

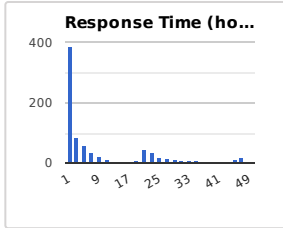
Survey Results: Community Priorities

[Survey Info](#) - This survey was sent on behalf of the Town of Sudbury to the FlashVote community for Sudbury, MA.

These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

815
Total Participants
 775 of 1321 initially invited (59%)
 40 others
 Margin of error: ± 4%

Applied Filter:
Locals only
 Participants for filter:
701

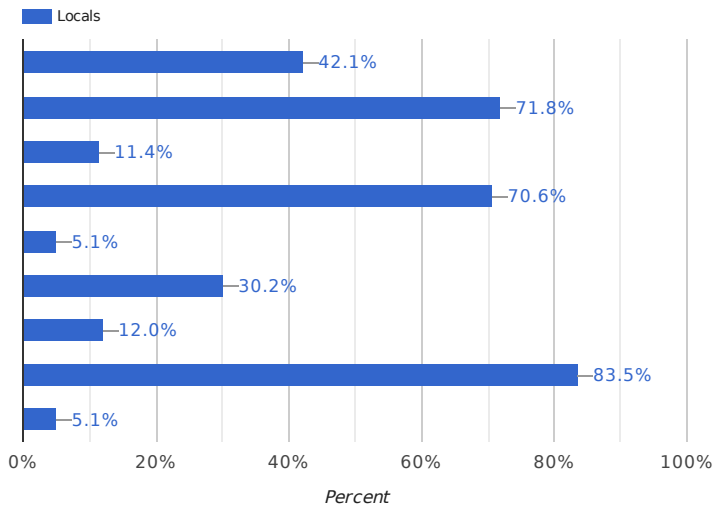


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Oct 26, 2021 11:32am EDT
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Oct 28, 2021 11:32am EDT
 Target Participants:
All Sudbury

Q1 Which of the following things do you think are a **STRENGTH** of Sudbury, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(701 responses by)

Options	Locals (701)
Local recreation/culture	42.1% (295)
Historical preservation and environmental conservation	71.8% (503)
Ease of getting around town	11.4% (80)
Physical safety and security	70.6% (495)
Range and cost of available housing options	5.1% (36)
Sense of community and inclusion	30.2% (212)
Local businesses and jobs	12.0% (84)
Quality of schools	83.5% (585)
Other:	5.1% (36)



proximity historical high open
 roads school town space
 years waste areas location need
 sudbury nature senior
 quiet public beauty center like
 well preservation access taxes restaurants

Peace and quiet and nature

None of these

High Taxes - keep the rift raft out

SCHOOL

open space, natural beauty/serenity

The people.

Things have changed in Sudbury over the past couple of years and I struggle to find the strength.

Proximity to commercial roads and shopping areas in nearby towns.

senior center

I like the amenities - shops, groceries, Sullivan Tire, restaurants.

We are in need of doing a better job on most of these.

The natural beauty of the town.

Strong commitment to residents (e.g., CoA/Senior Center and the town Social Worker/Public Safety)

Nature

wildlife

Historical preservation (not environmental conservation)

accessible open space

Schools are the lynchpin

Schools were highly rated but appear to be slipping in recent years and the town should refocus on

Proximity to other towns with lots of desirable retail shops, restaurants, and businesses

Fiscal Responsibility

Quiet neighborhoods

Uncontaminated tap water.

physical beauty - trees and well-kept properties, 2 lane winding roads, low density

Sewer

The unspoiled areas still found but rapidly disappearing

Surplus of superb, useable conservation land

Commuting location

Public services (eg. hazardous waste collections, flu clinics, Dutton Rd. project communications)

natural beauty

trails to walk on.....our own Whole Foods, great restaurants like Paani, Fugaku...shops- Duck Soup

Location

You should ask, too, what's wrong with Sudbury - overbuilding, traffic, high taxes, etc.

