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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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To: Hon. Paul M. Rodrigues, President  
Town Council Members

From: Paul A. Croce, Chairman, Planning Board

Date: May 11, 2022

Re: ARPA Funding Requests – Determination of Comprehensive Plan Consistency.

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The Town has received over one-hundred funding requests and recommendations from the public, outside organizations, and Town staff and committees for use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds awarded to the Town. To assist the Town Council with its deliberations on how to allocate the funding, the Planning Board was asked to review the submitted requests and to advise the Town Council on the consistency of each proposal with the goals and policies of the Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan.

During a special meeting held on May 5, 2022 the Planning Board reviewed the 115 project suggestions in order to determine Comprehensive Plan consistency. Please see the attached list of proposals. The last few columns of the table, shaded in gray, provide a short summary description of each request, a link to access the form or other document that was submitted by the requester, and a column indicating Comprehensive Plan consistency. The Board applied one of the following designations to each request:

- “Y” – Yes, the requested project is consistent with the goals and policies of the Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan.
- “N” – No, the project is not consistent with the Plan. A brief explanation is provided in the Comments column of the table.
- “N/A” – This type of project is not addressed in and does not fall within the scope of the Comprehensive Plan.

In making its determinations of Comprehensive Plan consistency, the Board made no judgment as to the worthiness of the projects, and is not providing recommendations as to which projects should be considered by the Town Council for funding.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me with any questions.

Paul A. Croce, Chairman

Cc: Town Administrator  
Finance Director

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ID#	Type Of Project	How does this idea/request benefit Middletown	Please provide a detailed description of your idea/request	Document Link	Short Description	Comp Plan Consistency (Y= consistent; N= Not consistent; N/A= Not addressed in the Plan)	Comment		
001	Infrastructure improvements	It will benefit the whole town but not passing the repair cost to the tax payers and will keep the beach nice for our out of town visitors who provide the town with an awful lot of cash in parking and out of town beach stickers....let's face it, we have the most beautiful beach on the island, let's do these repairs so we dont end up like Newport with a structurally unsound building.	Please use the money for the much needed repairs to the beach concession stand building....we have been putting off repairs for years due to lack of funding....now we have the money, spend it at the beach.....it is the largest cash generator in town other than the tax rolls	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Second Beach pavilion building improvements	Y			
002	Public health,Infrastructure improvements	Increasing access to nature without the need to drive long distances to find it. Bettering the health of the community by providing easy access to exercise. Friendly for ALL AGES! Creates a safe place pace for community to gather. Could host other community events like farmers markets, educational nature activities, school field trips, outdoor concerts, etc.	I would love to see more walking trails in Middletown that are stroller and wheelchair accessible. This could be in the form of a public park. A location easily accessible for people, families, young children (babies included which means stroller accessible paths and public bathrooms with changing tables), and seniors. This could be a safe meeting place, open space for running, covered picnic tables, anything to help people be in nature and getting physical activity!	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Public park with ADA accessible trails, restrooms, and other amenities	Y			
003	Public health,Infrastructure improvements,Other	Healthier residents. Recreation, exercise and transportation all need to be improved in Middletown.	1. Create public parking spaces at all Right of Ways in Middletown 2. Make a disc golf course in Middletown - possible spots = Kempenaar Valley, old drive-in, near soccer fields 3. Create a public kayak launch site on the West side of Middletown 4. Make bike travel lanes/ bike paths on all major routes in Middletown	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	New recreational facilities/amenities: provide parking at rights-of-way to the shore; new disc golf course, kayak launch on west side of town, bike lanes and paths along major transportation routes.	Y			
004	Public health,Infrastructure improvements	Anyone visiting 2nd beach would benefit; the community would benefit from green spaces.	1. Repave Sachuest Beach main parking lot. 2. Install shower towers at ALL beach pathways. 3. Purchase the vacant lots on Valley Road between East and West Main roads, and designate them green spaces. 4. Distribute the funds to every member of the community on an equal, per capita, basis, so we can watch it evaporate with inflation.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Improvements at Second Beach	Y			
					Purchase specific Valley Rd. parcels for open space.	N/A			
					Distribute funds to residents.	N/A			
005		Somewhere for the kids to play.	An amazing park for the kids. Neighboring cities have them... We need one here! Something like Wilson park, Jamestown community park or Tiverton town farm park.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	New park for children.	Y			
006	Public health,Infrastructure improvements	The trailer park exists within a fragile ecosystem and creates water, power and waste issues. Only the trailer park residents benefit from its existence and its costs are not fully captured by the rents paid to the town. Replacing it with playground and picnic area opens the site for broader access, reduces the toll on a fragile ecosystem and enhances the preservation and beauty of the Sachuest area.	Remove the trailer park next to Second Beach and replace it with a playground and picnic area, available to all. The rationale behind this suggestion is that the trailer park location is a fragile ecosystem. The impact of a playground on this beautiful site would be much lower and it would be for everyone.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Replace 2nd Beach Campground with a public park.	Y			
007	Public health,Infrastructure improvements	Creating this natural trail beside the road will ensure the safety of the many pedestrians and runners on Paradise Avenue who currently must walk or run in the road while dodging vehicles traveling, often at speeds greater than the posted speed limit, down the road. Traffic up/down Paradise Avenue will also be reduced as many walkers/runners currently drive to the beach or Sachuest Point because they are afraid to walk/run along Paradise Avenue due to the absence of a safe walkway next to the road. Additionally, this natural trail will enhance the beauty of this scenic roadway.	Background - Paradise Avenue is one of 9 scenic roadways designated by the state of Rhode Island. Designated in 1993 it is the only roadway on Aquidneck Island so designated. Paradise Avenue is a primary access road to Sachuest (Second) Beach and Sachuest Point. As a result, there is a great deal of traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, up/down the road.  Proposal - I propose that Middletown use some of the ARPA money to create a natural trail along the east side of Paradise Avenue. Currently a ditch exists along Paradise Avenue. In some sections of the road, the ditch is covered by grass facilitating safe walking/running, while in other sections the ditch is uncovered creating hazards for walkers and runners.  I propose that the Town install a pipe in the ditch to facilitate water drainage and cover the pipe with grass, thereby creating a natural trail the length of Paradise Avenue.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Walking trail along Paradise Ave.	Y			
008	Public health,Infrastructure improvements	Creating this natural trail beside the road will ensure the safety of the many pedestrians and runners on Paradise Avenue who currently must walk or run in the road while dodging vehicles traveling, often at speeds greater than the posted speed limit, along the road. Vehicular traffic along Paradise Avenue will also be reduced as many walkers/runners currently drive to the beach or Sachuest Point because they are afraid to walk or run along Paradise Avenue due to the absence of a safe walkway next to the road.  A natural trail along Paradise Avenue will ensure the safety of walkers and runners as well as enhance the beauty of this scenic roadway.	Background - Paradise Avenue is one of 9 scenic roadways designated by the state of Rhode Island. Designated in 1993 it is the only roadway on Aquidneck Island so designated. Paradise Avenue is a primary access road to Sachuest (Second) Beach and Sachuest Point. As a result, there is a great deal of traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, up and down the road. The amount of pedestrian traffic along Paradise Avenue during the Covid-19 pandemic increased dramatically with the closure of gyms and families working and attending school from home. Outdoor exercise, including walking and running, became a means to stay fit while relieving the stress associated with the pandemic. The amount of all vehicular and pedestrian traffic along Paradise Avenue continues to increase.  Proposal - I propose that Middletown use some of the ARPA money to create a natural trail along the east side of Paradise Avenue. Currently a ditch exists along this side of Paradise Avenue. In some sections of the road, the ditch is covered by grass facilitating safe walking/running, while in other sections the ditch is uncovered creating hazards for walkers and runners.  I propose that the Town install a pipe in the ditch to facilitate water drainage and cover the pipe with grass, thereby creating a natural trail the length of Paradise Avenue.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Walking trail along Paradise Ave.	Y			
009	Other	It maintains the character of the Town, and helps with wetland management.	The Nunes Farm at the East End of Green End Avenue is for sale. The upper part is currently being considered for a development by Horan Construction. The lower part is still signed as for sale, although it would seem to be a wetland. This farm is one of three that is considered a legacy farm in the Middletown Master Plan and is identified as one that should be preserved to maintain the rural and agricultural character of the Town. I would recommend the Town consider buying this land and conserving it. ALT is interested in this property also. The Nunes family might also consider donating the land to the city for posterity.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Purchase Nunes Farm for open space.	Y	Recently conserved by ALT		
010	Public health Economic development,Educational assistance,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Infrastructure improvements,Other	Necessary community feature - for parents and children. Improves community involvement. Improves community health, including mental health.	Improve the quality of existing playgrounds. Increase number of playgrounds. Construct a park that is a focal point for the community - similar to Wilson Park in Wickford. Consider a playground with a splash pad feature. Consider add features to parks that serve special needs.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Improve existing playgrounds; new playgrounds; new park	Y			
011	Infrastructure improvements	Boat ramp is dangerous and a liability. Someone will be hurt very soon on it  Our primary draw is our beautiful beaches and the facilities are an embarrassment	New boat ramp and dock at third beach Update or replace second beach pavilion Pave all beach parking lots.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	2nd & 3rd Beach improvements, including boat ramp and dock, pavilion	Y			

