

ARPA FUNDS SURVEY 2022

Please complete this survey and return promptly with your taxes or drop off at the township hall – all surveys need to be completed and postmarked no later than **September 14, 2022**. ~~This survey can be completed online at www.whitewatertownship.org.~~ If you do not have internet access at your home/business please complete this form and return by mail or in person at the township hall/any dropbox at door.

Whitewater Township received \$294,000 from ARPA, the American Recovery Plan and would like your input to determine where the funds are to be directed for the benefit of the township residents. There is a verbal agreement to Cherry Capital Connection for \$98,000 toward internet infrastructure, leaving \$196,000 for other projects.

ARPA funds have restrictions on what they can be spent on, so general categories are listed: emergency services, health, infrastructure - broadband, sewer, water, public safety

1) Rank top 3 choices of ARPA fund use that you think would benefit all/most township residents.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to clean drinking water | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety/Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation and park facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband – expand internet for all | <input type="checkbox"/> Repair or replace fire truck |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Road infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer/Stormwater infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food services | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare access | <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade town hall building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help residents with resources for Covid issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater Township website-
redesign website for easier access to
educate, inform and notify residents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home healthcare services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health services | |

2) Whitewater Township resources you have used in the past 2 years.

Please circle all that apply

- a) Hi-Pray Park: Playground, baseball field, batting cage, pavilion
- b) Hiking Trails: Sand Lakes Quiet Area, Lossie Trail, Petobego, Battle Creek Natural Area
- c) Baggs Road boat launch
- d) Roadside Farmer's markets
- e) Lake Skegemog and Elk Lake for fishing, boating, kayaking, SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard)
- f) State Land: horseback riding trails, VASA trail connection for mountain biking and skiing,
- g) Hunting, ORV trails and snowmobile trails
- h) Whitewater Township Park: boat launch, campsites, picnic area, hiking trail, pavilion rental
- i) Elk Rapids Library/Traverse Area District Library (funded by our taxes)
- j) Elk Rapids/Traverse City Area Public schools (funded by our taxes)
- k) County Health Department
- l) Township cemeteries – Circle Hill Cemetery and Williamsburg Cedar Rapids Cemetery
- m) Grand Traverse County services

How did Covid impact your business, employment, health, household, or access to services you needed? Please write a short response of what you personally needed the most during the Covid time period in 2020 and 2021. Not everything can be handled by our township but it helps with our financial input for Grand Traverse County ARPA funds as well.

Thank you for taking time to communicate with the Township Board about community needs!

The Master Plan is being updated now, if you would like more information please email – manguspc@yahoo.com or call the township office at (231)267-5141 (any extension) and ask to be put on the email list for notification of important events or notices in the Township.

Meeting agendas/packets are available for download about 5 days before meetings via the website – www.whitewatertownship.org – which will give details of what is being proposed and give residents an opportunity to provide their input. The meetings give you the public a chance to help direct the future of our township.

Check any of the following if you have any interest or needs:

- Volunteering for the Parks and Recreation/Planning Commission
- Serving in a volunteer capacity for grant writing in all areas needed

Best way to contact me: Name _____
Email address: _____ Phone: _____ or mailing
address _____

Thank you for helping move our community forward.