving areas that include portions of New Haven are each quite small, so it's usually +/- 1-2 months from start to finish for a typical serving area. If I look at the northwest portion of New Haven, for example, there are 3 serving areas</p>
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			<p>that contain addresses in New Haven. So when we start in that general area it might be as long as 6 months from start to finish.</p> <p>I hope that answers your questions... it's the best I can do right now! Let me know if anything is unclear.</p> <p>Regards, Ellie</p> <p>Thanks Ellie. The reason for the question is that all ARPA funds have to be spent by 12/31/26. Maggie</p> <p>Hi Maggie,</p> <p>That will not be a problem. The only reason our build is extending so long is that we run out of grant funds but need to wait for revenue to catch up before we can borrow enough to finish the build.</p> <p>So whatever grant money we get we will be spending within the next 2-2.5 years (give or take).</p> <p>Regards, Ellie</p>
46	Electronic speed signs	6/30/22 email from resident	<p>I would like to see some of the ARPA funds used for the digital speed signs like Bristol has, with the option of changing the message when drivers do slow down. In Bristol my favorite one is "Thanks, you're awesome."</p> <p>I think "Turtles and frogs thank you" would be a good one.</p> <p>Or "Kids on bikes thank you"</p> <p>Locations: 1. On North St heading towards Beeman</p>

				<p>2. On North St heading north away from Beeman (towards my house, train stn, library- they reach 60mph in front of my house, I'm sure)</p> <p>3. Both directions on Hwy 17 approaching the town green with its crosswalks that are ALWAYS IGNORED, even when my dogs and I stand in the zebra stripes and point up at the pedestrian crossing sign above my head and glare at drivers zooming past.</p> <p>4. On South St, both directions, like on North St.</p> <p>5. On Town Hill Rd, both directions.</p> <p>Total of 8.</p>
47	Contribute to the Addison County Housing Coalition	7/26/22 email from the Addison County Housing Coalition	\$ 7,500	<p>Dear Addison County Town Clerks,</p> <p>We are writing today on behalf of the Addison County Housing Coalition of which we serve as Chair (Helena Van Voorst) and Vice Chair (Sophie Pickens). The Coalition's 12 member organizations (listed in the attached letter) have been working tirelessly to keep people sheltered, fed, healthy, and safe during a time of crisis, uncertainty, and scarcity and are asking for your help.</p> <p>The American Rescue Plan Act funding that has been allocated to Addison County presents an exciting opportunity to invest in our local communities and the people who live there. Our request is that every town remember the rising number of people experiencing homelessness in Addison County by making a small contribution of ARPA funding to the Housing Coalition. Full details are attached for your town's review and consideration.</p> <p><i>Thank you</i> for considering this request to turn a rare infusion of</p>

				<p>Federal resources into better outcomes for some of our most vulnerable neighbors.</p> <p>With gratitude,</p> <p>Helena Van Voorst (Chair) and Sophie Pickens (Vice Chair)</p>
48	High speed Internet	8/8/22 email request from resident		<p>I live in New Haven, and I am dealing with cripplingly slow internet. The providers which I get to choose from have terrible service. We work from home and are now unable to do so.</p> <p>I want to use xfinity, however they would charge us \$9,000.00 to run a cable to our house. Who has that kind of money to then have to pay monthly in too of that?! My neighbors right down the road just GET it. That is so unfair.</p> <p>I am on Medicaid and both my husband and I have no jobs from the pandemic and our recent move. If I had known we would have such an issue with internet, we would not have moved to New Haven. It's 2020 and it is like I have the dialup I grew up with as a child.</p> <p>I was told yo email you and you would speak on my behalf.</p> <p>Please help me. All of my neighbors (3 families), work from home and we all would benefit from internet that everyone in town just gets.</p>
49	High speed Internet	8/8/22 email request from resident		<p>As a New Haven resident, when deciding on how to use the ARPA funds that New Haven received from the federal government for Covid relief, I would strongly recommend funding high speed Internet service here. I was told it is one of the projects that the</p>