Proximity to local farms

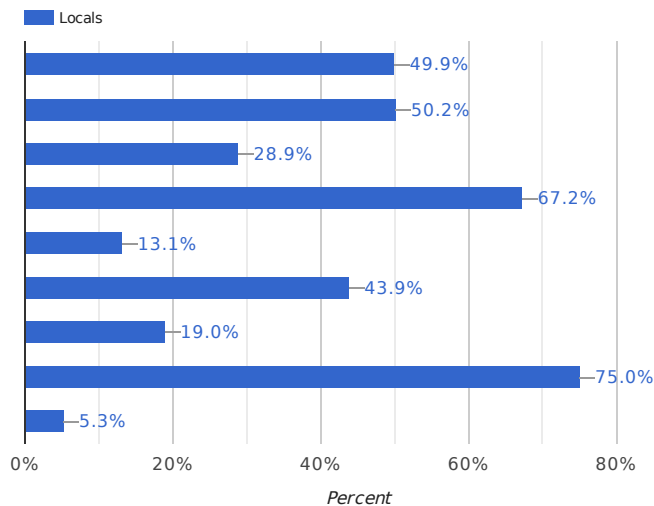
Efforts to reach out to seniors and others who may not be well-connected or in need.

less congestion and easy access to nature.

Q2 Which of the following aspects of Sudbury are most IMPORTANT to you, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR)

(695 responses by)

Options	Locals (695)
Local recreation/culture	49.9% (347)
Historical preservation and environmental conservation	50.2% (349)
Ease of getting around town	28.9% (201)
Physical safety and security	67.2% (467)
Range and cost of available housing options	13.1% (91)
Sense of community and inclusion	43.9% (305)
Local businesses and jobs	19.0% (132)
Quality of schools	75.0% (521)
Other:	5.3% (37)



conservation restaurants
 preserving trails
 community need
 space responsibility reduction sustainability
 school tax nature shops
 sports centers senior fiscal
 traffic town sidewalks quality

Good restaurants...we have a few, but need more.

Quality of town management and community involvement

Pedestrian and Cyclist safety

Economic development

Vibrant senior center

senior center

A "downtiwn" experience, with sidewalks, shopping, etc

Youth Sports

Taxes & fiscal responsibility.

Traffic control! It's terrible to live on a street with no sidewalks and increase in cars

Nature

lowering taxes

Town history and traditions

Environmental initiatives such as banning plastic

Fiscal Responsibility

sustainability

Green spaces

Uncontaminated tap water

Sustainability, reduction of carbon footprint

Attention to the needs of Seniors and Disabled

Let's get rail trails. We are so behind other communities.

Natural Gas

We left the public school system because of how the leadership ignored shared community concerns

Sewer

1) Protecting against growth in housing density; 2) Relieving traffic, 3) Preserving open space

TAXES! In times like these Restraint should be the hallmark. Slow down spending.

Bike Trails, conservation lans

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Surplus of superb, useable conservation land

ADA COMPLIANCE

Affordable and convenient transportation options to Boston

Sudbury Valley Trustees and their conservation areas

our own Whole Foods, Paani, Duck Soup, and more

Natural beauty

Energetic center (shops, restaurants, events)

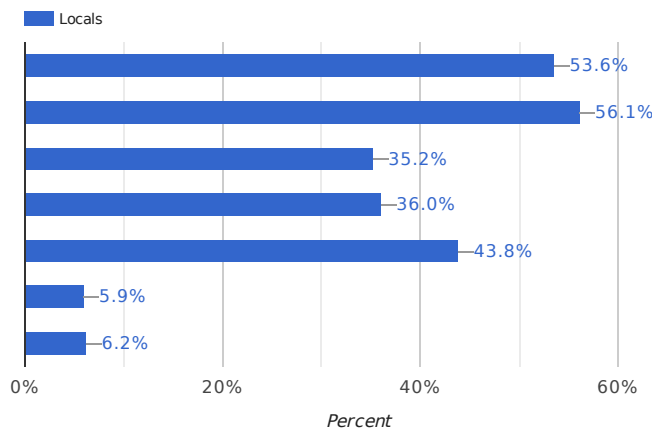
Our schools have dropped in quality snd rest on the laurels of bygone glory

proximity to locally grown meat, produce, and grains

Q3 The Town of Sudbury will receive about \$5.9 million over two years for “COVID-19 economic relief” from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This ARPA money can only be spent on the following five categories. Which of these are most important to you, if any? (You can choose up to THREE)