012	Economic development,Infrastructure improvements,Other	The boardwalk would provide significant public benefit for Middletown residents and visitors alike by creating a safe and attractive way to reach local businesses and other destinations in the ABD, while creating an accessible outdoor space for people to gather safely and enjoy this beautiful corner of Middletown. The boardwalk would be designed to conform with all requirements for disabled access, and could incorporate educational signboards and viewing platforms to support school field trips and other educational uses. The boardwalk could also become a cornerstone for future projects, such as linking to a multi-use path along Green End Pond that could connect with Middletown Valley Park, and using the area of the soon-to-be-decommissioned electrical substation at the intersection of Valley Road and Aquidneck Avenue to establish a transit station with bike racks, a public restroom, water-bottle filling station, and potentially a transportation hub with a bus-stop and ride-share point to encourage pedestrian use.  -- Economic Benefits: The businesses of the ABD were hit hard when Covid struck, particularly the restaurants and hotels that had to shut down at the height of the pandemic. When they were allowed to reopen, many faced a surge of customers, but had to operate within strict capacity limits and with little outdoor space for waiting patrons. As the Council and Planning Board have previously heard, business owners in this area have expressed frustration and concern about the narrow, crumbling sidewalks that present a serious safety issue and detract from the overall appearance of the area. While improvements for the roadway and sidewalks are expected eventually, plans have yet to be finalized and completion is likely years away. The boardwalk would provide a safe and attractive alternative for accessing ABD businesses, and would help mitigate future disruption when road construction eventually commences on lower Aquidneck Avenue. With input and support from the ABD business community, the boardwalk could be aligned with existing development plans and ongoing efforts to attract and serve both local customers and seasonal visitors. By directly supporting local businesses hard hit by the pandemic, the boardwalk conforms to the guidance for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) issued by the US Treasury Department, under the second category of Eligible Uses, which states that: "Aid may be considered responsive to the negative economic	Proposal: Construction of a boardwalk along the Middletown side of Easton's Pond in the Atlantic Beach District (ABD). The boardwalk would run parallel to the outside of the pond embankment, behind the hotels, restaurants and shops on lower Aquidneck and Wave Avenues, making use of an area that is currently overgrown, unsightly, and underutilized. The boardwalk would support local businesses, improve pedestrian safety, enhance environmental resilience, expand access, and encourage enjoyment and appreciation of this beautiful outdoor space for residents and visitors alike. The boardwalk aligns directly with the Middletown Planning Board's vision for the ABD, as expressed in the 2007 Master Plan, "to become a more pedestrian-oriented, attractive and vibrant commercial village to serve the influx of seasonal visitors, the surrounding residential neighborhoods, and the town." The boardwalk would be designed to ensure it does not obstruct views of the pond, and proposed modifications to the utility infrastructure in the ABD, using the existing utility corridor that parallels Easton's Pond, would not impede the operation of the boardwalk. I previously introduced the boardwalk concept to the Town Council on April 5th 2021, and provided a more detailed video briefing to the Middletown Economic Development Advisory Council (MEDAC) in May. To view the presentation, please copy/paste the following YouTube link: <a href="https://youtu.be/3wfkBQ8o6yY?t=497">https://youtu.be/3wfkBQ8o6yY?t=497</a> .	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Construct public boardwalk on east side of Easton's Pond.	Y			
013	Public Health, Economic Development, Infrastructure Improvements	Burma Road Fishing Pier (See Attached Form 1175)	See Attached Form 1175	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Construct fishing pier along Burma Rd.	Y			
014	Infrastructure improvements	Pickleball courts		<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Construct pickle ball courts	Y			
015	Public Health, Other	Eliminate development on open space (See Attached Form 1185)	See Attached Form 1185	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Preserve open space *Identify* or eliminate low-income housing	Y N		Providing and preserving affordable housing is a goal of the Plan.	
016	Public health	Dog park (see Attached Form 1186)	See Attached Form 1186	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Provide a dog park.	Y			
017	Other	Gardening tool shed, community garden (See Attached Form 1188)	See Attached Form 1188	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Start gardening tool loan program	N/A			
018	Public health,Economic development,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Infrastructure improvements,Pay or revenue replacement	See above.	When Middletown first felt the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic in early 2020, my family headed outdoors. With so many restrictions in place, spending time in nature preserved our health and sanity. Other residents seem to have felt the same way. We noticed our streets busy with walkers, joggers, and bikers. We saw increased activity on the beaches and hiking trails. For many, meeting grandparents outdoors was the only option for uniting as an extended family. In anticipation of the funding that Middletown will be receiving, I have two ideas that will give our residents more and better options to enjoy the outdoors.  What comes to mind when trying to think of free outdoor meeting places (other than our beaches) in Middletown? Howland Park, Gaudet Field, Oliphant School, Linden Park, Paradise Valley Park, and the Sachuest Refuge are the only places I can think of. It's not a huge list and half of these spaces could use updates. The parking lot at Sachuest has been filled a few times last spring when I tried to visit. Howland Park, Oliphant School, and Linden Park are places I would consider taking my children to play and meet up with others. They are decent little parks and playgrounds, but ALL would benefit from some beautification and improvements. Could additional pickleball courts, roller hockey rinks, or lit basketball courts be added to any of these places to encourage people to get out of their homes? If just one of these outdoor spaces was improved, it would be a great way to spend the ARPR funding.  Fishing is another outdoor activity that my family and many other Middletowners enjoy. Therefore, the second suggestion I have is to improve the boat ramp at Third Beach. Currently, it is very difficult to launch a small boat at Third Beach. My husband loves to take our kids fishing but in order to do so, he needs to tow his boat to Fort Adams. This is a long hike in the peak of summer. Fort Adams can also be very crowded and it can be challenging to find parking. When my husband talks to friends and other Middletown residents, they also share their frustrations about traveling to Newport to launch a boat and talk about how nice it would be to use their hometown beach to launch. We live on an island, yet we don't have a decent boat ramp to access the water, which is one of the main reasons we live here. A floating dock would be nice, but a good first step would be to dredge the ramp so you can actually have a boat float off the trailer at mid-to-low tide. I have a twenty-foot boat, and it is impossible to use the ramp unless it is at high tide (even at a low-high tide, it is difficult). If we had a decent ramp I would be willing to pay a fee for a launch sticker and this could actually be revenue-generating for the town (this might be for Middletown residents only, given the limited amount of trailer parking).  Please consider supporting these ideas to improve the outdoor spaces in Middletown. The overall health and mental well-being of our residents	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Improvements to parks and recreation areas; Improve boat ramp, provide dock at 3rd Beach	Y			
019	Public health	Providing recreational for inter generational activities increases the physical and mental health of Middletown's families. It is an incentive for families to locate to the town and provides a customer base for local food vendors especially.	I think money from the American Rescue Plan Act should be spent providing access to outdoor activities for Middletown families. There is not much for kids after school especially if they are not on school sports teams. Middletown needs a park with skateboarding, basketball and pickle ball courts. With such a combination of activities, generational mixing would be encouraged to the benefit of all. Families would be encouraged to participate together in activities and having adults around might help maintain the area.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Provide park with activities for various ages: skateboard, pickle ball, basketball	Y			
020	Public health,Economic development,Educational assistance,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Housing support,Infrastructure improvements	If we make necessary repairs to the places I suggested, it will make Middletown more attractive and it, helping people get jobs and teaching them skills will make them more employable, giving money to food banks and shelters will be very helpful with winter approaching. I think my suggestions make Middletown stronger and the residences will be helped.	I hope Middletown repairs sidewalks that need to be repaired, put money into fixing up the run-down strip malls, vacant buildings - hopefully by doing this, we will attract business that will pay taxes. Also, fix playgrounds, schools and help people who may need help making essential repairs to their home. Give money to shelters and food banks. Help people find jobs, help people acquire skills that will make them more employable.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Improvements to sidewalks, public facilities and private buildings	Y			
					Assist homeless and low-income residents	Y			

