
Survey Response Summary
Green County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Survey

Overview

The Green County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Survey was developed to help inform local decision-makers on how to approach making decisions for using the funds most effectively and intentionally. The survey was open to all who live and/or work in Green County, as well as families whose children attend school in Green County. The survey was open from May-June 2021 and had 306 responses. The survey was put forward through a partnership between Extension Green County and Green County Development Corporation.

Key Takeaways

The majority of respondents (68%) want to learn more about the American Rescue Plan. The following formats were identified as most helpful in learning about ARPA: educational webpage, newsletter updates, informational session(s), and local newspaper updates (in that order).

The majority of respondents (92%) think entities should collaborate. They saw the following as the best ways to collaborate:

- Actively and intentionally share more about what each entity is considering. (40%)
- Actively and intentionally have collaborative meetings to explore opportunities to collaborate. (34%)
- Learn more about the American Rescue Plan together. (25%)

The majority of respondents (76%) think the entities should partner together. They saw the following as the best ways to partner:

- Actively and intentionally look for ways to share funds for shared interests. (35%)
- When possible, partner to make projects possible. (33%)
- Regularly update one another and community partners. (31%)

In response to “**what values do you hope guide local decision-making around the American Rescue Plan?**” the following were ranked the top 5:

- Sustainable (146)
- Fiscally responsible (141)
- Equitable (116)
- Accessible (106)
- Efficient (102)

The majority of respondents (81%) shared that **decision-makers should consider both immediate implications (less than 3 years) and long-term implications (more than 3 years)** when making decisions about the ARPA funds.