(694 responses by)

Options	Locals (694)
Support public health	53.6% (372)
Address COVID-19 economic impacts	56.1% (389)
Replace lost government revenue	35.2% (244)
Provide premium pay for essential workers	36.0% (250)
Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure for underserved communities	43.8% (304)
None of these	5.9% (41)
Not Sure	6.2% (43)



Q4 Below is a sample list of projects that fit into one of the ARPA guidelines mentioned above. How would you allocate \$100 across this sample list of projects?

(592 responses by)

Options	Locals (591)
Improve town facilities and conservation land (restoration, repair, ADA compliance)	12.3%

if we weren't doing a major construction job during COVID which is really really stupid. I find it strange that we're getting this money. Just because I feel like there are other communities that would need it so much more than we would. I mean you can barely buy a house in our town for under \$800,000. Sounds like our communities doing pretty okay if people can afford to live here. I'm guessing the elderly and women especially were hit really hard if they were full-time workers and they had to stay home with their children. Money or not mental health got hit hard.

Finish / Accelerate the Rail Trail. The community clearly supports it and yet, we have been discussing it for a decade.

Provide money for the Sudbury Community Center

important to include conservation land and restoration in our consideration of public health and climate change solutions. Our lands were very heavily used during the pandemic. It shows how important these lands are for our overall public health and safety.

Is there a way for these funds to be used to support the Fairbank project? COVID has definitely affected the materials and labor required to complete this project. It will benefit the entire community.

Widen Rt 117 & 20 to 4 lanes, build a bypass around the commercial mess on Rt 20, demolish strip malls and return the land to conservation, eliminate traffic lights and replace with overpasses

Support non-car transportation options - expand side walks, protected bike lanes, etc.

Buy out the former Bosse facility from Herb Chambers and turn it into the community center instead of building a new center at Fairbanks. This is a waste of building materials and bad for the environment if it gets torn down. There are already great facilities there--why reinvent the wheel? Not sure how the town missed that opportunity. As part of the new community center (or even Camp Sewataro), I would like to see a cultural/arts center for art exhibits, concerts, films, and other kinds of performances. Sudbury puts its money and resources into sports, which seems to be having a lot of problems, but it overlooks arts and culture. There are more arts and culture in every single surrounding town than there is here!

Don't spend it frivolously or to people or businesses who have already received help.

I wish Sudbury was pedestrian friendly The sidewalks along 117 are scary as are other roads and sidewalks throughout the community. A friend of mine considered Sudbury to move, but didn't find it walkable or bicycle friendly. I wish our town could do better. Looking forward to the rail trail.

Create a "downtown" that is free of vacancies, inviting for locals and tourists ("quaint" New England vibe), and easily navigable (walkable)

More crosswalks to get across route 20, especially in the wayside area district.

Focus the funds on pre existing top town priorities where applicable. Focus on items that will have the broadest impact to the community.

Invest in sewer system to allow more commercial development

Fix the aging schools

Schools, trees and town conservation lands

Outreach, keeping residence informed

Put it towards shortfalls in existing projects as voted by the Town (i.e., obtain Town input on spending for those projects).

Think long term. If we invest in economic development and infrastructure that supports businesses along our commercial corridors, we can diversify the tax base, ease the burden of skyrocketing property tax bills, fund future projects, and enhance sustainability efforts. Additional employment opportunities in-town will reduce commuter traffic on congested main roads. We can also attract better small/locally owned businesses that offer amenities desired by the community if we take a proactive approach to economic development, reducing the need for the town to provide these services. Diversifying the tax base is the goose that lays the golden eggs for every interest in town.

Sudbury has a wide range of people but many - especially recently - move here as young families for the community and school system. Investing in our schools and on ways to foster greater community kinship in Sudbury beyond the schools should be a priority

Put HEPA air filters in classrooms. Provide incentives and zoning relief for more outside seating at restaurants, including covered seating so restaurants can operate even in light rain.

