

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Village of Rantoul

Suggested Uses of \$8.05 Million

as of 1 August 2022

Under the passage of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Village of Rantoul has been allocated \$8.05 Million to spend in accordance with 31 CFR Part 35 RIN 1505-AC77 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) managed through the Department of the Treasury. Below outlines the suggestions which have been made to date, and will continue to be updated until final selection and prioritization is approved by the Board of Trustees.

\$100 To Every Resident

It has been suggested that each residential structure in the Village of Rantoul would receive \$100 directly reducing their utility bill by that amount. **Administrative Notes:** There is some question whether this can be applied to every residential structure and further research must be done regarding the definition of “impacted households”. While the rule suggests money provided under the “negative economic impacts” would apply only to those households at or below 300% federal poverty guidelines, the chapter also talks about households located in qualified census tracts, which may apply to most if not all of Rantoul. If it applies only to certain households, this would be in difference to the proposer’s intent. Logistically, there is significant work involved in crediting over 6,000 accounts in a short time period. The allotted time to complete this work must be short since accounts will transition and confusion will arise as to whether the \$100 is credited to the outgoing occupant, incoming occupant, or both. It should also be noted, especially if only low to moderate income residents are eligible, other federal programs have already provided over \$1 Million in assistance over this past year to those who are behind in their utility payments. Finally, it should be noted, the proposer recommends this allowance serve only residential customers, not commercial accounts. **Added Note:** There are 5640 residential customers to whom this recommendation would be applicable, thereby costing the ARPA fund \$564,000 PLUS any administrative costs in implementing this suggestion.

Up To \$1 Million for Youth Social Services

The intention of the suggestion is to provide up to \$1 Million (originally suggested at \$500,000 but later increased by another proposer) which can be allocated to agencies and organizations providing early intervention and prevention programs for youth. These agencies and organizations should address wellness, addiction, mental health, and other issues negatively impacting our youth. While money will be allocated through the Village, the programing will all be proposed, implemented, and reported by agencies and organizations already providing these services to Rantoul youth. This is to clarify the intention is not to use the money for the creation of new programming, but rather “grant” it to agencies and organizations already providing these services but may be able to do so greater with additional resources. **Administrative Notes:** The intended process would be for the Village to assign membership to a committee who would then establish guidelines, goals and objectives, and performance measurement tools for the grant allocation program. Once these items are set, the committee would then seek a Request For Proposals (RFP) for any qualified agency or organization to submit their grant request, based on the guidelines established, to the committee, who will then evaluate each proposed request and determine the amount of funding to be awarded to each requester. This process would continue until funding is no longer available.

Up To \$1 Million For Tuskegee Airmen Park

In conjunction with the Champaign County African-American Heritage Trail, coordinated through Visit Champaign County, a park would be constructed, in the proximity of the former Chanute Air Force Base, dedicated to celebrating the Tuskegee Airmen. The recommendation is up to \$1 Million be set aside for this project. **Administrative Notes:** A small working group would need to be created to identify the specific location for the park, followed by design of the new park's content. Money would need to be set aside immediately for the architectural design of the park, as well as engineering the park. The project should be done in coordination with Visit Champaign County to incorporate elements of the Trail, and other groups associated with the Tuskegee Airmen to ensure accuracy. Public input throughout the process will also be a contributing factor to its final design. Once location is selected and design is finalized, construction can begin. That said, it does not appear, on initial review, park equipment is an eligible expense, so while the ARPA funding could potentially pay for infrastructure associated with the park, the park elements themselves would have to be funded through other means. **Added Note:** It does appear park improvements are eligible expenses through the ARPA final rule based on language supplied by the National Recreation and Park Association. Design work would need to be completed over the winter months to truly finalize a cost and construction timeline. This project is supported by Visit Champaign County and the Champaign County African-American Heritage Trail.