021	Public health,Economic development,Housing support	"Housing" has been identified by the Town Council as the number one (#1) issue for the town and its citizens.  The affordable housing federal/investor monies are administered by Rhode Island Housing (RIH). RIH reviews & awards funding just once each year; applications are due by December, each year. Getting approval of the December 2022 application will accelerate the projects the Middletown Affordable Housing Committee (& its committee predecessors) have been working on for the last 4+ years. The Middletown application will balance the affordable housing offerings by private developers that ultimately can "expire" and of which Middletown has no input, after basic required approvals. A December 2022 Application approval will supply affordable housing that the town will have input on, in the shortest timeframe possible, and not just for workforce housing but for families and will allow discretion for MIDDLETOWN seniors.	Middletown businesses are having trouble finding/keeping employees. We read about it, we experience it as consumers, and we hear about it from business owners we know. One element of this challenge is the lack of available affordable workforce housing in Middletown. The Middletown Affordable Housing Committee is currently assessing multiple municipal parcels and affordable housing options which should include much needed workforce housing.  This proposal suggests up to one million dollars of ARPA monies be designated as part of the funding stack in the town's December 2022 application to Rhode Island Housing for affordable housing financing. This will make the application more competitive for approval. Funding approval of the December 2022 application would accelerate the available supply of affordable workforce housing, as building would begin in 2023.  An emerging negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency is the recent quick spread of illness occurrences. This is adding to the already identified (Chamber of Commerce Virtual Business Walk) worker shortages in every industry. This is exacerbating the COVID-19 economic disruption as businesses are squeezed to consider reducing operating hours and/or offerings.  Currently, housing demand far outweighs housing supply, driving housing costs to an unaffordable level. According to the 2021 Housing Fact Book, Middletown needs 332 units categorized as "affordable" to reach the state MINIMUM of 10% of total community housing inventory that should be affordable.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d">https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d</a>	Funding for affordable housing development.	Y			
022	Housing support,Infrastructure improvements	Grants for local home ownership will help keep our young, working adults in Middletown. At some point, the loss of this population en masse is going to serve as a great detriment to our town. Local businesses will lose local customers, therefore impacting our local economy; quality of life will suffer; and the town itself will find more difficulty in building on its own assets as this age group moves elsewhere. We need to create opportunities for this age group, and we need to do it now.	We are losing our work force and young adult population due to the lack of home ownership opportunities here in Middletown. According to the latest Housing Works RI report, in order to buy a median priced home in Middletown in 2021, the annual income needed is \$112,762. I would like to see some of the federal rescue money be set aside for home ownership grants for our young working adults, to help them purchase their first homes here in Middletown.  Here is a link to the 2021 Housing Works RI report. Page 8 lists the median income information I cited above: <a href="https://www.housingworksri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d">https://www.housingworksri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d</a>	<a href="https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d">https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d</a>	Funding for affordable housing development.	Y			
023	Housing support	Students and families experiencing homelessness are stressed and not able to perform up to standards. What is the demographic make up of these families? Why have they lost their housing? What are landlords and/or the town doing to help them? According to data on the web, Middletown had more homeless students that Providence.	I believe that the town should work with local hotels and rental property owners to find housing for the 150 + students that are currently unhoused. They are doing it in Warwick and we have availability to do it here <a href="https://ninetoday.com/warwicks-nylo-closes-to-public-as-crossroads-ri-secures-hotel-as-an-emergency-shelter/">https://ninetoday.com/warwicks-nylo-closes-to-public-as-crossroads-ri-secures-hotel-as-an-emergency-shelter/</a>	<a href="https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d">https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d</a>	Funding for unhoused students.	Y			
024	Educational assistance,Housing support		Money towards education, the homeless student population and affordable housing.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d">https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d</a>	Funding for affordable housing.	Y			
025	Housing support	The housing trust fund will create an additional source of funding to assist with development of affordable housing projects, and help the Town reach the state goal of providing 10% of all housing in town as affordable.	Establish an affordable housing trust fund as called for in the Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan: "The financing of affordable housing has traditionally been a role of the federal government. However, federal funding for affordable housing has declined over recent decades and state funding is limited. In order to meet the housing needs of its residents, the town should actively pursue federal and state funding through grants, loans, and other subsidies; but also must create ways to ensure adequate affordable housing is provided when state and federal subsidies are insufficient. The town will explore establishing an affordable housing trust fund. Which can be used to receive and disburse funds for its defined purposes." Action Item H.V.L.C.3. - Explore establishing an affordable housing trust fund A trust fund will be available to provide "gap" funding for affordable housing projects, whether town or private, where other available funding is not sufficient to complete a project. Such funding would also qualify as a municipal subsidy to help ensure that units created meet the definition for inclusion in the Town's affordable inventory. The trust fund can also be the repository for future funding received through donations or fees to be dedicated to the development of affordable housing.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d">https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d</a>	Create an affordable housing trust fund.	Y			
026	Public health,Housing support	Rhode Island may be a small state, but it has a substantial substance abuse problem. Out of fifty states and the District of Columbia, Rhode Island ranks 25th for at-risk states for drug use and 7th for those in need of assistance for drug health issues and rehab but cannot access services. (Source: <a href="https://wallethub.com/edu/drug-use-by-state/35150">https://wallethub.com/edu/drug-use-by-state/35150</a> )  Rhode Island residents (12+) have excessive rates of illicit drug use other than marijuana, with some of the highest rates in the northeast for 12-17 and 26+-year-olds. Rhode Islanders also have concerning rates of needing but not receiving treatment for their drug use, with the highest prevalence in the northeast for 12-17-year-olds in 2016-2017 (3.64%). (source: Behavioral Health in Rhode Island (2019): State Epidemiological Profile.)  Newport County is home to approximately 60,000 adults based on the latest US Census data. According to the American Addiction Center, 1 out of 8 adults struggles with both alcohol and drug use disorders (SUD), simultaneously translating to 7,500 Newport County adults who require treatment. Yet, Community Blessings partnered with Trinity Village provides the only recovery housing in Newport County (8 units) and the only organization in Rhode Island that provides recovery housing for both parents and their children with an evidence based behavioral health model for families to develop healthy lifestyles. There are no community residential treatment centers in Newport County.  Creating residential recovery housing with access to outpatient treatment services will allow Middletown to keep local families together as adults seek treatment for substance use disorders and other mental health conditions. Substance abuse impacts the individual and can have devastating effects on the entire family – spouses, children, and parents. The stress, conflicts, lack of trust, neglect, and financial impacts of addiction can be devastating to families. "Children who grow up seeing a parent addicted to drugs or alcohol are more likely to develop substance use disorder in their adulthood. They are also three times more likely to be neglected or physically or sexually abused. Seeing a parent on drugs often invokes distressing	I am requesting that you make an investment to increase the amount of available housing for those in recovery.  The funds will be used to upgrade the former convent owned by St. Lucy Parish, Middletown, and create a ten (10) bed residential facility with an outpatient treatment center. This will provide housing for approximately forty (40) women and their children annually. The outpatient clinic will provide treatment services to an additional two hundred fifty (250) people per year.  We utilize a "whole-person" approach to healthy living for the treatment of substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders to empower intergenerational change.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d">https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d</a>	Funding for residential/outpatient treatment facility for those in recovery.	N/A			
027	Housing support	Affordable Housing (See Attached Form 1187)	See Attached Form 1187	<a href="https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d">https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d</a>	Funding for affordable housing.	Y			
028	Infrastructure improvements	Affordable Housing (See Attached Form 1202)	See Attached Form 1202	<a href="https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d">https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d</a>	Funding for affordable housing.	Y			
029	Other	Recovery housing for mothers, children (See Attached Form 1203)	See Attached Form 1203	<a href="https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d">https://www.middletownri.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/HWRI_HFB21.pdf?ver=5nrQwMVsMPH5PR9Uk6vA%3d%3d</a>	Funding for residential/outpatient treatment facility for those in recovery.	N/A			