Have the money benefit all citizens, not just the loudest.

The funds should be used to finally help our downtown shopping area become more welcoming with better pedestrian access and varied businesses. I have lived in town for 23 yrs and have seen so little change for the better. I am so tired and annoyed that I need to leave town to find shops and business that are not available due to sewer issue. It has been a topic of discussion since we moved here. It's sad and disappointing that we still don't have anything like Natick, Hudson, Belmont, Concord and Wellesley have.

For the remaining 25% i did not allocate on previous page, I would allocate to public schools for art, music, sports and teacher grants

Use funding for long term economic development, infrastructure, and financial stability goals.

Try to attract businesses in the TJ MAXX lot.

None at this time

Improve public transportation in the town. Look at Lexington as a model, which has a Lexpress minibus that runs in several routes that cover the whole town every hour. These could connect the high school, library, shopping areas, sports fields, and allow students and seniors or others without cars to get around town without driving. A shuttle to the West Concord or Lincoln commuter rail would also be a good idea.

It looks like a lot of improvements have been made in roads, bridges, athletic fields, common land such as old Sudbury center and improvement in traffic flow. Unfortunately, the shops/amenities in town have taken big hits due to the pandemic and keeping our amenities vital and assisting residents/shops severely impacted by Covid 19 should be a priority

Use the funding to protect the land around the proposed rail trail. Eversource will not positively impact Sudbury residents. Instead they'll disrupt important habitats and place an undue burden on the community for a long time to come.

Improve swim locker room

To support the Fairbanks community Center and offset construction costs soaring because of Covid related supply chain issues.

Driving on Route 20, our town feels like a raggedy run-down town with overgrown brush, broken sidewalks, and occasional bleary street lights. I saw tons of economically distressed towns like this in my recent coast-to-coast road trip. Certainly doesn't feel like a town with \$ million mansions. Want to know what a premium town looks like? Drive through Saddle Ridge, NJ, or even Mahwah, NJ.

Finish the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. Sidewalks and lights

As we reflect on the challenges the pandemic exposed related to equity and people acting with their community in mind. I think it is very important that we use some funding to creating community spaces where citizens can organically encounter each other and engage as I think this supports a deeper understand of our common humanity and allows us to see how we have more in common than not and I think these spaces should be local business as that then allows us to support the local economy (not chains) and local works and bring in taxes for the town

Provide relief for short term property taxes, especially for the disadvantaged.

Quality of education is key in maintaining the fabric of our community and why people move here. Though it doesn't seem to be a high priority for the Select Board in their discussions around ARPA (and it was listed last on all of the response options), it is my sincere hope that a good amount of the ARPA funds are allocated to the schools. Schools everywhere are going to have significant ongoing costs due COVID-19 impacts that aren't covered by operating budgets and other federal grant funds. Learning, mental health, and social-emotional impacts will continue for years. It would be great if we could make education in Sudbury a priority in helping the community recover from the pandemic.

Address racial profiling in local businesses

Create more ways for the community to gather/come together. Create more walkable spaces.

To offset construction cost increases for the new Fairbanks community center.

Transportation is a key element in supporting our community post-pandemic and must be considered along with essential worker, small business/nonprofit, and other economic development. If all residents/workers cannot access the latter development (i.e., lack transportation), then the benefits will be inequitable.

Route 20 sewer

The funds are intended to "repair" the costs of the pandemic. Use it for that and to better prepare for future public health calamities and stresses. If we don't need all of it for those purposes give it to communities who do.

More help for people who are disabled.

Schools and sidewalks for public health and safety

It is important to restore normalcy by example. To the extent that funds are used for municipal and school services, efforts like test-and-stay through rapid covid tests for students, teachers, and municipal employees should receive priority over remote work/remote school infrastructure.

Encourage businesses to come to town to fill vacant stores.

Preserve more land and build more hiking/biking trails. Improve quality of roads and build more sidewalks next to existing roads.

