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IDEAS

ARPA FUNDING CONNECT TARPON SPRINGS IDEAS

Ideas Submitted through Connect Tarpon Springs as of July 1, 2022

Casey Smith
7 months ago

Upgrades to Downtown Tarpon Springs

Upgrading the sewer system and electricity / light poles on Tarpon Ave (upgrading, adding new ones where needed). Incentives for historical building restoration for building owners, grants to business owners for improvements (flooring, lighting etc).

5 ❤️

JACKSPIRK
5 months ago

Raise the seawall and walkway in Craig Park

4 ❤️

Jerry Brown
7 months ago

Host a Tarpon Springs Bree and Music Festival

Use marketing funds to plan and host a beer and music festival in Tarpon Springs

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Joanne Telker
5 months ago

Green space

Why rush to develop every square inch of Tarpon changing the look, feel, and things that make the city special. Do we really need more cookie cutter apartment complexes to survive?

6 ❤️

theresab
7 months ago

living seawalls

Replace rigid seawalls with living seawalls- they are more resilient and offer ecosystem services.

14 ❤️

Rcurtis
7 months ago

Install left turn light at northbound Alt 19 and Meres. Long overdue.

2 ❤️

Green Thumbs
4 months ago

Please buy title or retire development rights to diminishing open space - wetlands or critical ecosystems.

Protect open space and critical habitats

6 ❤️

Jewel
4 months ago

Paint crosswalks...existing and much needed new ones-flashing lights as needed. Also, street lights at end of Safford St. near fitness park.

These are safety issues for walkers and bikers, which our town has plenty of. In addition to safety, the faded crosswalks give an 'old, unkept' appearance which is not what we want to project.

0 ❤️

Rea
5 months ago

Tourism is our number one industry, and some revitalization is needed, especially on the Sponge Docks.

There needs to be an incentive for building owners to maintain their properties. Grants don't seem to be taken advantage of. Perhaps annual inspections and fines for those who do not comply. Business owners are burdened with leaks, sewage problems ad general disrepair.

2 ❤️

Kimadams
5 months ago

Connect Belcher and Disston

To improve traffic flow on Alt 19/Pinellas

5 ❤️

Paul Francis Robinson
5 months ago

Shade trees and fountains.

Heat waves and months of days in which the heat index reaches or exceeds 105 F., every day, will be a reality within 30 years. To maintain viability as a city and a destination, Tarpon must begin a series of shade tree, fountain and cooling station projects.

1 ❤️

lucyrob
5 months ago

Demonstration Project to Guide Flood Preventing Infrastructure

City has a chance to do a ground-breaking, world class model for future flood prevention. This should include the necessary engineering, but be governed by resilient green solutions like living shorelines. Moving beyond the old single approach of steel and concrete, the model should use products that encourage sea grass and filter feeders. Public Art should be an integral part of the model, incorporating an aesthetic component to the scientific solutions. Projects in Europe do this, blurring the lines between infrastructure, art and recreational values.

5 ❤️

Paul Francis Robinson
5 months ago

Couple green infrastructure with seawall improvements.

Any changes/improvements in seawalls need to be coupled with living shorelines or living seawalls. These will clean the water, reduce wave action, increase the life expectancy of man made materials, absorb carbon dioxide and increase biodiversity.

4 ❤️

debo615
8 months ago

Faster Car Charging stations

Faster Car Charging Stations for fast charging

3 ❤️

lucyrob
5 months ago

Sewers Absolutely Necessary!

Completion of sewers is long overdue especially in water-front neighborhoods.

4 ❤️

Todd Unbehagen
7 months ago

Provide grants for development of residential housing, or entertainment, restaurant or bars along Tarpon Ave.

Providing grants (real grants as a % of project costs) for anyone willing to provide/develop residential housing, or entertainment, bar or restaurant lifestyle businesses on West and East Tarpon Avenue. We are behind St. Pete, Dunedin, Palm Harbor and even NPR in our main street area.

3 ❤️

JRBA
7 months ago

Road Work & Speed Bumps in high traffic areas

Fix residential roads in downtown and add speed bumps. This will slow down the cars and hopefully reduce the ATV's speeding down roadways.