030	Public health,Economic development,Housing support	"Housing" has been identified by the Town Council as the number one (#1) issue for the town and its citizens.  The affordable housing federal/investor monies are administered by Rhode Island Housing (RIH). RIH reviews & awards funding just once each year; applications are due by December, each year. Getting approval of the December 2022 application will accelerate the projects the Middletown Affordable Housing Committee (& its committee predecessors) have been working on for the last 4+ years. The Middletown application will balance the offerings by private developers that ultimately can "expire" and of which Middletown has no input, after basic required approvals. A December 2022 Application approval will supply affordable housing that the town will have input on, in the shortest timeframe possible, and not just for workforce housing but for families and will allow discretion for MIDDLETOWN seniors.	This proposal suggests up to one million dollars of ARPA monies be designated as part of the funding stack in the town's December 2022 application to Rhode Island Housing for affordable housing financing. This will make the application more competitive for approval. Funding approval of the December 2022 application would accelerate the available supply of affordable workforce housing, as building would begin in 2023.  An emerging negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency is the recent quick spread of illness occurrences.  This is adding to the already identified (Chamber of Commerce Virtual Business Walk) worker shortages in every industry. This is exacerbating the COVID-19 economic disruption as businesses are squeezed to consider reducing operating hours and/or offerings.  Currently, housing demand far outweighs housing supply, driving housing costs to an unaffordable level. According to the 2021 Housing Fact Book, Middletown needs 332 units categorized as "affordable" to reach the state MINIMUM of 10% of total community housing inventory that should be affordable.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Funding for affordable housing development.	Y			
031	Economic development,Educational assistance,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Infrastructure improvements		To funds pilot broadband projects expandable statewide and to construct an open-access network to create for a modern broadband experience for residents and businesses of Middletown.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Broadband internet access.	Y			
032	Public health,Economic development,Educational assistance,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Housing support,Infrastructure improvements,Pay or revenue replacement,Administrative	Cable TV and phone companies alike realize that the current product model is rapidly changing. "Triple play" and other bundled services are giving way to pay as you go services delivered via the Internet. These trends will continue to drive the demand for high speed broadband across our country.  Cities and towns are also experiencing this growing need for increased broadband speeds as demands in education and government are increasingly dependent on it's ability to access the power of the Internet. Our educational institutions are adopting instruction via iPads, Laptops and other connected technologies. Municipalities are adopting new technologies to better serve citizens. These advances will continue to drive the demand for bandwidth in the coming years.  The construction of Middle Mile Networks across the country, funded by the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program Grant (BTOP) has essentially moved the access point closer to the municipal user than ever before. Many communities now have an Internet access point within their borders. No longer do they need to rely on the conventional telecommunications providers to bring the connection to them. Instead, the municipality has the unique opportunity to bring their community to the service providers and competitively purchase the services that will be the most beneficial to them.  By creating a Last Mile Broadband Network the community can now take control of access to their market. The current model for telecommunications services is rapidly changing, forcing service providers into a more competitive environment. This evolution is creating a unique opportunity for municipal customers to position themselves to take full advantage of these changes. As such, the Town will develop a conceptual plan for the network and outsource full design and engineering services to properly deploy. The network will be constructed with only top quality Corning components, and factory warrantied for the next 25 years. Finance options from 5 to 30 year terms are available at extremely competitive rates.	The town will deploy a turnkey solution to implement a broadband network in three Corporate parks; Aquidneck, Enterprise, and Corporate Center. The solution will also phase in deployment to homes. The Town will utilize the existing 144 strand fiber aerial optical cable that originates at the IT offices at 9 Berkeley and ends at the police station on 123 Valley Road. New construction will consist of approximately 3.3 miles of new aerial strand and cable and 0.52 miles of new underground construction. Also to be included in this construction is the replacement of the existing connectors at the IT office panel with fiber connections required for this type of optical transmission.  The fiber optic network will be designed by a company with extensive FTTX experience throughout the United States. They are a premier supplier for the Verizon FIOS program, and most recently completed a Fiber to the Home project in Atlanta. The network shall be constructed with an all-Corning solution, enabling the Town to obtain a Corning 25 Year Warranty that is exclusively offered to municipalities for these types of projects.  The headend Optical Line Terminal consists of an Adtran TA5000 chassis. The TA5000 is capable of supporting gigabit Ethernet passive optical network (GPON) and Active Ethernet (AE). Active Ethernet is a point-to-point fiber access technology for delivering Internet services to residential and business subscribers AE transmission cards in the same chassis.  No transport solution is provided in our proposal. We anticipate work with OSHEAN for the Internet transport solution.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Town-deployed fiber broadband network to the office parks.	Y			
033	Public Health, Economic Development, Infrastructure Improvements	Municipal Broadband Project (See Attached Form 1176)	See Attached Form 1176	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Deploy municipal broadband internet.	Y			
034	Public health,Economic development,Educational assistance,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Housing support,Infrastructure improvements,Pay or revenue replacement,Administrative	After our fraudulent 2020 election, the answer is self explanatory	The best way to use money from the America Rescue Plan is to purchase new voting equipment that is secure to the highest extent possible so that we can actually RESCUE AMERICA. When our vote no longer counts ... none of the other items on the list below matter but actually affects everything on the list	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Purchase new voting equipment.	N/A			
035			The town should return the ARPA funding. Spending it will just add to the national debt. The federal government does not have the common sense to not spend money it doesn't have. Let's not be part of the problem.  Also, the October 2021 Middletown Today newsletter refers to recovering "from the impacts of COVID-19." We're not recovering from the impacts of COVID-19, we're recovering from the impacts of the federal and state governments' response to COVID-19. That is what is adversely affecting us.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Return ARPA funding to the federal government.	N/A			
036	Other	Use money to get Joe Biden out of office and donate to the border wall (See Attached Form 1195)	See Attached Form 1195	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Use funding for political purposes.	N/A			
037	Other	Misc local commentary (See Attached Form 1196)	See Attached Form 1196	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Open space preservation.	Y			
038	Other	Misc local commentary (See Attached Form 1198)	See Attached Form 1198	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Pedestrian infrastructure improvements.	Y			
039	Economic development,Pay or revenue replacement	Every homeowner benefits from this equally. Landlords can recoup some lost revenue from the eviction moratorium. Businesses can recoup some lost revenue. The money should return to the hands of those who contributed (through income) to fund it.	One-time property tax rebate distributed 60:40 (\$3M/2M) for commercial and residential property taxes.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	One-time property tax rebate.	N/A			
040	Housing support	See above	Provide tax relief for owners of property that they lease to long term tenants within the affordability spectrum (basically under market rate) to increase Middletown's percentage of affordable housing. This may incentivize rental property owners to convert from short term renting (think Airbnb) to long term renting thus promoting more of a sense of community in Town.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Provide subsidy for property owners to rent year-round vs. short-term rentals.	Y			
041	Other	It does not seem prudent to be wishlist spending when Middletowners are suffering joblessness, higher taxes and rising costs due to inflation. Seniors on fixed incomes as well have no relief. This proposal assists town residents financially to pay for a roof over their heads, necessary essentials such as food for themselves and their families also home heating for the long winters. Local businesses benefit.	To reduce the negative economic impact at home my proposal is to return the funds to Middletown taxpayers. After all the federal money referenced is provided by taxpayers in the first place.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Distribute funds to all Middletown tax payers.	N/A			