Flooding Issues

With flooding issues throughout the community, most notably in the Oakcrest and Pinecrest Street areas, funding should be set aside to address these issues. **Administrative Notes:** More study must be done to identify exactly which flooding issues will be addressed, how best to address those issues, then estimate a cost for the project. This issue is being examined by the Storm Water Drainage Committee, and further information will be forthcoming as they create a plan. Storm water drainage expenses are fully eligible under the ARPA program.

Broadband For Everyone

It has been recommended that broadband (internet) be made available to every household in the community, presumably at no charge to the end-customer. This could be accomplished through technical upgrades performed and managed by the Village, or by working in concert with a private provider. **Administrative Notes:** A similar suggestion is currently working through the Champaign County Board, which may or may not have an impact on providing internet services to more people in Rantoul. Until their work is complete and an understanding of what the county is offering to provide, it would be inappropriate for the Village to host the same discussions. It should also be noted that, while ARPA funds would be able to assist in this provision, there would also be long-term expenses associated with the oversight, management, and maintenance of the system, which would include additional Village personnel. Sustainability of the program is also an issue. Upfront costs can be covered through the ARPA funds, but with many years of costs associated with upgrading the system, and without revenue being generated from the customer base, it will cause a financial ‘drain’ on the corporate fund revenues, and causing the program to fail long-term. This must be considered prior to implementation. The ARPA funds specifically list Broadband as an eligible expense.

Rantoul 4 U Programming

It was proposed the Rantoul 4 U unit, through the Rantoul Police Department, was seeking funds for programs they would like to implement. In further discussion with Sergeant Christina Reifsteck, she indicated they are seeking funding for programs which would benefit their clients. Ideas include a juvenile program, mental health awareness activities, a launch event serving as an education and outreach project introducing residents to the program, and transportation needs.

Administrative Notes: These ideas are currently in an infant stage, and more research and analysis needs to be done before a specific request can be made. We will meet internally to discuss a specific request, at which time this subject will be revisited with a specific proposal.

Added Note: In meeting with Sergeant Christina Reifsteck and other members of the Rantoul Police Department, items were identified for purchase which would benefit the Rantoul 4 U program. The first would be money to provide transportation, lodging, and other amenities for victims of domestic violence and other crimes which require separation from their current arrangements. At time, officers are transporting these individuals themselves, which can add to the traumatizing experience. This funding would allow alternative transportation sources, and alternative living arrangements for a period of time, to provide distance from their difficult situation. The requested funding is \$20,000 over the two years. Next, there is a great need for Outreach Programming, and funding is necessary to assist with those “start-up” costs. Seminars, activities, events, conferences, programs are all excellent way to provide needed assistance and education to the community, and those who interact with our citizens. Also identified was a need to do more with the Hispanic population in the community, and to provide outreach and resources beneficial to them. There is also a juvenile program which can be offered costing \$1,000 for the six-week program, and this should be offered no less than twice each summer. Also important, officer wellness programs which can be conducted in-house. Finally, food and drink vouchers should be funded which can either allow the Rantoul 4 U officers the ability to meet with clients, or to provide clients in need. To properly fund the outreach programs identified to date, \$40,000 should be set aside for the two years. Finally, supplies, especially technical equipment, is needed. Two Surface Pros should be purchased to allow the Sergeant and Social Worker the ability to input information in the field, search resources or seek information when meeting with clients, and write reports. These Surface Pros should also be encrypted to ensure complete confidentiality. Also, books and journals should be purchased to provide to the clients. Over the two years, these items would funded at \$40,000. The total request by Rantoul 4 U from ARPA funding would be \$100,000.

Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

As indicated over a number of previous meetings, there is a need for significant improvements made to the Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants. These upgrades, both for the more efficient operations of the current system, as well as planned expansion of the system to address growth needs, have been delayed due to a lack of funding. **Administrative Notes:** As indicated in the most recent capital plan, much investment is needed in the Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants. While the capital needs far exceed the allocation of ARPA funds, utilizing the funds in support of these repairs or replacement decreases the dollars required through a bond or price adjustment, both which would be placed upon the community's taxpayers. Also, it is not a matter of IF the Village will need to renovate and upgrade the treatment facilities, it is WHEN, and if the project is delayed costs may rise even higher, additional dollars will be spent on maintenance and repair of a failing system, and inefficiencies, causing more expenditures, will continue. With the capital plan for Water and Waste Water completed, it is a matter of prioritizing and determining which elements of the project can be done within the timeline required, but would also be a way to utilize the funds towards eligible infrastructure costs, and save money from what will inevitably need to be completed later if not sooner.

Resolve Electric Department Issues

In suggesting the Electric Department is in need of upgrades to reduce the number of power outages, the proposer recommends money be set aside from the ARPA funds to address the department's needs. **Administrative Notes:** The Electric Department is an aging system, and while continuous maintenance occurs, significant dollars are spent annually repairing and replacing older elements. Where the true financial resources are necessary in the Electric Department, is for system expansion. With increasing loads occurring in the industrial park, with large electric users considering growth or creation within the community, and with possible new development occurring, both in commercial and residential, the system must expand to meet the growth needs. These improvements will also help reduce the load currently on certain elements of the system. While there are various reasons outages occur, and many of them not associated with the age of the system, upgrades and expansions are necessary for long-term success. Unlike Water and Waste Water where a fully-detailed capital plan has been produced, a similar document is not yet available for Electric, but one should be developed soon to begin identifying what financial resources will be necessary for upgrading the system to meet current and growing load demands.

Construct A Program/Building Similar To The Boys and Girls Club

Interest in youth programs, and developing additional offerings for boys and girls aged 5 to 18, encourages construction of programming and a building similar to what is offered by the Boys and Girls Club. This Club would offer after-school programming to ensure youth are learning, engaging, and socially interacting in appropriate ways. While there are programs throughout the community hosted by the Boys and Girls Club, they do not have a physical presence in the Village of Rantoul. **Administrative Notes:** While the proposer is correct that the Boys and Girls Club does not have a permanent presence in Rantoul, they are certainly active in the school system with special programming. It should also be noted, the Village hosts and maintains a Youth Center, where programming could be adjusted to meet the unmet needs of the youth in the community. This would be a more cost-effective means of providing the necessary programming, while utilizing space already owned by the Village. Coordination efforts between the proposer, school district, and staff should occur to see what services youth seek but are not able to find through the programs already in existence, and identify how the youth center programming can be amended to include the new needs. Also, it is important not to duplicate the programs already being offered by other non-profit organizations, with several entities now providing some programming for youth. Hub Burnett, Tonya Carter, Boys and Girls Club, and others are already hosting additional youth programming, and we want to make sure each are being supported in their endeavors, not forced to compete against even more programs seeking to assist the same demographics. This request would be eligible for funding under the ARPA guidelines, but to date, without further discussion to best understand the questions and concerns, what money would be needed for short-term construction and long-term operation is unknown.

Homeless Shelter

With homelessness on the rise throughout the country, and resources decreasing, the proposer suggests using ARPA funds for the construction and operation of a homeless shelter. This was recommended following recent struggles in finding individuals in the community with suitable accommodations when removed from the parks. It also would alleviate concerns during the cold winter months when vacant buildings are used for shelter by some. The Village would either construct or renovate an existing structure to serve as the shelter, then either operate or partner with a social agency or entity to operate the facility. **Administrative Notes:** While ARPA funds would be most appropriate for the construction or renovation of a homeless shelter, many agencies struggle with the long-term costs associated with operating the shelter. If the Village were to operate the shelter, additional staffing, meals, supplies and equipment would need to be maintained throughout its existence. Programs may also be offered, requiring additional sustained financial resources. The Village could identify a structure for renovation, which is eligible under the ARPA funding, then partner with a third-party entity to manage and operate the facility; however, it would be in the best interest to have the partnership identified and under contract prior to renovation so there is long-term viability to the project. It would also be beneficial to understand the true nature of the problem, before understanding how best to combat it. More information should be gathered from the Rantoul 4 U program, the Community Services Center, the school districts, and other agencies to better appreciate the number of homeless individuals needing service in the community. It would also serve the Village well to meet with the Salvation Army, CU at Home, and other organizations throughout Champaign County who either do, or have, provided homeless shelter assistance to understand the challenges operationally. This may also open the communications for partnership opportunities with agencies who have experience in this arena. No dollar figure can be associated with this project until questions regarding construction versus renovation, and responsibility for operations, are answered.

