

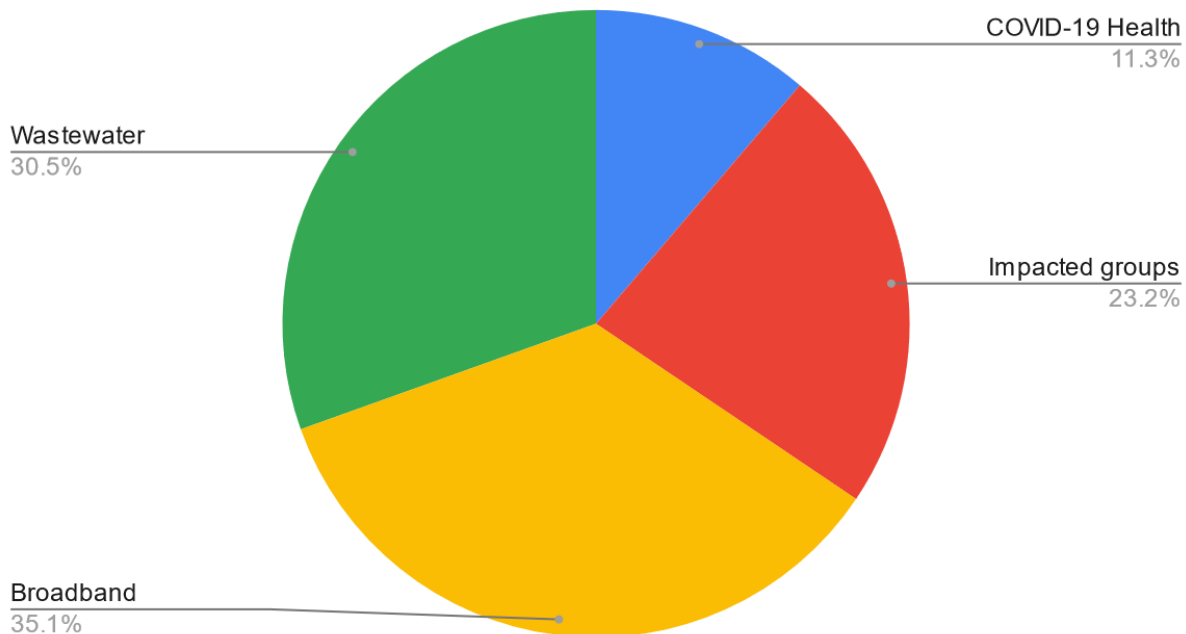
ARPA Community Survey Results

Thank you to all those who filled out the ARPA Committee's survey. The main purpose of this survey was to gauge the community's priorities when it comes to spending Westford's ARPA funds. To be as transparent as possible, we would like to share the results.

Of the 152 surveys completed, here is what people chose as their top priority:

- Invest in necessary improvements to broadband and digital infrastructure - 53
- Invest in necessary improvements in infrastructure relating to water and wastewater (sewer) - 46
- Address negative economic impacts to low-income groups, individuals, families and non-profits affected by the pandemic- 35
- Support health expenditures directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic– 18

Top Priority for ARPA Spending



We appreciate all the thoughts and ideas expressed in the survey. The board will consider your input in their deliberations. We would like to remind the community that ARPA funds come with federal restrictions, funds must be spent in a manner that meets ARPA guidelines. The select board is not able to spend these funds on whatever it wants. For example, the select board may not use these funds to lower taxes or fix roads.

We look forward to further community engagement in the New Year. We hope you continue to stay involved in this process. The ARPA Committee is working on finalizing the formal submission forms and associated rubric for projects.