042	Housing support,Other	<p>Type of Project: SVDP relies on donations to respond to public health emergencies to Middletown residents seeking assistance from negative economic impacts. This includes housing support for rent and damage deposits, utility bill support, and food support.</p> <p>How does this project benefit the Town of Middletown: A non-profit and private organization may receive funds under section 602 c (3) of the Social Security Act and the America Rescue Plan Act from their local government. This project through SVDP conference in Middletown, RI would benefit those Middletown citizens who are experiencing direct monetary hardships due to COVID 19. This would benefit the town by supporting those among us who are the most deserving due to job loss, low income and apartment evictions.</p> <p>Who are the main beneficiaries of this request: The citizens of Middletown who are experiencing evictions or homelessness, owe back rent, owe back utility bills, lack of money for food, loss of employment. The Town of Middletown's seniors, low-income families, and those with disabilities.</p>	<p>Detailed Description of Request: Monetary assistance for households in Middletown, RI which includes rent, damage deposits, utility bills and food. For future projects in accordance with The American Rescue Plan and with great faith in our Middletown leaders we are requesting \$5,000.00 to aid us in helping the neediest families in the Middletown, RI community.</p> <p>Type of Project: SVDP relies on donations to respond to public health emergencies to Middletown residents seeking assistance from negative economic impacts. This includes housing support for rent and damage deposits, utility bill support, and food support.</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Assist St. Vincent de Paul Society with housing/food support to low-income households impacted by public health emergencies.	Y			
043	Public Health, Housing Support	Reduce the cost of Second Beach sticker / Provide senior housing opportunities (See Attached Form 1171)	See Attached Form 1171	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Reduce cost of beach stickers	N/A			
044	Other	Give seniors a \$1,000 credit apiece and provide assistance for business owners (See Attached Form 1193)	See Attached Form 1193	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Create a housing authority Distribute funds to senior citizens and businesses.	Y N/A			
045	Other	Help St. Vincent de Paul Society with shortfall (See Attached Form 1201)	See Attached Form 1201	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Assist St. Vincent de Paul Society with housing/food support to low-income households impacted by public health emergencies.	Y			
046	Public health,Economic development,Educational assistance,Pay or revenue replacement	<p>RI communities will be competing to hire Essential Workers. Middletown \$€Premium Pay€will help keep workers working in Middletown and incentivize others to come to work in Middletown.</p> <p>These workers are essential for maintaining public health, economic stability, and education in the community and they deserve this additional compensation that will aid in the retention, and attraction, of these Essential Workers to Middletown.</p>	<p>All communities need Essential Workers: those who care for others, food suppliers, cleaners/sanitizers, supply chain positions, public health &amp; safety professionals, educators, school staff, and social services providers. These Essential Workers have been dutiful throughout COVID, facing heightened risk in their positions, a risk that they continue to face with both the onset of variants: Delta, Omicron, and now IHU, and the simultaneous infections (COVID/flu) that are occurring.</p> <p>Employers are already finding it difficult to hire the workers they need. The supply of workers is strained due to required quarantine time for increasing occurrences of illness, lack of local affordable housing, those leaving the workforce due to family obligations or strain of the past year (see attached example), or workers choosing not to commute due to increasing gas prices, finding positions closer to where they live.</p> <p>This proposal suggests up to one million dollars of ARPA monies to provide \$€Premium Pay€for Essential Workers. Employers \$€and communities- must compete for the strained supply of these Essential Workers and Middletown cannot risk being short-handed at this critical time, especially for the senior, student, and other at-risk populations. Middletown "Premium Pay" would be a proactive step to avoid additional adversity in the health, economy, educational and municipal services in Middletown as the COVID-19 public health emergency continues to evolve. If allowed, "Premium Pay" could take the form of an increased hourly wage, signing bonus, or regularly scheduled stipends.</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Provide "premium pay" for essential workers.	N/A			
047	Public health,Infrastructure improvements	Please see previous paragraph.	<p>In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was bluntly shown how fragile the global food system is. In order to mitigate the impacts of such catastrophes it is important to bolster our local food network and increase the health of our natural water systems and aquifers. This in turn, strengthens the people and the community.</p> <p>A relatively low cost investment in establishing food forests and indigenous land management principles across the landscape would amplify food and water security for the town. Being on an island, we are inherently at a greater risk in these terms. These principals can be applied via private property owners and public land space. By focusing on planting perennial fruit and nut bearing trees, the town and community is investing in our future generations.</p> <p>The protection provided to watersheds and natural systems by planting is well documented and clearly observable. Food forests capture carbon and actively reduce the carbon emitted into the atmosphere.</p> <p>Agroforest systems typically require the majority of effort in the first one to five years. As the food forest begins to develop, less and less input is required for maintenance and upkeep. Furthermore, as the trees and shrubs grow, grass growth is inhibited and less fossil fuel powered equipment is needed, saving the town money.</p> <p>Gardens, parks, and open spaces create community. A town is only as good as the community it supports and the involvement of its citizens. The health and wealth of the people can be greatly increased by providing areas that foster this growth. Community involvement is key in making this a success.</p> <p>Thank you for taking time to consider my proposition. If are open to discuss further, I am willing to provide my knowledge and support as a free volunteer with a lifetime of experience.</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Create "food forests" by planting fruit and nut trees.	Y			