Everyone was essential during the pandemic. Many ppl Suffered and many played the game well! Stay away from that with a 100foot pole. Focus on our community here first. Focus on bringing in new businesses and better planning. Route 20 is a fuggin mess - focus on improving the road ways, parking, thru-way traffic and attracting larger businesses to help offset the ridiculous spending and tax rate so the residents don't have to bear the full burden. Slow your spending...eventually other people's money runs out.

Improve business diversity-better restaurants no more pizza places, no more banks, no more nail salons. We need a great brewpub!

We have spent WAY too much on conservation already. We need to shore up revenues. There should not be tax overrides to compensate for teachers that refused to teach during the early days of the pandemic - we should use this \$ to get ALL kids to where they need to be to stay on track educationally, in spite of the pandemic.

One time revenues should be spent on one time expenses, like capital projects. Also consider a one time tax rebate

I would like to see it benefit members of the community but I also understand how expensive the sewer system will be. I want both but really if we can allocate the whole thing to sewer, I would live with that too.

Look for ways to help seniors in the community.

I would really like to see Sudbury use funding to develop an improved sense of community. It would be great if the Town could host events (craft fairs, 4th of July gatherings, etc) Maybe they do but I've not noticed them. That would develop the sense of community so important for getting to know and helping our neighbors.

Include penalties for delays like the Dutten bridge project so we avoid the mess we are seeing now

Training for select board members and town management on bipartisanship, professionalism, and negotiation skills to foster a more constructive and effective local government.

Improving the ability to get around town safely is vital to the wellbeing for all. Most roads do not have sidewalks. Traffic is very congested through multiple areas of town.

Not at this time...

Take care of all the Police, Fire and Health care workers who worked through this pandemic every day jeopardizing their on family's.

It would be great to improve the sidewalks in town and help make our community more walkable and in general do things to help combat climate change.

Designated and maintained dog park is needed in town

Sidewalks on Dutton and Wayside Inn Road

Update schools to make them properly outfitted for ventilation/health going forward, implement improvements that will ensure kids can stay in school and stay healthy.

In the best ways to support local business and keep our taxes from increasing further. Thank you for this form of communication!

STOP THE SPREAD OF CRT IN OUR SCHOOLS OR WE WILL!

Bonuses for education support personnel who risked their lives during the pandemic to come in and teach unvaccinated students (special ed assistants, preschool assistants, etc) and who earn a very small wage. They do not earn anything close to a living wage and worked in person starting August 2020. The special ed assistants have very close contact with students and were at very high risk of catching Covid and possibly spreading it to their families. Teachers were able to stay 6 feet apart, but special ed teaching assistants were very close to many students. Many have had a hard time financially during the pandemic due to their very low income. A bonus could show appreciation and help retain these essential workers who benefit all students at school with or without special needs.

TRULY affordable housing options

We would love more side walks and bike paths that would help our kids travel safely and freely across town.

Launch project to assess the ROI of town expenditures, especially teacher and school administrator salaries. Merge the two school systems. Invest in recruiting companies to locate in Sudbury to reduce residential tax burden

Please do not use ARPA funds for on-going expenses, even in "experimental" mode. It is not helpful to use single-time revenues for ongoing expenses and burdens future operating budgets. Please establish rigorous criteria concerning what ARPA expenditures are supposed to achieve--do they target specific populations, specific projects, and/or specific time frames (if establishing a temporary program, how long will it continue?) Establish clear measurable goals for what the expenditures are expected to achieve, clear lines of responsibility for who must achieve this, and clear reporting mechanisms to let residents see what the funds achieved. Any prioritization of ARPA goals should be created by Town Staff attempting to support the values shared by the community and its elected officials. This should not become a popularity contest decided by "citizen input" advocating for the pet project du jour.

Why weren't Schools listed in the first ARPA question?

Accelerate work on Senior Center.

Spend this \$ on things that affect the ENTIRE community — not just a few.

Crosswalk safety must be improved so kids can get around town safely. Roads should be widened for safer driving.

Emergency response (shelter improvements, ability to respond to a wide range of emergencies and capabilities to respond), more sidewalks, rail trail, replacement of aging and leaking natural gas lines.

Place power lines underground to reduce outages caused by storms.