Transportation For Seniors

The proposer recommends identifying a source of transportation for senior residents of the community. While not indicated, this can either be done through transportation already available, or by purchasing vehicles and the Village providing this service. **Administrative Notes:** While it would require additional time to gather information necessary to identify associated costs and recommend best method for service provision, an initial review of the guidelines do not indicate ARPA funds can be used for general transportation requests. Currently, only transportation to and from facilities used for COVID vaccinations is eligible for funding through this program. **Added Note:** When investigating this suggestion, we relied upon the full Transportation Plan developed in 2020. It would be beneficial while analyzing how best to provide transportation for Seniors to evaluate how best to provide transportation for the community as a whole. This plan should be reviewed in its entirety prior to any decision being made for transportation.

Infrastructure In The Downtown

With underground infrastructure needs relative to Water and Waste Water downtown, ARPA funds are recommended for use to complete these upgrades. Current flooding concerns, additional demand, and an aged system have led to a desire to see replacement occur in the downtown area, and coincide this work with other infrastructure work, including sidewalk and street replacement. **Administrative Notes:** The Village has applied for grant dollars to revitalize the downtown corridor, and if awarded, necessary infrastructure work should also be completed at this time. This underground work, and any portions impacted by the underground work, would all be eligible expenses of this program. This would also alleviate concerns regarding water movement through the downtown corridor which currently has challenges. It should be noted, whether the Village receives the revitalization grant or not, this work does need to be accomplished. While the state and federal government does offer money for infrastructure work of this nature, it is through low to no interest loan programs and would have to be paid back over time; unlike these funds which are grant dollars. Engineering is not yet completed on the work necessary to upgrade the infrastructure in the downtown corridor, therefore exact funding needs are not yet known. The grant, if awarded, would also address some infrastructure, and doing the work “in bulk” will also aid in better competitive bidding on the work.

CrimeStoppers Contribution

Champaign County CrimeStoppers have been assisting law enforcement fight crime for 35 years. It is an all-citizen, volunteer non-profit, with no paid staff. Their primary mission is to provide an avenue for individuals to share information anonymously to Police, and provide cash awards for information leading to an arrest. They also have implemented an “illegal gun bounty reward program” providing cash to anyone giving information that leads to an arrest of someone using a gun in the commission of a felony. The CrimeStoppers Board is requesting an allocation of \$100,000 to support their work. **Administrative Notes:** This would be considered for a one-time, or two-time allocation, but the Village could not commit to continuing funding the program at these levels past the period for expenditure of ARPA funds. That said, CrimeStoppers is actively working with Rantoul Police Department in gaining and relaying tips, providing information. The purpose of the request is also to allow for an increase in their payouts, particularly towards crimes in which guns are used. They found other communities have increased their reward amount, with great success, and would like to duplicate those efforts here. If this were an option which was to be considered for use of ARPA funds (and I should note it is an eligible expense), then a meeting with representatives of their board would be necessary so there is no misunderstanding or miscommunication this is a limited commitment and any contributions past the duration of the ARPA funds will be renegotiated, but could not be near these levels going forward.