048	Public health,Infrastructure improvements	<p>Crescent Road is a main thoroughfare for both pedestrians and vehicles. The improvements made to the infrastructure beneath the road would be a necessary first step in improving the sidewalks and roadways. The immediate benefit to the residents of Middletown and general public would be the use of the new roads and sidewalks and the improvement to the pedestrian friendliness of the entryway to the Atlantic Beach District from Purgatory Road. The long term benefit would be that since the infrastructure is upgraded, there would be greatly reduced risk of issues below the roadway and a lower likelihood of the taxpayers having to pay for costly repairs.</p> <p>Of course, the properties on Crescent Road would benefit by having clean water (health), fire hydrants (safety), and upgraded storm and sewer systems.</p>	<p>Crescent Road has also become a very busy thoroughfare for both pedestrians and vehicles and is part of the recently created "Atlantic Beach District". The Atlantic Beach Master plan calls for improvements to be made in the district with the goal of making the district more pedestrian friendly. One of the main improvements to the district will undoubtedly be to install new sidewalks and also to improve the roads. It may seem obvious but it would benefit the town that any public infrastructure located beneath the public roadway be replaced prior to any roadway improvements being made.</p> <p>The water, sewer, and storm water infrastructure are all antiquated (much of it being installed in the early-to-mid 1900's) and are not adequate to support the developments that have been made in the area. If the underground utilities are not upgraded prior to the construction of new sidewalks and roads, the town will risk having to dig it all up again when the infrastructure beneath it fails, which it undoubtedly will, and then foot the bill to once again repair the roads and sidewalks.</p> <p>The water utility infrastructure on Crescent Road in Middletown is particularly antiquated, dilapidated, and possibly a hazard to the residents of Middletown that are being serviced by it. The existing water lines are essentially a mish-mosh of small lines that were installed in the early and mid 1900's. There is currently no water main on Crescent Road connecting the Purgatory Avenue water main with the Aquidneck Avenue water main. The makeup of these lines are a mix of copper, steel, cement lined, and yes, even lead. The obvious concerns regarding the age of the lines aside, there is likely a risk to the presence of lead in the lines creates a health risk to those residents whose water is supplied by these lines. Note that the lack of a properly sized water main also means there is a lack of fire hydrants on Crescent Road, causing another public safety hazard if, god forbid, there were to ever be a fire on the street.</p> <p>Crescent Road is also near the lowest elevation of the island and because of that the storm water infrastructure often becomes overwhelmed when there is heavy rainfall. Shoring up and adequately sizing the storm drains would also be very beneficial.</p> <p>While I am personally unaware of any issues or current state of the sewer lines running down Crescent Road, it would make sense that the sewer lines be evaluated while any other underground work is being done as well.</p> <p>With all of this in mind I would like to propose that the town allocate a portion of the ARPA funds to:</p> <p>(1) Installing a proper water main connecting Purgatory Road with Aquidneck Avenue  (2) Installing fire hydrants on Crescent Road  (3) Evaluating and upgrading the storm water system on crescent road where needed  (4) Evaluating and upgrading the sewer lines on Crescent Road where needed</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Public utilities improvements in the Atlantic Beach District.	Y			
049	Public health,Infrastructure improvements	<p>Provides the following:  Safer walking  Safer water that is also available to fight fires  Build roads that last longer  Proper disposal of waste water affecting the quality of the water we consume</p>	<p>The ARPA money should be used for infrastructure: city water, sewer, roads and sidewalks. Middletown is the only town on the island without fire hydrants.</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Improve public infrastructure townwide.	Y			
050	Public health,Economic development,Infrastructure improvements	<p>If the town used the ARPA funds to extend public water service to the east side of town, it would be able to utilize the water charge revenue to help defray the costs of measures that are needed to protect Aquidneck Island's public water supply from surface contaminants, storm events and sea level rise. Doing so will benefit public health and generate needed revenue. It will also help generate jobs for local contractors thereby helping the local economy.</p>	<p>I am writing to voice my support for the Planning Board's recommendation to extend public water service to the east side of Middletown, where many homes rely on well water. We are entering 2022 and yet in a town that has long had a public water supply, Middletown water still has residents that are not treated equally when it comes to access to safe public drinking, cooking and bathing water. This is wrong, unsafe and fiscally irresponsible. If the town used the ARPA funds to extend public water service to the east side of town, it would be able to utilize the water charge revenue to help defray the costs of measures that are needed to protect the public water supply from surface contaminants, storm events and sea level rise. Doing so will benefit public health and generate needed revenues. It will also help generate jobs for local contractors thereby helping the local economy.</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Extend public water to the east side of town.	Y			
051	Public health,Economic development,Infrastructure improvements	<p>If the town used the ARPA funds to extend public water service to the east side of town, it would be able to utilize the water charge revenue to help defray the costs of measures that are needed to protect Aquidneck Island's public water supply from surface contaminants, storm events and sea level rise. Doing so will benefit public health and generate needed revenue. It will also help generate jobs for local contractors thereby helping the local economy.</p>	<p>I am writing to voice my support for the Planning Board's recommendation to extend public water service to the east side of Middletown, where many homes still rely on well water. With a public water supply available, every resident of Middletown should have access to safe public drinking water. The use of ARPA funds to extend the public water service to the east side of town would benefit public health and create equitable access to the towns public water source.</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Extend public water to the east side of town.	Y			
052	Infrastructure improvements	<p>The repaving would improve the quality of life, increase property values the neighborhood and cut down on yearly maintenance costs of the road. Also, roads in failing or poor condition increase the risks associated with insurance claims related to personal injury.</p>	<p>The repaving of 1205' of Miantonomi Ave. Miantonomi Ave. scores on the Town of Middletown's Road Condition Index as a score of 24 out of 100 which ranks it in poor condition. The road surface is very poor. It has alligator cracking, fatigue failure and storm water drainage issues which can be corrected with subbase grading and new pavement. There are patches and pothole from previous repairs which hold water and in the Winter it freezes and creates a hazardous condition. Paving and Storm Drain upgrades would be an improvement for our residents.</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Road paving - Miantonomi Ave.	Y			
053	Infrastructure improvements	<p>The culvert replacement and or rehabilitation/upgrade would improve the quality of life, increase property values the neighborhood and cut down on yearly maintenance costs of the road. Also, with the culvert in failing or poor condition increase the risks associated with insurance claims related to personal injury. Miantonomi Avenue and Green End Avenue, were the culvert runs under, is a main artery for traffic, Police and Fire/Rescue, in the Town and would be a major disruption if the culvert were to fail.</p>	<p>The replacement or rehabilitation of the stone culvert that carries the Bailey Brook under Green End Ave. This culvert was suspected of having structural deficiencies after Storm Ida back in October of 2021. After further inspection by Steere Engineering, a specialist bridge structural engineer deficiencies were observed and confirmed.</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Replace culvert - Green End Ave.	Y			
054	Public Health, Infrastructure Improvements	<p>Cleaning up the smell at Surfer's End / Improving drinking water quality / Fix natural gas issues (See Attached Form 1169)</p>	<p>See Attached Form 1169</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Stormwater, sewer, drinking water, gas infrastructure upgrades.	Y			
055	Public Health, Infrastructure Improvements	<p>Fixing drainage issues on Indian Hill Road / Potential repaving of Indian Hill Road (See Attached Form 1170)</p>	<p>See Attached Form 1170</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Improve stormwater drainage, Indian Hill Rd.	Y			
056	Public Health, Economic Development, Pay or Revenue Replacement	<p>Bury Utility Lines / Pay Part of Medicare Premiums (See Attached Form 1174)</p>	<p>See Attached Form 1174</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Upgrade, bury utility lines	Y			
057	Public health,Economic development,Educational assistance,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Housing support,Infrastructure improvements,Pay or revenue replacement,Administrative	<p>Air quality &amp; security improvements in the schools / Improve water and sewer systems / Bury utility lines on East and West Main roads / Improve stormwater drainage and storage in low-lying areas / Sidewalks on Aquidneck Avenue / Build new family park</p>	<p>See Attached Form 1177</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	<p>Reduce Medicare payments</p> <p>Improvements to school building ventilation and security; upgrade storm and sewer systems; bury utility lines along East &amp; West Main Roads; stop flooding of flood-prone areas; Aquidneck Ave. sidewalk; new "Family" park</p>	N/A			
058	Infrastructure improvements	<p>Replace open drainage ditches (See Attached Form 1190)</p>	<p>See Attached Form 1190</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Pipe the ditches and add sidewalk to Aquidneck Ave.	Y			
059	Infrastructure improvements	<p>Fund infrastructure work in the Atlantic Beach District (See Attached Form 1194)</p>	<p>See Attached Form 1194</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Streetscape improvements in the Atlantic Beach District.	Y			
060	Infrastructure improvements	<p>The Middletown Historical Society was shut down due to COVID. Unable to open to the public we lost the connection with visitors to aid in their requests for historic information. Running the windmill was a cultural event that brought people together. Not only the mill but we incorporated other historical venues, civil war, revolutionary war. The museum covered Middletown subjects. We usually had a good revenue return thru sale of our books.</p> <p>Our Fourth Grade Program is still shut down. The schoolchildren always raved about the program in their thank you notes. They love to ring that bell. They need to learn about their town's past.</p>	<p>The Middletown Historical Society would request help in repairing or replacing the front steps on Paradise School. We have fixed them to the best of our ability but they are slowly becoming a safety hazard.</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Repair/replace front steps at Paradise School.	Y			
061	Infrastructure improvements	<p>The front stairs of the old Paradise Schoolhouse are failing and need to be replaced</p>	<p>See Attached Form 1205</p>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Repair/replace front steps at Paradise School.	Y			