				government specifically authorized. Muchly needed for businesses, education, etc. Internet service in New Haven has continually become slower throughout the years. The only available and viable alternative is costly.
50	Rebates for rooftop solar in commercial zones	8/10/22 from Energy Committee		The commercial buildings are close to high transmission lines for grid connection and the buildings often have large rooftops to accommodate solar panels. On top of State rebates for solar installation, we can further incentivize businesses to install solar.
51	Broadband service	8/15/22 email from resident		While there are some folks who apparently have good internet service in New Haven, those of us on the West side (at least) of town fail to meet the minimum standards for high speed internet. Both my wife and I rely on internet for our work and often have difficulties. We would encourage the select board to use ARPA funds to improve internet access in those parts of our town that do not have high speed internet
52	purchase a right of way to possibly bypass the Dog Team Road bridge	9/11/22 Email from resident		A bit of History The Dog Team Bridge is close to 100 years old. Some years ago a former selectboard member and road commissioner stated rather than replace it when it becomes unsafe block off both ends and make Dog Team road two dead ends. Shortly after John Roleau came on the board (5-6 years ago) we visited the bridge with an engineer. At that time a rough guess was 4-6 million dollars at a minimum to replace this bridge. I would guess now after all the price increases we could expect maybe 10 million dollars and with interest costs 15-20 million dollars to replace this bridge. Applying for a structures grant we have been told is at least a 10 year process and with construction maybe 15 years from now a new bridge could

			<p>open. With the Vergennes bypass asking for 50 million this grant would not rise to the top most likely.</p> <p>Inquire with the ACRPC and New Haven's Transportation Advisory Committee representative Mike Audy and see where the Dog Team Bridge is on the list of priorities.</p> <p>Some 6 or 7 years ago the owner of Middlebury Fence Company would consider selling the town a ROW across their land (that could well be different after all this time). This could be a solution to a southern entrance and exit to the North Dog Team Road. As Dog Team Road is still a class 2 road, there is a possibility that if the town reached out to the correct people this project could be fully funded. There are a number of logical and accurate ways to propose this idea.</p> <p>I am suggesting some of the ARPA monies if this project is possible to be set aside for ROW purchase. Please see attached photos with a rough idea of the area the town and Middlebury Fence could consider. The selectboard would need to consider which member or members who could take this on without any appearance to the voters of any conflicts.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
53	Study to explore conversion of Beeman, once it is no longer used as a school, into an apartment building for seniors	9/13/22 email from resident	<p>With all the changes and merger talks in the districts there may well come a time in the not to distant future when Beeman does [not] serve as a school. At that time the building does revert back to the town. We currently have no what if plans. I would like to suggest saving enough money study if Beeman could be converted to say 12-15 apartment retirement</p>

				building. The town could partner with a non profit for grants to make this happen and have an income flow and also doing a public service for retired citizens. This would most likely not be an assisted living building.																								
54	Affordable housing	9/13/22 email from resident		Either use the money to explore the feasibility of multi-apartment affordable or worker housing (next to town center) or see the ideas listed in this document https://www.vlct.org/sites/default/files/documents/Resource/Use_ARPA_Funds_HousingAffordability.pdf																								
55	Maple Broadband	9/20/22 letter to Selectboard		 <p>Dear New Haven Selectboard,</p> <p>As you may be aware, Maple Broadband's organizational focus has recently changed from planning to building. We have received a \$4.6 million construction grant and have engaged a cabling contractor that will begin construction of our network later this month.</p> <p>The final cost of the fully built infrastructure will dictate the monthly cost to subscribers. As the magnitude of grants and donations increases, monthly broadband subscription fees decrease. Likewise, if the magnitude of grants and donations is low, subscription fees will be high, resulting in slower adoption rates, greater Maple Broadband debt, and a longer time for debt to be repaid. As debt is reduced, subscription fees can be reduced.</p> <p>Please consider contributing a share of the ARPA funds that New Haven has received to Maple Broadband's mission of enhancing the economic, educational, and medical well-being of the communities we serve by providing a high-speed, reliable, affordable fiber internet network to all unserved and underserved households and businesses in our member towns.</p> <p>In 2021, nine Maple Broadband member towns contributed \$25,000 to \$50,000 in ARPA funds to our not-for-profit municipality. Please consider contributing that amount or more.</p> <p>If you have any questions about Maple Broadband, or if you would like to discuss live, please contact me.</p> <p>Sincerely,  Steve Yarrington Chair - Maple Broadband Chair@maplebroadband.org</p> <p>Maple Broadband Members</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Adrian</td> <td>Brigant</td> <td>Brick</td> <td>Canter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brookfield</td> <td>Canter</td> <td>Canter</td> <td>Canterbury</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brookfield</td> <td>Canter</td> <td>Canter</td> <td>Canterbury</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brookfield</td> <td>Canter</td> <td>Canter</td> <td>Canterbury</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brookfield</td> <td>Canter</td> <td>Canter</td> <td>Canterbury</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brookfield</td> <td>Canter</td> <td>Canter</td> <td>Canterbury</td> </tr> </table>	Adrian	Brigant	Brick	Canter	Brookfield	Canter	Canter	Canterbury	Brookfield	Canter	Canter	Canterbury	Brookfield	Canter	Canter	Canterbury	Brookfield	Canter	Canter	Canterbury	Brookfield	Canter	Canter	Canterbury
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