Small Business Grants and Loans, Mentorship Program

One of the main focuses of the ARPA funding is supporting small businesses in their recovery. Small businesses are defined by the act as “having no more than 500 employees, is independently owned and operated, and is not dominant in its field of operation”. Establishment of a small business grant could aid in providing funding for decreased revenues, financial insecurity, increased costs, challenges covering payroll, rent or mortgage, and other operating costs, and other reasonable factors. Technical assistance may also be offered to small businesses through these funds. Similarly, it has been suggested that money be set aside to aid with a Small Business Mentorship Program. The purpose would be to establish an opportunity to mentor those who do not have the knowledge but do have the passion for owning a small business in the community. **Administrative Notes:** While small businesses have benefited from other programs, both those implemented by the state as well as those created locally, they all had some restrictions placed upon them which made some businesses ineligible. This program, as long as it meets broad guidelines, can be created locally to meet the needs of Rantoul businesses, thereby removing those barriers which prohibited some from participating. There is also movement throughout Champaign County to use some ARPA funds in partnership with the Justine Peterson Group who will provide matching funds thereby extending the loan money available. While this would be paid back by the businesses, it allows those who are “at risk” the ability to apply through an established lender, not the Village, thereby removing our oversight and accountability and working directly with Justine Peterson Group, but leveraging our contribution. These programs have not yet been created, therefore staff would work with interested parties to create proposals on each of the programs, present those for discussion and rewrites, prior to finally bringing them before the Board for approval and implementation. With this in mind, details are short at this time but will emerge as the programs are created, and no defined costs are identified as of yet, although it has been suggested \$250,000 to \$1 Million be set aside for these programs. With regards to the mentorship program, an incubator concept is proposed, but one with a mentor so both the equipment and supplies and capital needs necessary are available, but also the ‘human capital’ component is met with an experienced entrepreneur. Money would be provided to the applicant AFTER they complete a required number of hours with their mentor. This program could be managed either by Village administrative staff, or more efficiently, in cooperation with the Champaign County Small Business Development Corporation and/or the Rantoul Area Chamber of Commerce.

Renovation Of The Youth Center

In discussions similar to those already noted, the proposer indicates a need for the Village of Rantoul Recreation Department to expand their offerings, providing more programs geared towards the youth, and with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). In an effort to properly offer more programming, while improving upon those already offered, the Youth Center would need renovations. These renovations, while not yet finalized through architectural and engineering designs, could cost up to \$1 Million, based on recent construction projects. **Administrative Notes:** The staff agrees the Village should be more engaged in programming other than sports, and the importance of STEM offerings should be considered when evaluating additional programming. Already the Department is offering limited STEM participation through its summer camps, but more throughout the year should be considered. Also, the Youth Center currently lacks the opportunity for studying or tutoring on updated computer equipment, and lacks the number of computer stations necessary for large-group educational offerings. The Youth Center also lacks in security, and when hosting youth events, should have the means to secure the building greater than currently allowed. The recommendation would be to hire an architect and engineering firm to design renovations and additions to the Youth Center, improving upon the front entrance to the facility to make it more secure, allow for outdoor accessibility to indoor bathroom facilities, upgrade the bathrooms, add locker rooms, install multipurpose flooring, and identify space within the building for computer stations, learning pods, and small group learning. Community input, especially from youth and teachers, would be necessary in the design process to ensure the renovations put the Village in the best position to serve, not just the youth of today, but the next generation as well.