3 ❤️

Gwalts
7 months ago

Downtown infrastructure upgrades and safety measures

Better small business signage downtown, more parking, upgrade an outdated and inadequate downtown sewer system to Facilitate current and new businesses, hibiscus/tarp ave drainage, homeless drug and loitering infux! Cross walk flashers at tarpon and hibiscus! Concerted efforts to clean up downtown fasiae and overall cleanliness.

2 ❤️

s'agapó
5 months ago

Public Safety (High Priority), Living Seawalls, Parking Garage

there appears to be a marked uptick in crime stats



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John Leleakis
7 months ago

501C3 Non-Profits

I wonder why Non-Profits were not considered for distribution of benefits. The negative fiscal impact on everyone and on every business, has a definite impact on their contributions or support of Non-Profits.

2 ❤️

theresab
7 months ago

purchase vulnerable floodplain land

Purchase land in flood zones to establish parks and conservation areas that can absorb storm surge, sea-level rise, and mitigate impacts from ongoing over-development.

14 ❤️

Capt.Joyce
7 months ago

Fix flooding on Riverside Dr and Chesapeak Dr. Add speedbumps to slow traffic.

2 ❤️

Mike
a months ago

Help financial strapped residents directly affected by covid and job loss or loss of income.

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jrww
6 months ago

Plant longleaf pine trees in Tarpon Springs

Historically, longleaf pines dominated the canopy in Tarpon Springs. Restore Tarpon's native habitat on any vacant lots and require removal of invasive species - Australian pine, etc. on other properties within city limits.

6 ❤️

s'agapó
5 months ago

what is the maintenance schedule for the brick pavers on Orange St?

1 ❤️

jrowe
5 months ago

infrastrucure, Business- es Revitalization, Home- lessness

Absolutely our city infrastructure improvement & upgrades, Revitalization of dilapidated property & businesses, homeless- ness problems in downtown Tarpon & outlying city areas, National City Manager search and funding...

2 ❤️

Moses
7 months ago

Lake Blvd. has not been resurfaced in over 21 years causing rainwater runoff pooling at the end & there is also concaving dip in the road.

It's time for the City to repair the above probles. I surely pay enough taxes to the city to live there, it needs immediate response and can't wait another 20 Years of the city ignoring this problem. We have have the city on site numerous times only to be told that they would have a supervisor come out to resolve the problems. No show or satisfaction in 21 years. Help!!!

2 ❤️

Rea
5 months ago

Parking garage. There basically is no City parking on the Docks.

There is land on Alt 19 that would be ideal for a parking garage, which would benefit the Docks and downtown. One of the top complaints I hear from locals is not wanted to pay \$5-\$10 to park on the Docks. And in season finding a free spot is close to impossible, and the rates go up.

1 ❤️

Athenamama
8 months ago

Surveillance of speed- ing, & loud exhaust on cars/trucks/motorcy- cles in residential neigh- borhood.

Police surveillance of speeding and loud exhaust vehicles exiting F. Howard park daily 5-8 pm, disturbing peace and making it dangerous to walk. Perhaps a traffic light at N. Florida Ave. and Sunset in order to cross the street there.

3 ❤️

Rea
5 months ago

Flooding is a huge concern for business owners and residents. Raising our seawalls and repa them needs to be one of our priorities.

2 ❤️

Enjoi
7 months ago

Gigabit internet in residential

1 ❤️

Bee
4 months ago

Take care of sewer, flooding and sea wall. Without that protection nothing else will be here.

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IDEAS

ARPA FUNDING TOWN HALL IDEAS

Ideas Provided at the February 15, 2022 Town Hall Meeting



J. Riech

town hall comments

Marquee Sign, Outreach to Lower Income Families, Expansion of Cops N Kids

Use marquee signs to announce Connect Tarpon Springs engagement platform.

Reach out to lower income residents (focus on apartments) who are not being heard.

Expand building for Cops N Kids.



A. Protos

town hall comments

Explanation of Broadband Infrastructure

Better clarification needed of what Broadband infrastructure is needed.