Seniors are the forgotten population. The town has no interest in them except to billed them for as much tax money as possible. When is new senior center coming in? When are re taxes going to be capped? When are we going to be shown some respect? With 79 percent of our taxes going to the schools, it's certainly does not make me want to stay in town after retirement. What about you?

Make sure it serves the whole community, not just select few (ie underserved communities and not all communities or 'essential workers' and not all workers)

I wanted to place \$40 in economic development in last question but survey wouldn't let me. And \$30 in category that I listed as \$70.

Conservation activities to improve town while also bringing people together

Make Sewataro a place where the community can use it free of charge example swimming, etc on weekends

More sidewalks and safe crosswalks.

assist the Sudbury Community Food Pantry to find a suitable facility to improve the service to those with food insurity .

Make sure Sudbury continues to have quality public education. Money spent should be on improving ACADEMICS (not sports, not mental health). Please improve MATH education, SCIENCE education, and EFFECTIVE WRITING for students.

The last two questions did not seem in concert. Poorly drafted survey.

Finishing the bridge on Dutton Road quickly. It has now been 3 months that it has been closed. What happened to the 2 month closure?

support public transportation options for commuters... MWR bus service for example...

Assuming that tax receipts are going way up due to rapidly rising home values, one might think that we should give it back so that it can be used by areas more affected by COVID. A wealthy town has a responsibility to others. However, given Wayland and other town's problems with water purity, we should spend money there to avoid that.

There are not enough sidewalks on the busiest roads in Sudbury. Can you use some of the money towards Fairbank Community Center costs?

Infrastructure, however we can support that within the ARPA funding - we need to ensure clean water, safe roads and bridges, good drainage for floods to come with climate change, sidewalks for safe walking, underground electrical

Housing wasn't mentioned. I guess it's not included Too bad!

Hire a Sustainability Director to summarize current challenges and effect short and long term solutions to making Sudbury more resilient and sustainable, working toward a carbon neutral future.

Funds should be allocated for incremental staff in planning to focus on Masterplan action items. Updating town internet and natural gas delivery are avoided. Upgrading town buildings is grouped with Conservation, seems weird. It doesn't seem like this list was derived from the MAsterplan.

Rail trail

Conduct an audit of violence and bullying in the Middle School

Focus on the kids' learning. The impact on education and learning is real and the schools are moving along without regard for the loss in learning and holding kids to the same standards as if COVID never happened.

Get to work on the community center.

Actually have a better town-wide communication system and team. Don't direct townspeople to learn about issues and get timely updates on social networks like "facebook." Actually invest in communication infrastructure, planning and staff to effectively connect with townspeople and actually have a usable informative and engaging website.

Focus on those things that impact the broadest population of Sudbury

Recreation and fields

Complete the Rail Trail. It is embarrassing that we are so behind our neighbors with connections to our tentative locations.

Use the money for the intended purpose of allocating it toward populations and businesses that suffered during the pandemic.

Fix the potholes and fix Sudbury Water such that we don't have water restrictions every summer.

Sell sewataro and invest the money into the rail trail, schools and Fairbank.

Sidewalks

Sewer can allow more businesses to expand

The community center is current in design and will serve our seniors with the senior center, youth and others with recreation opportunities and child care, SPS, and our emergency shelter. Right now due to rising costs of building materials and impacted supply chains because of the pandemic, costs have gone up for building globally. We should ensure that the needs of the community are still going to be met, and it would be a good use of some of the funds to compensate for the negative economic impacts of Covid. This is a center that will serve our community for generations to come, and it needs to be done well and with careful considerations, including what was discussed when the community supported the center such as environmental sustainability. The budget is being squeezed directly because of the pandemic and this project most certainly applies as a result- in addition to the fact that the community center supports public health, safety, and quality of life for Sudbury citizens.

Lower cost housing options for seniors who want to down size but cannot afford the new developments in town!

Some open areas that are walkable/bikeable where people can sit outside, have coffee, ice cream. We don't have a down town. And pay our teachers!

The list of potential fund uses appear philosophically biased

Keep our schools strong and on leading edge to support all our children... and Property values. Support our businesses and economic development to boost Commercial Property value. Improve roads, sidewalks, bridges to make it easier to get around safely. Improve water/sewer infrastructure to keep it clean and safe and provide valuable service.

