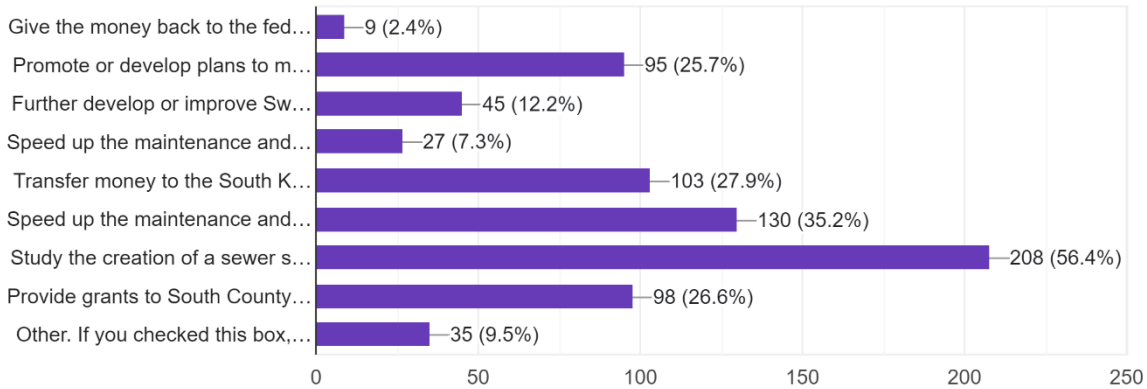


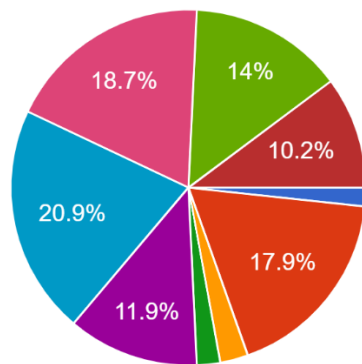
1. What do you want Schoolcraft Township to do with the ARPA Funds? (Check as many boxes as you wish.)

369 responses



3. Out of all of the suggestions listed in question #1, which of those that you checked is the most important? (Check only one.)

235 responses



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- Response I wrote in question #2.

ARPA Survey Questions/Results:

1. What do you want Schoolcraft Township to do with the ARPA funds? Check as many boxes as you wish:

- [9](#) Give the money back to the federal or state government. (2.4%)
- [95](#) Promote or develop plans to make sure that everyone in the township has access to high-speed internet.(25.7%)
- [45](#) Further develop or improve Swan Park or create a second park. (12.2%)
- [27](#) Speed up the maintenance and improvement of the township's cemetery system. (7.3%)
- [103](#) Transfer money to the South County Fire Authority to improve fire and emergency response. (27.9%)
- [130](#) Speed up the maintenance and repaving of township roads not controlled by the county or villages. (35.2%)
- [208](#) Study the creation of a sewer system within densely populated areas of the township, outside of the villages. (56.4%)
- [98](#) Provide grants to South County Community Services for use in assistance to seniors and those in need. (26.6%)
- [35](#) Other. If you checked this box, fill in Question #2 (9.5%)

2. If you checked the "Other" box in question 1, please briefly tell us what you would like to see that was not mentioned.

[See below for responses.](#)

3. Out of all of suggestions listed in question #1, which of those that you checked is the most important? (Check only one)

- [4](#) Give the money back to the federal or state government. (1.7%)
- [42](#) Promote or develop plans to make sure that everyone in the township has access to high-speed internet. (17.9%)
- [6](#) Further develop or improve Swan Park or create a second park. (2.6%)
- [5](#) Speed up the maintenance and improvement of the township's cemetery system. (2.1%)
- [28](#) Transfer money to the South County Fire Authority to improve fire and emergency response. (11.9%)
- [49](#) Speed up the maintenance and repaving of township roads not controlled by the county or villages. (20.9%)
- [44](#) Study the creation of a sewer system within densely populated areas of the township, outside of the villages. (18.7%)
- [33](#) Provide grants to South County Community Services for use in assistance to seniors and those in need. (14%)
- [24](#) Response I wrote in question #2 (10.2%)

Responses to “other” option:

Create a safer intersection at US-131 and XY Ave (Michigan turn with stoplight); or use the money to influence the State of Michigan to do it if we cannot.

Provide funding for lake associations for water treatment.

Please do not give money to fire authority. They can't keep track of the money they already have.