C. Lundt

town hall comments

Connect Tarpon Springs Visibility

Need better visibility on the City's webpage for Connect Tarpon Springs platform.



C. Rodriguez

town hall comments

Advertising, Downtown Lighting & Electrical, Event Space, and Parking

Requests \$200k advertising budget (placement in airports)

Upgrade Tarpon Ave electrical and lighting for events

Establish an event area on vacant Tarpon Ave lot

Additional parking and lighting for downtown and the Docks.



P. Skandeleris (sp?)

town hall comments

Bayshore Sewer

Finish Bayshore sewer connection



S. Wendt

town hall comments

Marketing and Sewer Infrastructure upgrades for Downtown

Advertising kiosk, event cars, walking map

Sewer line upgrades for restaurants on Tarpon Ave/downtown (backing up during events)



P. Mangos

town hall comments

Sewer Upgrades & Water Quality

Sewer conversions will also provide benefits to water quality in the river.



M. Eisner

town hall comments

Assistance to Households

Infrastructure is important, but assistance to those most greatly affected by COVID should be considered.

Direct assistance to households important (roofs, electric), some type of application/grant process could help.



J. Turner

town hall comments

Holistic Projects that address multiple needs

Focus on holistic projects that address multiple needs.

Support for Not-for-Profits, Healthcare, Hospital request for funding.



P. Robinson

town hall comments

Couple manmade seawalls with living shorelines

Couple seawalls with living shorelines (biological approach) to reduce wave action, absorb CO2.



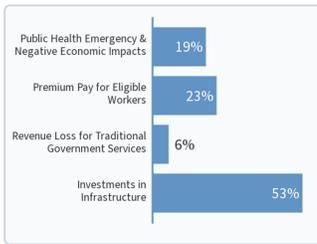
R. Saenger

town hall comments

Human Infrastructure, Board Holistic Approach to Projects

Focus on human infrastructure, mental health, and a broad holistic approach that supports many needs.

ARPA - What eligible use of the ARPA funds is most important to you?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Public Health Emergency & Negative Economic Impacts	10	19%
Premium Pay for Eligible Workers	12	23%
Revenue Loss for Traditional Government Services	3	6%
Investments in Infrastructure	28	53%

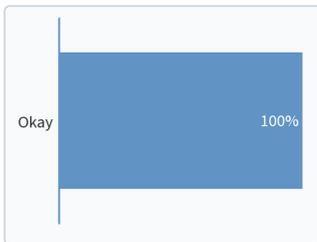


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Responses

ARPA - On the next several questions, you will be asked to provide your FIRST and SECOND choice for the various funding categories.



Response options	Count	Percentage
Okay	18	100%

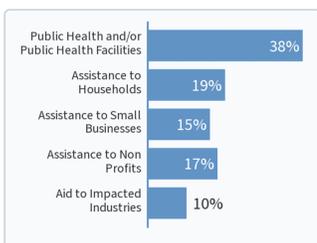


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Responses

ARPA - If the funds are used for PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY and NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS, which area is your FIRST choice to spend them on?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Public Health and/or Public Health Facilities	20	38%
Assistance to Households	10	19%
Assistance to Small Businesses	8	15%
Assistance to Non Profits	9	17%
Aid to Impacted Industries	5	10%

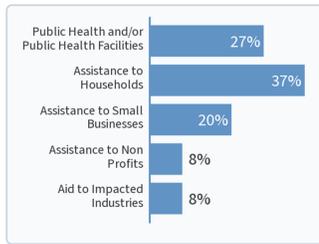


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Responses

ARPA - Which area would be your **SECOND** choice to spend funds on if used for **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY** and **NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT**?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Public Health and/or Public Health Facilities	14	27%
Assistance to Households	19	37%
Assistance to Small Businesses	10	20%
Assistance to Non Profits	4	8%
Aid to Impacted Industries	4	8%

