

Warren County ARPA Task Force

Draft Priorities for Discussion: December 7, 2021

ID #*	Priority/ Focus Area
*Note: ID number is used strictly for identification purposes and does not signify level of importance /hierarchy	
1	Assist at risk populations- children and elderly
2	Improve resiliency at the County to ensure continued operations
3	Develop a Warren County Comprehensive Plan
4	Assist municipal residential facility inspection/assessments for MERV 13 compliance
5	Provide additional funding to Countryside Adult Home
6	Affordable Housing
7	Broadband (affordability and accessibility) for urban and rural areas
8	Mental health services
9	Workforce support (affordable accessible childcare and transportation)
10	Water/Sewer infrastructure improvements and resiliency
11	Mental health
12	Domestic Abuse
13	Home visits to check on kids
14	Assistance should be aimed at most vulnerable (children and seniors)
15	Education
16	Stress on the healthcare system – COVID identified how difficult and expensive (dollar and human costs) an extended healthcare crisis is.
17	The politicization of science
18	Devastation of tourism and entertainment sectors
19	The “resignation” crisis, and lack of employees now across all sectors
20	Our lack of high-quality broadband is apparent in the “e-jams” caused during high demand times
21	The impact of the pandemic on our kids – from isolation, to home schooling, to missing out on the social aspects so important to a complete education
22	The top issue caused/exaggerated by COVID is people in our community getting sick from COVID . The highest and best use of these funds will always be the COVID response itself. We should be covering such costs incurred 3/3/2021 to present and prospectively that do not already have a funding source. We should consider enhancing investments in COVID testing in the immediate future.
23	Helping senior living facilities invest in protecting the health of their residents, because the pandemic inflicted the most dire toll on seniors residing such facilities . These facilities include CSAH and non-county owned facilities.

24	Employers who provide local jobs and fuel the local economy sustained economic damage due to mandated shutdowns and scaled-back operations. We should establish a business assistance fund to mitigate the damage, at the very least reimbursing them for their documented COVID mitigation expenses. This could also include tourism-oriented capital/infrastructure investments meant to help our tourism-related businesses grow.
25	Nonprofits are also of great importance to the fabric of this community and often protect the most vulnerable among us by supplementing the safety net provided by governments. Our nonprofits were already stressed before the pandemic and have been severely impacted by COVID. There should be a needs assessment to identify and recommend recovery measures.
26	At-risk populations were disproportionately impacted by COVID nationwide. We should consider proposals to improve the lives of these vulnerable people in our own neighborhoods, including those with mental health and/or addiction difficulties, at-risk youth, and those facing housing/food insecurity.

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