Low income housing

make walkable/rideable access to shops & restaurants in town-not just a highway thru the commercial area. Complete the rail trail!

The last question was very confusing to answer.

more smaller homes, condos for seniors that want to stay in the area, and do not need large housing

Community center items that may not be kept in the new building due to rising construction costs and value engineering.

I suggest using the ARPA money for projects that we have not already allocated money for at Town Meeting or through other mechanisms such as grants. Fund those areas specifically most negatively impacted by Covid-19 with the ARPA money.

Road, tree and sidewalk maintenance. Traffic congestion is unreasonable and traffic intersections and lights do not support moving volume in a reasonable way. Sidewalks are dangerous or simply not in place. Begging for roadside maintenance for tree limbs and overgrowth is ridiculous for the taxes paid in this town.

na

no

Improve all town facilities' HVAC systems so the town reduces its environmental impacts. Use solar panels, heat pump and energy recovery ventilation in all schools and town buildings. Not only will this be environmentally friendly, but improve ventilation in schools and students will have air conditioning during hot months

More support for bicycle lanes.

Focus on mental health, special education at schools, sidewalks around nice areas where folks should be enjoying, helping business stay and be successful in our town

Use to keep same or lower tax rates

Parenting classes. Taught by experienced parents who have raised their children who are now contributing adults.

Think absolutely essential that sidewalks be placed on all through roads in Sudbury a project that has stalled over past 10-15 years

Settle the teachers contract with a quality raise

Hire a Sustainability Director to lead the town in transitioning from fossil fuels to clean electric energy for residential, municipal, and commercial heating and transportation, and increasing energy efficiency.

It's important to note that the pandemic affects many in unseen ways, unrelated to Covid: healthcare services withheld or delayed, isolation and withdrawal, mental health eruption, unemployment.. People may not be able to identify exactly how it has impacted them, but everyone has been touched by it. If there are funds to allocate, they should be put towards all towards SUDBURY, no matter our experience throughout this time. Let's grow our town!

Use it for strategic investment, not for short-term "feel good" projects that may have vocal supporters.

Invest in non-profits that support open space and community services to make the town more cohesive as a friendly and nurturing environment.

Ways to combat climate change

Pay for some of the Senior Center Construction to ease the taxpayer contribution

Please apply the maximum allowable to mitigate the rise in cost to build the new Fairbank Community Center in the form voters approved.

Make sure our most needy are provided for, not just in direct funds but in allocations to keep them supported. Emphasize disability inclusion, advanced age, and racial disparity.

Fix K-6 schools. Too many kids falling through the cracks. There are some good teachers but the schools are not as good as people think. Curtis needs extra help. Computers are teaching the kids! Teachers need to teach. Elementary needs more support to catch kids up!!! It's horrible that it is not being addressed seriously enough! Many teachers need to be replaced with fresh ones that aren't burnt out!

Improve and expand existing recreational facilities, to include a private business/government partnership in some aspects (i.e. A multi-purpose recreation center with a track, rock climbing facilities, pool, coffee shop, etc).

Include community initiatives including sidewalks to connect people within town, undergrounding electrical utilities to improve reliability in storms since more town residents work from home and rely on home power/internet, mental health support for kids dealing with anxiety from COVID, education support for kids loss of learning during COVID remote school, fund/promote CERB to increase grassroots involvement in emergency planning with future pandemic/storm outages making Sudbury more self sufficient - to rely on one another for support as well. Make community meeting rooms available, keep library open as much as possible, improve safety for people of all ages to walk or bike within town - to Library, to Atkinson, to Town Center.

The Sudbury community is very active but runners, walkers and bike riders are putting their lives at risk outside because of narrow roads and lack of sidewalks and bike paths. We could do better as a town to insure the community is safe while trying to stay healthy and enjoying the outdoors which what makes this town very desirable. Please add sidewalks and bike paths. What good is a town that claims it's great for raising a family when we can't ride a bike with our children.

The town needs more water supply/storage so we don't spend every summer in a water ban. There is so much housing construction, there should be a tax/fee on new construction to pay for additional water capability.