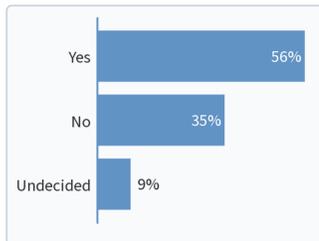


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Responses

ARPA - At this time, the City is not considering using the funds for **PREMIUM PAY FOR ELEGIBLE WORKERS**. Do you agree with this?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Yes	31	56%
No	19	35%
Undecided	5	9%

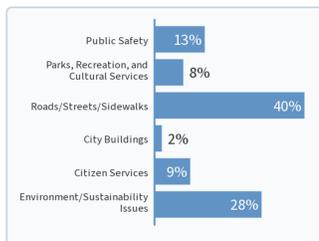


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Responses

ARPA - If the funds are to be used on **REVENUE LOSS FOR TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**, which area would be your **FIRST** choice to spend them on?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Public Safety	7	13%
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services	4	8%
Roads/Streets/Sidewalks	21	40%
City Buildings	1	2%
Citizen Services	5	9%
Environment/Sustainability Issues	15	28%

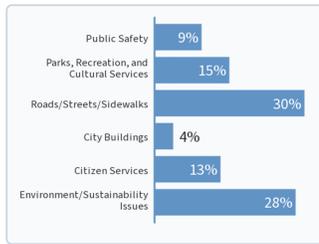


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Responses

ARPA - Which area would be your **SECOND** choice to spend the funds on if used for **REVENUE LOSS FOR TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES?**



Response options	Count	Percentage
Public Safety	5	9%
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services	8	15%
Roads/Streets/Sidewalks	16	30%
City Buildings	2	4%
Citizen Services	7	13%
Environment/Sustainability Issues	15	28%

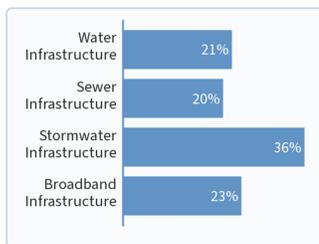


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Responses

ARPA - If the funds were to be used on **INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE**, which area would be your **FIRST** choice to spend them on?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Water Infrastructure	12	21%
Sewer Infrastructure	11	20%
Stormwater Infrastructure	20	36%
Broadband Infrastructure	13	23%

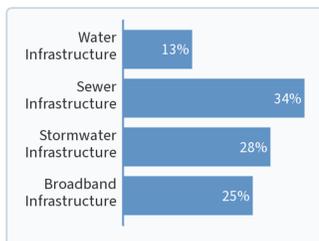


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Responses

ARPA - Which area would be your **SECOND** choice if the funds were to be used for **INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE?**



Response options	Count	Percentage
Water Infrastructure	8	13%
Sewer Infrastructure	21	34%
Stormwater Infrastructure	17	28%
Broadband Infrastructure	15	25%

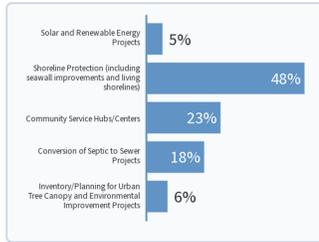


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Responses

ARPA - For the specific area of SUSTAINABILITY, which area would be your FIRST choice to spend the funds on?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Solar and Renewable Energy Projects	3	5%
Shoreline Protection (including seawall improvements and living shorelines)	30	48%
Community Service Hubs/Centers	14	23%
Conversion of Septic to Sewer Projects	11	18%
Inventory/Planning for Urban Tree Canopy and Environmental Improvement Projects	4	6%

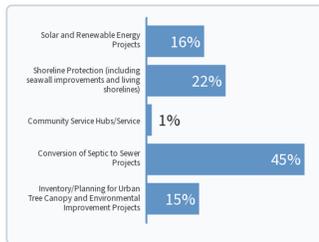


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Responses

ARPA - For the specific area of SUSTAINABILITY, which are would be your SECOND choice to spend the funds on?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Solar and Renewable Energy Projects	11	16%
Shoreline Protection (including seawall improvements and living shorelines)	15	22%
Community Service Hubs/Service	1	1%
Conversion of Septic to Sewer Projects	30	45%
Inventory/Planning for Urban Tree Canopy and Environmental Improvement Projects	10	15%



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Responses