062	Public health,Housing support,Infrastructure improvements	<p>"Water/Water Quality/Stormwater" has been identified by the Town Council as one of the top five issues for the town and its citizens.</p> <p>Resolving the areas of chronic or at-risk flooding correctly will have long-term environmental and financial benefits to the town and residents of Middletown.</p> <p>Improving the resilience of the stormwater infrastructure from the increasingly severe weather events to better manage stormwater will reduce water pollution. This will improve the water quality of Middletown's expansive watershed (see attached), a major source for Newport Water, which will therefore benefit not only Middletown, but all the surrounding towns that Newport Water supplies.</p> <p>This investment will ease financial burdens realized by Middletown residents and the town due to future flood damage, especially as even many hundreds of thousands of dollars in flood damage may not meet the criteria for outside assistance (see attached).</p>	Blank	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Reduce flooding in floodprone areas. Improve stormwater management and control nonpoint source pollution.	Y		
063	Public health,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities	<p>As described above, Middletown residents benefit from free access to critical hunger relief and nutritional services. If transportation or mobility are barriers to accessing food pantry programs at our Newport center, then pantry services are brought into low-income housing sites and even the homes of homebound seniors and adults with disabilities. Our request is to support facility improvements that will allow for expanded food pantry programs. We have reached our capacity for food storage and distribution. Food pantry and food storage expansion/improvements will allow us to continue to flexibly meet client needs, such as adding new Mobile Pantry sites serving low-income Middletown families, seniors, and adults with disabilities. The overall outcome is that the lives of Middletown's most vulnerable residents will be stronger and healthier.</p>	<p>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center (MLKCC) nourishes, educates, and supports Newport County, Rhode Island residents to improve their economic, social, and physical well-being. MLKCC is a multi-service agency serving more than 4,000 diverse clients annually with hunger relief services, children's educational programs, and adult wellness programs. Hunger services include our client-choice food pantry (providing 447,995 meals to 1,888 guests in the first ten months of this year alone), a daily meal program (the only daily meal program in Newport County), daily bread distribution, twice-weekly hot soup (begun in response to the Covid-related shutdown of several meal sites), weekly produce distribution, holiday meal programs, and programs that bring food into the homes and neighborhoods of people experiencing food insecurity. Our Food 2 Friends program delivers pantry food to the homes of homebound seniors and adults living with disabilities across Newport County, making 1479 deliveries to 180 people between January 1 and Nov. 1, 2021. Our Mobile Pantry provides food weekly in the community making visits to low-income and senior housing sites across Newport County. These two programs address barriers of transportation and cost to accessing healthy food. Between January 1 and November 1, 2021, 822 unduplicated people were served in 143 Mobile Pantry events, including residents of Oxbow Farms in Middletown. Due to increased need, MLKCC plans to add two additional Middletown Mobile Pantry sites in 2022: West House and Freedom House, as well as piloting a Mobile Pantry event at Oliphant School Administration building in February (as requested by the Town of Middletown – this event will serve all school families).</p> <p>To support the growing need for our hunger relief services, MLKCC is committing to facility improvements. We are requesting \$100,000 to be applied towards building expansion to double the size of our Food Pantry and to increase capacity and efficiency in storing and distributing food in our hunger programs. The food pantry will be increased from 551 square feet to 1,089 square feet and food storage will increase from 860 square feet to 1,664 square feet. This will allow us to serve more clients, offer more variety, and create a space that matches our values of dignity and respect for our clients. Increased food storage allows for bulk purchases, which stretches financial resources and supports serving a larger number of clients. Overall, increased hunger services will serve even more Middletown residents.</p> <p>There are no food pantries located within the town of Middletown. All emergency food services for Aquidneck Island residents are in Newport, many offered through religious organizations. Only the MLKCC provides food pantry services off-site: at low-income housing sites and even into the homes of individuals in need. The MLKCC is also the highest volume hunger relief service agency in Newport County. We hope the leadership of Middletown will recognize the vital services we provide to vulnerable Middletown residents by investing in improvements to the hunger services area of our facility.</p>	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Expansion of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center building.	N/A	Not a Middletown facility.	
064	Public health	<p>This proposal would provide additional mental health and substance use prevention services for our Middletown High School students and their families. These social emotional programs and initiatives would mitigate the impact of the Covid pandemic and the many unintended consequences it has caused for our youth.</p>	<p>As stated in the ARPA Rules document on page 22, "the pandemic has exacerbated mental health and substance use disorders needs in many communities. School-based social/emotional support and other mental health services are a critical component of a holistic public health and safety approach eligible for funding under ARPA."</p> <p>The Middletown Prevention Coalition's Student Health and Wellness Survey data affirms this. In student focus groups at the end of last year students talked about "feeling lonely, isolated, anxious, disconnected and/or stressed as they navigated life through Covid. Many spoke of friends having considered suicide, including a focus group of 18 students that all knew someone that had thought about taking their own life." Now more than ever our kids need our support!</p> <p>The Middletown Prevention Coalition will meet the needs of our Middletown youth by enhancing our social emotional supports and mental health and substance use prevention programs and initiatives at MHS. We are proposing the hiring of a full time prevention coordinator for Middletown High School.</p> <p>This staff person would also coordinate our MHS Islanders Youth Committee whose members are committed to trying to make healthy choices and be their "best selves". These students would work closely with the Gaudet Islanders Committed Youth Committee and mentor these younger students.</p>	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Middletown Prevention Coalition: full-time prevention coordinator at Middletown High School	N/A		
065	Public health,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Housing support,Infrastructure improvements	<p>Newport Mental Health serves the entire geographic area of Newport County, and provides behavioral healthcare treatment for people with serious mental illnesses, regardless of their ability to pay. Last fiscal year, 548 of our over 2,200 clients treated were Middletown residents NMH also operates a mobile crisis support team for people in the midst of a mental health crisis, and a 24/7 access center that is free and available to all.</p> <p>Essentially, Newport Mental Health acts as the hub for anyone who needs mental healthcare in Newport County. Through the "No Wrong Door" program, anyone can receive care from Newport Mental Health's Access Center at 127 Johnny Cake Hill Rd in Middletown.</p> <p>Newport Mental Health is the treatment hub for serious mental illness in Newport County, and the need for our services is growing at an alarming rate. According to Mental Health America, suicidal ideation has increased in 2021 even more than it did in 2021, with 4.58% of adults reporting suicidal thoughts and over half of adults with a mental illness still not receiving treatment. The same report found that 10.6% of youth in the U.S. have severe major depression, and yet over 60% of youth with major depression do not receive any mental health treatment.</p> <p>Middletown residents are living through the second year of a global pandemic that has taxed mental health like never before. They need the best access to mental health care services possible, and to provide that we need to invest in the facilities where that care will take place.</p>	<p>Newport Mental Health (NMH) is requesting \$250,000 to complete the Phase 2 renovations of our Adult Mental Health Care facility at 65 Valley Rd. in Middletown in order to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create additional clinical and office space to accommodate our growing workforce of mental health clinicians.</li> <li>2. Bring the quality of the environment of care in the facility into the 21st Century</li> <li>3. Nearly double the amount of office and clinical space in the facility.</li> </ol> <p>Phase 1 of renovations, which is now underway, is creating a primary care clinic staffed by physicians from CODAC in one of the 'quads' of 65 Valley, as well as renovating the lobby area and a second quad to increase the amount of clinical and office space available. Phase 2 will completely finish funding the project, nearly doubling the amount of clinical space available and increasing the quality of the care environment to the same top-notch standard.</p> <p>The mental healthcare needs of our community have increased at alarming rates during the COVID-19 pandemic, and Newport Mental Health has grown in response to this increased need. At the beginning of 2020, we had 79 employees. At time of writing, there are over 150 staff members employed at Newport Mental Health, and over 20 recently created positions are still open. Almost all of the new positions created during that time were additional clinicians, who have hit the ground running providing top-quality care to our patients. We are incredibly grateful for our workforce, but we are running out of physical space for them to work.</p> <p>Newport Mental Health has leveraged over \$2 million in federal funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to provide the startup funding for these staffing and program expansions, allowing us to build out our capacity to meet the community need in advance of the statewide adoption of the gold standard CCBHC clinical model that will make all of these expansions sustainable in the long term. We have the staff, and as soon as the renovations are complete they can be put to work helping Middletown residents manage increasing rates of serious depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation.</p> <p>In order to meet the mental healthcare challenge of this moment in history and prepare for the future, we must invest in the physical infrastructure to house the vital mental healthcare work being done by NMH clinicians. We are asking each of the municipalities in Newport County to allocate a portion of their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to facilities improvement projects to improve mental healthcare access in Newport County. This \$250,000 in ARPA funding will complete the renovations to our adult mental health care facility at 65 Valley, providing a 21st century care environment for our patients and the crucial clinical space needed to treat them.</p>	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Newport Mental Health building renovations.	N/A		



