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Input Needed on American Rescue Plan Funding

Local officials across Green County are eagerly awaiting guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department for clarity on how American Rescue Plan funds can be spent and exactly how much they'll get. To better understand the needs of people who live and work in Green County, Extension Green County and Green County Development Corporation are partnering to develop a survey to help inform local decision-makers on how to approach making decisions for using the funds most effectively and intentionally. The survey is available online at the Extension Green County website at green.extension.wisc.edu. Please share this survey with others who are interested. Survey responses can be received through June 20.

Signed into law on March 11, the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act provides the latest round of stimulus funding to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The federal aid package includes \$350 billion in direct aid to states, local governments, tribes and territories. Estimates for Green County indicate that cities, villages and towns could receive over \$10.8 million in direct aid.

The Treasury Department is responsible for making final decisions about specific guidance on allowable uses, and those details are expected in the coming months. Funds must be used by December 31, 2024, so there is plenty of time for strategic, intentional planning. Results of the survey will be shared with decision-makers in late July.

For more information on the Green County American Rescue Plan Funding community survey, please contact Victoria Solomon at the Extension Green County office at (608) 328-9440 or victoria.solomon@wisc.edu or Cara Carper with Green County Development Corporation at (608) 328-9452 or cara.gcdc@tds.net.

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