Invest in low-income housing so low-income people can actually buy a home. Community owned manufactured housing has been built other places and provides the opportunity for low-income families/individuals to actually acquire wealth and get out of poverty. This would help people who currently live in Sudbury subsidized housing properties have a way up, as well as the larger community.

Use funds to VASTLY improve VENTILATION IN SCHOOLS. This is not only essential for COVID mitigation, but last year proved that it would reduce all absenteeism across students, faculty, and staff due to colds, flu, strep, and any other respiratory disease (In the previous question, I did not support funds for "town facilities", but if school ventilation were a separate line item, then I would have elected at least 40% of the funds to that purpose.)

Redevelop businesses and ecosystem along Hop Brook at Mill Village to make the river the visual centerpiece of what could be a beautiful natural commercial area

Rail trail if the Eversource transmission project proceeds.

spend some of it on increasing housing affordability

Improving infrastructure and financial assistance to our first responders and elderly residents should be a priority, where needed.

It's time to make Sudbury a safe walkable community. This is free and unexpected funds. Use it on projects that will support and serve ALL members of the community. Redo Rt 20 and town center! Additionally, thank our public safety for working through this pandemic without hesitation! Make some capital improvements on town owned facilities. And lastly, provide additional assistance to our school system. Our children are the future.

Stop the EVERSOURCE Project!

Congrats and you have 4 Excellent initiatives

Give it back to lowest income residents

Support the police and fire and ambulance

Putting sidewalks on main roads such as Dutton Road. Many Sudbury roads are very narrow and are dangerous for walkers and their pets. These roads really require sidewalks verses the nice wide roads which sidewalks are not a necessity.

Return Sudbury to the nice country town it was a few years ago - stop building everywhere, restore open land!

Please put people who know what they are doing to handle this and stop the constant fiasco of town project management

Focus on the Town Nurse and her responsibilities. I understand that she does not have an office space that is private for her patients/clients.

Our baseball and softball fields are a hot mess and don't compare favorably to other towns. Parents raised \$75k for dugouts. The twin should provide them. S tore boards, fencing and level fields too.

Not on rail trails and Fairbank center - we already are allocating enough money towards those.

Give it back , we don't need it

Add reliable transportation to major end of lines of public transits (Bus, Train, T). Add a loop bus line or other service for non drivers (Teens, Not driving Elderly, Handicapt).

What an opportunity

Learning loss and student mental health caused by school closures!

Improve (free) intratown transit and non-single-occupant-vehicle options, especially for seniors 65+. Add more protected and ADA-compliant pedestrian facilities, and improve safety factors for on-road bicycle facilities. Add to Police operating budget to increase training for EFFECTIVE but less-confrontational, less-incident-minded policing (and for the hiring and new training of police recruits to be less based on 'warrior' instincts).

Great to see this survey! I've been analyzing US city, county, and state ARPA plans and know there are more options for funds than listed in the survey. Nevertheless, as an LS School Committee member and someone with a long background in public health, I know Sudbury's public health infrastructure needs serious bolstering, for infectious disease, chronic disease, and climate / storm planning and support. I'd use a chunk of funding there. Next, the mental health of Sudbury's kids and parents is very concerning. I'd use funds to create mental health care offerings (for example using buildings at the TJ Max plaza.) We need preventive services and really a full suite of mental health care offerings that are accessible, affordable, and can be obtained without stigma. I'd use some money to build / attract these services. The pandemic has unearthed a sad truth: many of our children and families need help that they aren't currently getting.

Continue to provide top notch education by adding teachers or at least aides. Some classes in elementary school are too big. There is inequity between schools. My daughters grade has 24 and 25 kids per class! How can kids catch up on learning loss when the teachers have to meet 24 and 25 kids where they are? We need to support the teachers with resources to allow the kids to get caught up in school!

It would be really nice to have a revitalized downtown with a walkable area. Hudson has done a great job of this. They have gotten unique business and the local beer gardens really add life to the area.

Infrastructure!

I'd love to see increased access to non-car travel infrastructure. More sidewalks and more bike lanes/paths. Commuting to nearby towns by bike is possible but dangerous.