Provide Home Security Cameras To Each Residence

It has been proposed the Village of Rantoul purchase each residential structure in designated “high crime areas” throughout the community a home security camera. This camera would allow residents to know who is approaching or in adjacency to their property. The premise is, by providing these cameras, they will serve as additional “eyes and ears” to activities within those neighborhoods, and if a crime occurs, may serve as a “video witness” to the activity which Police can then use investigating activity. These cameras should include wide angle view, IR day and night vision, two-way talk systems, motion detection, and smart alerts. Under this proposal, the Village would be responsible for all costs associated with the installation of the cameras, including the purchase of the cameras, the labor for installation, the hardware necessary to mount the cameras, and any subscriptions necessary to monitor the cameras. It should also be noted, once installed, the camera and all accessories associated with the camera system, will be the property of the resident, not the Village. **Administrative Notes:** It is estimated the cameras will cost approximately \$100 each, although with a bulk order of this nature (over 6,000 cameras) a discount may be available. With supply chain delays, it is unknown how long an order of this size would take for delivery. The Village would also have to hire technicians for the installation since this work would be too extensive to be performed by current staff, and would require dedicated personnel to manage the task efficiently. While there is merit to the proposal, and especially in providing additional “eyes and ears” in neighborhoods experiencing high criminal activity where, unfortunately, often witnesses are often unwilling to provide testimony, one significant concern stands out. What happens if, after a crime has occurred in a neighborhood, those residents near the location of the criminal activity decide not to provide the footage from their camera to the Police? The premise of having additional video for Police to review is stellar, but only if those same people who have received the free cameras provide the footage to the Police. Without a requirement to do so, in exchange for the equipment, significant dollars may be spent with no return on the investment because those recipients refuse to cooperate.

Relieve Debt Of Library

The Village of Rantoul Board of Trustees voted in December 2018 to loan the Rantoul Public Library \$155,000 for roof repair and replacement work. The balance to date totals just over \$101,000 with the Library current on its repayment schedule. The proposition is to use the ARPA funding for the purpose of paying off the Library loan, making the Village whole while also relieving the Library of its debt obligation. **Administrative Notes:** This proposal requires further study, with much said in the Final Rule about payment for debt service, or issuance of loans, but nothing specific to this request. Under “Defining Ineligible Expenses” section in the Final Rule, expenditures specifically prohibited include pension funds, other restrictions on debt service, rainy day funds, and legal settlements, and direct or indirect offset of reduction in net tax revenue. It would seem reasonable to consider the inability to fund debt service as an indication this recommendation is not eligible. However, the Final Rule does allow for the issuance of loans and establishes clear guidelines for how the loans must be treated. It could be argued this suggestion is simply an extension of this loan process, and would be allowable. Clarification is being sought on this matter.

Provide Each Residential Electric Customer One Month Free

Similar to an earlier suggestion, the recommendation is to provide each residential electric customer one-month free service. While the previous suggestion capped each resident to a \$100 credit, this amount will vary from residential structure to residential structure since each household uses a different amount of electricity based on number of people in the household, use of electric heat (if calculated during the colder temperature months), or load requirements.

Administrative Notes: The most difficult element of this recommendation is the impossibility of projecting the amount of money this will cost, with each resident's monthly bills fluctuating on a number of variables. Which month the calculation occurs, the varied use by each household, and the HVAC system in each residence will all impact the cost of this suggestion. Logistically, there is significant work involved in crediting these residential accounts in a short time period. The allotted time to complete this work must be short since accounts will transition and confusion will arise as to whether the credit belongs to the outgoing occupant, incoming occupant, or both. This will result in a significant strain on the staff in implementing this recommendation, and will not benefit residents equally.

Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program

Suggested based on both the program implemented in Decatur, Illinois, and after our own Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation programs, the recommendation is to set aside money from the ARPA funds allowing all residents the ability to apply for assistance towards home renovations. The types of repairs eligible under this program include roofs, porches, exterior stairs and steps, foundation and structural improvements, accessibility improvements, repair or replacement of mechanical systems, lead remediation, exterior painting, tuck pointing and masonry, retaining walls and driveways. There would be an application process and work would be approved until the earmarked funds had been exhausted.

