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Northampton Launches Online ARPA Planning Survey

NORTHAMPTON - Today, Mayor David J. Narkewicz announced that the City of Northampton has launched an online survey, in both English and Spanish, designed to seek input from Northampton residents about how the city should use funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act. All Northampton adult residents, people who work in or own a Northampton business or organization, and people who live out of town but own property in Northampton are encouraged to complete the survey by November 19, 2021 to help the city craft a transparent, strategic, and equitable plan for Northampton's Federal COVID-19 Funding.

The surveys can be found at the following links:

- [English survey](#)
- [Encuesta española](#)

Earlier this year Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a far-reaching COVID recovery measure proposed by the Biden-Harris administration. The City of Northampton will receive approximately \$22 million in these relief funds over the course of the next two years. All of the funding must be committed by December 31, 2024, and fully expended by December 31, 2026. Mayor Narkewicz made a presentation to the City Council about ARPA on September 22, 2021. The presentation can be found [here](#).

“The American Rescue Plan Act funding for the City of Northampton represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make critical investments in our city and especially for those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic,” shared Northampton Mayor David J. Narkewicz. “This survey data will be vital to informing the city’s next steps in crafting a process and plan for allocating these funds that all community members can support. I urge everyone to participate and to encourage their friends and neighbors to take the survey.”

The survey seeks to gauge the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Northampton stakeholders and to ask their opinions about critical issues facing Northampton today.

For more information, please visit: northamptonma.gov/ARPA, or contact the Mayor’s Office at mayor@northamptonma.gov.