Provide a once or twice a year bulk trash pickup for township residents

Subject: Concerns about Chartering for the Schoolcraft Township Board
Dear Schoolcraft Township Board, I hope this message finds you well. As a resident of Schoolcraft Township, I wanted to express my strong opposition to the idea of chartering our community. I believe that chartering is not the appropriate course of action for our township. Chartering may not bring the desired benefits to our community and could potentially lead to unintended negative consequences. Instead, I encourage the Board to consider alternative approaches that foster collaboration and cooperation between all stakeholders, including the successful villages that have ceded from Schoolcraft Township. I kindly request that you prioritize open discussions and engage with community members to understand their concerns and perspectives. Together, let us explore options that will genuinely benefit Schoolcraft Township and its residents. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Invest money in the schools to further education efforts.

Improve cell service by negotiating with phone companies for additional towers. I live near Swan Park and my tracfone's receiver only shows 1bar.

Put sewer through downtown schoolcraft so we can attract thriving businesses.

Add bike paths on allowable roads to improve the activity and health of residents.

social activities for the community

Place AEDs (automatic external defibrillators) in public places.

Splash pad for kids?

Improve Schoolcraft park or add a splash pad to swan park

Create a splash pad or indoor facility at swan park

Support a project that will clean Sunset Lake of fertilizer and pollutants that cause weed, algae, and muck problems. Deploy an aeration and other natural solutions to fix Sunset Lake.

Also change the image of Swan Park so it shows a native Trumpeter Swan instead of the invasive Mute Swan that the State of Michigan is trying to eradicate. The Trumpeter has a black bill--please refer to a photo of one for artistic use. Thanks.

I would like to phase out fertilizers and stop the ineffective suffocating sprays that damage our lake and endanger our wildlife...there is an aeration process, EverBlue Lakes, that offers a more healthy solution and I WOULD LIKE TO TRY THAT! We need financial help to do this...FIX SUNSET LAKE...we would be an inspiration to the many lakes around us.

Support a project that will clean Sunset Lake of fertilizer and pollutants that cause weed, algae, and muck problems. Deploy an aeration and other natural solutions to fix Sunset Lake.

I would like to see a linear park/bike and walking trail connecting Schoolcraft, Vicksburg, and township lakes and parks.

Contribute to protection and maintenance of lakes within the township. Partner with lake associations to preserve quality lakes. Look at storm run off, sewers weed treatment etc

Grants to non-profits that lost ground to COVID.

Monitor and prevent contaminants from entering drains, streams, lakes and wells.

Support a project that will clean Sunset Lake of fertilizer, pollutants (including fecal coliform) that cause weed, algae and muck problems. This might include sewers, aeration or other natural solutions to enhance the lake.

We would support a project that will clean sunset like a fertilizer and pollutants that caused weeds, algae, and organic sediment problems. Following this effort, deploying aeration, and other safe and reasonable pollution solution could be implemented. Thank you for seeking Township community input.

Providing some funding for local nonprofits who serve the community and were severely impacted by the impacts of COVID; local community groups which serve to preserve the local history of our township and surrounding areas (i.e., Dr. Nathan Thomas Underground Railway House, Vicksburg Historical Society).

Make improvements to Sunset Lake to inhibit weed growth and make it better for boaters and fisherman

Whatever you choose please choose something that benefits everyone in the township.

Improve tap water quality (ie: removal of fluoride, dechlorinate) through reverse osmosis and or any other means to remove harmful metals and chemicals. Higher standards across the board as this effects every aspect of our lives and especially child development and behavior.

Use the money to fund sewers within the village. This will help existing businesses and entice new business.

Dog Park

So necessary in the pandemic. High speed internet is a necessity!! Free for all.

Create a permanent free place to take unwanted tires.

Convert old elementary to emergency housing/food kitchen/shelter in case of tornado/snowstorm, etc. Where people can get housing, meals, warmth, WiFi, etc. Dorm style, Hire part-time coordinator to oversee.

Implement township wide free recycling at a central location which benefits low income and all residents of the township and is environmentally responsible.

Schoolcraft High School sports programs

Why can't the money be used for sewers? Many seniors cannot afford & vote no. New business will not come into Schoolcraft because of no sewers. Our village cannot take advantage of all the improvements in Vicksburg. We should have a nice motel. This person marked the three bottom responses in question 3 but commented that the sewer study should be done in the Village of Schoolcraft.

Water & sewer costs are too high in Vicksburg. Not sure if money can be used towards the village as Village is charging us for upgrades. We need our own hospital again.

While most of the suggested uses of this money are necessary or nice-to-have items, do they really meet the original intent of the American Rescue Plan Act? "recover from the effects of the pandemic and to strengthen local communities for emergencies in the future." Go back to the drawing board. Look at who was affected, how were they affected, what help do those people need, etc. While I personally would love to see the park upgraded (this is a hidden gem) does that really meet the intent of the Act? The only suggested action that meets the intent is probably "provide grants to SCCS for use in the assistance to seniors and those in need", but even there, who is to say their needs arose because of the pandemic?