

Indiana Borough – American Rescue Plan Funding Ideas

Total Allotment: \$1.378 Million (\$1,378,179.52)

General Services:

Boiler Repairs

Funds would be used to purchase a new boiler for the Community Center's heating system.

The system currently installed would be moved to the Borough Building to fix the current boiler that needs to be replaced.

Parking Technology Improvements

Funds would be used to purchase upgraded parking meters and handheld units for Parking Enforcement Officers. In addition, an upgraded parking vehicle would be acquired.

The current meters are required to be updated by law. The current handheld unit software is incompatible with the new meters needed and also outdated and difficult to operate.

Borough Building Maintenance

Funds would be used for capital improvements and infrastructure upgrades to the Borough Building.

The building serves as office space for multiple departments, as well as the primary location of the Police Department.

Public Works Barn Maintenance

Funds would be used to add insulation to the Public Works Barn.

The Public Works Barn is where most Borough-owned equipment & vehicles are stored, as well as the primary location of the Public Works Department.

Police Vehicle Purchase

Funds would be used to purchase and obtain a new vehicle for the Police Department.

The Department is currently unable to follow their cruiser replacement plan due to previous budget constraints, so multiple vehicles out of warranty with higher mileage (oldest is a 2011). An additional police cruiser would enable the return to regular routine schedule and patrol shifts.

Ordinance Updates

Funds would be used to hire a consulting agency to review and revise the entire Borough Code.

Various sections of the Borough Code have been amended without consideration of other sections throughout the past few decades. As result, The current Code has multiple inconsistencies throughout it.

Resolving these issues would provide more policy guidance for staff and residents alike.

Economic Development:

Inhabit Indiana

Funds would be used for the expansion of the Inhabit Indiana program.

Inhabit Indiana currently consists of a program to help finance closing costs for income-qualifying individuals. It has always been envisioned to feature additional programs, such as a repair and renovations program and an employer-related component.

The individual hired as the Economic Development Specialist will be tasked with expansion efforts.

Remote Work Incentives

Funds would be used for the creation of the remote work incentives.

The individual hired as the Economic Development Specialist will be tasked with the design and implementation of incentive initiatives.

Sidewalk Repair Program

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Business Inventory

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Blighted Properties

Funds would be used to identify and address blighted properties in the borough.

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Infrastructure:

Sidewalk Repairs

Funds would be used to repair sidewalks in certain areas of the borough.

The Borough's appointed engineering firm can provide a cost estimate for a block of sidewalk in the community. These estimates can then be used to choose target locations.

Street Light Improvements

Funds would be used to improve lighting in certain areas of the borough.

The Borough's appointed engineering firm can provide a cost estimate and best practice suggestions for improved lighting in the community. These can then be used to choose target locations.

Curb Extensions

Funds would be used to install curb extensions in certain areas of the borough.

The Borough's appointed engineering firm can provide a cost estimate and engineering designs for curb extensions. These can then be used to choose target locations.

Tree Program

Funds would be used to assist homeowners with tree issues in the borough.

The Parks Department will be tasked with operating the program and addressing any concerns.

Miscellaneous:

IRMC Park Enhancements

Funds would be used to enhance IRMC Park by improving lighting and installing umbrellas at more tables.

Downtown Indiana Donation

Funds would be donated to Downtown Indiana to support ongoing community events throughout the year.

Project Engineering Costs

Funds would be used for the design and engineering costs for stormwater projects.

Backflow Donations

Funds would be used to donate backflow preventers to homeowners in the borough.

Citizens Ambulance Donation

Funds would be donated to Citizens Ambulance to support their efforts in our community.