

American Rescue Plan Act

Survey Results and Funding Recommendations



Talbot County, Maryland

INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE

Including water, sewer, and
broadband.

INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Resources to continue the
fight against COVID-19.

ASSISTANCE TO HOUSEHOLDS

To offset the impact of
COVID-19 on residents.

ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES

To help businesses weather
the economic storm.

INVESTMENTS IN TOURISM

To support targeted
industries hit hardest.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

To build a strong, resilient,
equitable recovery.



Prohibited uses of ARPA Funding

INELIGIBLE USES



Tax Refunds



Pension Plans



Debt Service or Replenishing
Reserves

May 2021

First Tranche Received by
Talbot County.

December 31, 2024

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

December 31, 2026

Funds must be fully spent.

Timeline for using ARPA Funds.

FEDERAL TREASURY GUIDANCE

Survey Says . . .

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

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



#1 Infrastructure

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

#2 Public Health

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

#3 Assistance to Households

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

**Of the six
categories,
these ranked
the highest.**



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



Continuing the Fight Against COVID-19

THE CORE OF THE ARPA LEGISLATION

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



A helping hand for those in need

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

OTHER NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THE SURVEY

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





INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE

\$1.75 million

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

Easton Utilities selected through
RFI process for this work.

\$105,000

**Improvements to failing
septic system at
Chesapeake Center**

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



INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

\$1 million

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

Offsets costs included in Capital
Improvement Projects

\$300,000

**Funding for additional EMS
Unit for Talbot County
Emergency Services**

One-time expenditure.

\$500,000

**Talbot County Fire Company
Grant Fund**

Funding for equipment and
other specific needs.



INVESTMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

\$250,000

**Funding for Talbot County
Nonprofit Grant Fund**

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

\$150,000

**To replenish the shelves of
Talbot County Food Banks**

Continuing our efforts to feed
the hungry.

\$50,000

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

An anchor institution that helps
residents from all walks.



TALBOT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

\$160,000

**Talbot County IT
Cybersecurity Project**

An investment in technology
upgrades to improve efficiency.



\$235,000

Administrative Costs

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



\$4.5 million

**Total of Recommendations
for First Round of Funding**

Task Force suggestions at least
two rounds of funding.