Administrative Notes: While this would be similar to the Community Development Block Grant program, the CDBG program has income requirements which would not apply to this program. Assuming there would be applications in excess of the amount earmarked, a committee would need to be established to review each application and make determinations on which applications would be awarded and for how much. As with each project, it would need to be clear this is “one time” money and only improvements with long-term positive implications should be considered. The property’s viability, and the difference these improvements will make on its tenure, should also be considered when evaluating which applications to award. No suggestion has been made regarding the amount of money which should be set aside for this program.

Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements

It has been suggested the ARPA funds should be used to enhance neighborhoods across the community, particularly in mobility and walkability. The recommendation is for money to be used for the construction or rehabilitation of sidewalks around the Village. There are many locations where sidewalks are in disrepair making them difficult to traverse. These sidewalks, or at least as many as money will allow, should be repaired, and ensured they comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. There are also areas of the community where no sidewalks exist, and this should be considered based on the potential foot traffic possible in that area. In addition to sidewalk repair, replacement, or construction, there should also be money set aside for tree removal and tree trimming, especially in areas where the limbs disturb the ability to utilize the sidewalks or walking paths thoroughly. **Administrative Notes:** Work will need to be done to identify the infrastructure which should be repaired, that which should be replaced, and where new construction should occur. Once determined, a priority list would be needed to work through as funding allows. Tree trimming and tree removal would be the same process. That said, it is very difficult to say how much money would be necessary to complete all of the work, so it would be more reasonable to simply earmark an amount and what work can be done with that amount would be accomplished.

Grove Street Extension

The Village has discussed the need for expanded owner-occupied housing in the community, and through planning processes, identified areas where residential expansion is feasible. One area is private property bordered by Murray Road on the west and East Road on the east. This property is north of Route 136, with access off the two north-south roads adjacent. When determining infrastructure needs to this property, it is imperative to extend Grove Street which runs east-west and dead-ends on the west side at East Road. By extending Grove Street, it allows for traffic to access this private property, and would serve as the main entrance into this residential area first for construction, then for quality of life. The cost of the extension and infrastructure improvements necessary is \$2 million. **Administrative Notes:** New housing construction is critical in growing the community's tax base. The construction of new housing also boosts other taxing bodies, provides for higher population, increases school enrollment, creates additional sales tax, and allows for a market not currently met. This project has a high return on investment with ARPA funds being used to complete the construction, which leads to additional tax base opportunities. Currently there is a developer interested in pursuing new housing construction on this property, but the extension of Grove Street is imperative when moving the construction from vision to reality. Depending upon the layout of the residential properties, some commercial development may also occur in the area aided by the extension of Grove Street.

Suggested Project	Projected Cost	
\$300 For Every Resident (amended from original suggestion of \$100)	\$ 1,708,950	
Funding of Youth Social Services Programs	\$ 1,000,000	
Tuskegee Airmen Park	\$ 1,000,000	
Flooding Issues (Maplewood Basin-Cheryl Drive Outlet Pipe Rehab)	\$ 200,000	
Broadband For Everyone	???	
Rantoul-4-U Programming	\$ 100,000	
Wastewater Plant Forcemain and Pump Stations	\$ 4,000,000	
Electric Distribution Lines	\$ 500,000	
Electric SubStation (new)	\$ 3,500,000	
Construct Program/Building Similar to Boys and Girls Club	\$ 6,000,000	
Construct Homeless Shelter	\$ 3,000,000	
Transportation For Seniors	???	
Downtown Infrastructure	\$ 3,000,000	
Crimestoppers Contribution	\$ 100,000	
Small Business Grants and Loans	\$ 250,000	
Renovation of Youth Center	\$ 3,000,000	
Private Home Security Cameras	\$ 705,000	
Relieve Debt of Library	\$ 101,000	
Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program	???	
Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements (Eastview, Briarcliff, Oakcrest)	\$ 2,000,000	
SE Area Sidewalk near Pleasant Acres	\$ 600,000	
Grove Street Extension	\$ 2,000,000	