066	Infrastructure improvements,Other	As we all know, COVID has been depressing. I think anything that makes people happier, whether it is only just visually, counts as COVID related. People also took to the streets when COVID happened. there was nothing to do but go outside and take a walk around.	I think there is a lot of beautification that can happen around Middletown. Take the intersection where Valley meets Aquidneck Ave close to the YMCA. It is just a triangle of cracked concrete in the middle of the road. Why not put some landscaping in or some landscaping rocks and a nice Middletown sign reminding people that our beaches are carry-in and carry-out statue. (People from out-of-state do not understand no garbage cars.) On the proposed roundabout on Green End, add some flowers in the middle and a tree. I am still missing the tree that was cut down to put the retaining pond in. Task a Middletown High Schooler to start flower planting and maintaining these sites for their mandatory senior project!  The sidewalks that surround Howland Park could use some TLC. (A side note on sidewalks. At the meeting Ms. Santos warned that people have to maintain sidewalks. I think having sidewalks is a normal part of living in suburban America! You have to deal with your steps and driveway when it snows, what difference is it to deal with a sidewalk? Maybe we could bring the old kids making money with a shovel back to life!)  The gutters/water streams on Green End Ave could use some beautification, as can the exposed pipe that is by the intersection that the roundabout is being proposed. I will include a picture of the gutter/stream thing that sits on my property as an example.  This will sound crazy, but can the town offer to take the Mommy and Me sign off of the top of the Frosty Freeze sign? The place has been closed for longer than my kid has been alive. COVID related, because Frosty Freeze makes people happy! Also, can the town offer to put a serious row of arbutus between the Wyndam Hotel and the YMCA? I have talked to Mike Miller from the YMCA about this. When that hotel was approved did anyone consider that from the hotel room windows, there is a direct view of our kids at summer camp and on the Twice As Nice playground? As one of the only affordable camps on the island, I think helping them out is important.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Roadside beautification.	Y			
067			Answering at request of Newport Mental Health.  Youth mental health Suicide prevention	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Support Newport Mental Health programs.	N/A			
068	Public health,Educational assistance,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities	Access To Nature+AC3:AC13+T1082	I would like to see sustainable mental and behavioral health care settings put in place inside our public schools that are accessible during the school day for children and teens and after school for families. I would also like to see expansion of telehealth and medication assisted alcohol abuse treatment via telehealth.  We adopted our son from foster care at 4. He has complex ADHD and generalized anxiety disorder due to learning challenges and a trauma background. Despite significant resources we struggle to get him to appointments that take place off school grounds, at difficult to access hours.  There should be the equivalent of a "nurses office" for mental health and trauma informed mental health clinicians should be on site at schools and appointments should be able to be accessed during the school day either in person in a private room at school or via telehealth at a private room in school.  This should be set up not as a short term Covid response but as a sustainable project, given that we know how many of our public school students have either learning differences or trauma backgrounds or both that require them to receive trauma informed therapy to address self esteem as well as other specialized supports like social pragmatics, OT for sensory and fine motor issues, etc.  Many parents have always struggled as well and it is hard to access mental health care while working and raising kids. We should expand trauma informed tele health, medication assisted alcohol abuse treatment with telehealth support and have on-site supports and information for parents at the schools. After school care where parents can see clinicians. The mental health of children is often connected to the mental health of their parents. You can not have as much success treating just one or the other patient. Schools should see themselves as connective hubs for mental health support for the kids in their care. They spend nearly as much time with our kids as parents and are equally responsible for our kids mental health. This means that schools should also be reviewing how they teach, what they consider "critical" to learning, how we value our children, which children we give the signal that they are "smart" and which we do not and why, as well as how the structure of the school day affects our children's mental health. I have a PhD in Education and have done extensive evaluations in schools and schools of all kinds - public.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Mental health programs in public schools.	N/A			
069	Public health,Infrastructure improvements,Other	As I stated above, the benefit is the health and well-being, along with the safety of the neighborhood residents and Middletown residents. Fewer car accidents and more people gathering to socialize are invaluable. Aesthetically, the neighborhood will thrive. Consequently, people will slow down and no one should get hurt.	Blank						
070	Other	Noise is the first broken window - all citizens would benefit from not hearing obnoxious noise, especially in the summer.	Increased noise ordinance enforcement, especially straight-pipe motorcycles. If there is no current noise ordinance, create one. Increased speed limit enforcement.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Increase enforcement of noise ordinance and speed limits.	N/A			
071	Public health,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Infrastructure improvements,Other	Few components are as universally vital in public safety as those related to communication. The radio system is nothing less than a lifeline to each police officer and firefighter. For every person in need, the radio system is the means by which help will be dispatched and rescue efforts coordinated. At the heart of the radio system is the radio console which the dispatcher uses to communicate with the police officers and firefighters in Town, and those in adjacent communities when mutual aid is required.  The fire alarm monitoring system is critical to reliably receiving and notifying the fire department of a fire or a problem in one of the 240 fire alarm systems with a radio box in Middletown.  This project is an important step to ensure dependable communications and coordination in the delivery of public safety services.	This project will upgrade the radio consoles in the dispatch centers of the Fire Department and the Police Department. The scope of the project includes purchasing a new, two-position radio console for the police station and for the fire station. The fire department would also upgrade the fire alarm monitoring system.  Each dispatch center would be configured to allow two personnel to work at the console during a period of intense demand or an ongoing incident. Each console would also be capable of providing both fire and police communications in case one of the consoles was out of service.  The police radio system will continue to operate on the 800MHz Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network (RISCON). The fire department will transition to using the 800MHz RISCON as its primary system. The currently used VHF band will become a back-up for use during a failure of the primary system. The cost of maintaining the VHF capability accounts for the added cost of the fire department console.  The fire department will replace the system that monitors 240 radio alarm boxes.  The radio consoles and alarm monitoring system are 12-15 years old. The models have been discontinued and are no longer supported by the manufacturers.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Upgrade public safety communications systems.	Y			
072	Infrastructure improvements	Install three speed bumps on Wave Avenue and other improvements as well as eliminate Zoning Ordinance Section 3002 (See Attached Form 1181)	See Attached Form 1181	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Speed bumps and parking limitations on Wave Ave.; Clear vegetation along Valley Rd.	Y			
073	Infrastructure improvements	Better roads benefit ALL residents.	Use some of the \$'s toward repairing the many roads in town that need it. For example, Aquidneck Ave. between Green End and East Main Road. Also, Mitchells lane is terrible. I'm sure there are many other roads that could use help. There may be a "Road Fund" in place, but these \$'s will help. George Roener	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov">https://www.middletownri.gov</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			

074	Other	It keeps up with Portsmouth streets.	Paving of a small street. Bailey Avenue is in dire need of a new road pavement. Repairing our section of East Main Road would also be a great way to invest the funds	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
075	Economic development,Infrastructure improvements	There is no doubt in my mind that commerce to the area is adversely impacted by the horrible condition of Aquidneck Ave.	Whenever visitors spend time with us here in the Middletown area we hear the same two comments. The first is they love the area, and second is they can't believe how bad the roads in the area are. In particular, Aquidneck Avenue between Green End Ave and East Main Road gets the most negative comments.  I can second what they are saying. I travel quite a bit throughout the northeast for work and pleasure and it's safe to say that stretch of Aquidneck Avenue is the worst road I have driven on in many years. It has reached the point where I have found myself a) leaving the area via Turner Road, creating more traffic on what is a residential road, and b) going to businesses in Newport that have similar products and services to those on the stretch of Aquidneck Ave, hurting Middletown businesses. I cannot be alone in this assessment.  If this cannot be addressed with these available funds I hope this road, and road repairs in general, can be addressed.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
076	Infrastructure improvements	The repaving would improve the quality of life, increase property values the neighborhood and cut down on yearly maintenance costs of the road. Also, roads in failing or poor condition increase the risks associated with insurance claims related to personal injury.	The repaving of Center Ave. This road ranks on the Town of Middletown's Road Condition Index as a 24 out of 100 which puts it as poor condition. The road surface is very poor. It has patching and pot holes from previous repairs which holds water and in the Winter it freezes and creates a hazardous condition. Paving would be a improvement for our residents.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
077	Economic development,Infrastructure improvements	The repaving would improve the quality of life, increase property values the neighborhood and cut down on yearly maintenance costs of the road. Also, roads in failing or poor condition increase the risks associated with insurance claims related to personal injury.	The repaving of 1950' of the Boulevard. The Boulevard scores on the Town of Middletown's Road Condition Index as a score 24 out of 100 which ranks it in poor condition. The road surface is very poor. It has patching and potholes from previous repairs which holds water and during the winter season it freezes and creates a hazardous condition. Paving would be a improvement for our residents.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
078	Infrastructure improvements	The repaving would improve the quality of life, increase property values the neighborhood and cut down on yearly maintenance costs of the road. Also, roads in failing or poor condition increase the risks associated with insurance claims related to personal injury.	The repaving of Rosedale Ave. This road ranks on the Town of Middletown's Road Condition Index as a 22 out of 100 which ranks it as poor condition. The road surface is poor with alligator cracking and fatigue failure and storm water drainage issues, there are patches and potholes from previous repairs which hold water and in the Winter it freezes and creates a hazardous condition. Paving and Storm Drain upgrades would be a improvement for our residents.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
079	Infrastructure improvements	The repaving would improve the quality of life, increase property values the neighborhood and cut down on yearly maintenance costs of the road. Also, roads in failing or poor condition increase the risks associated with insurance claims related to personal injury. The drainage improvements will add longevity to life of the new asphalt.	The repaving of Harold Ln. and drainage infrastructure improvements. This road ranks on the Town of Middletown's Road Condition Index as a 21 out of 100 which ranks it in poor condition. The road surface is poor with alligator cracking and fatigue failure and storm water drainage issues. There are potholes and patches from previous repairs which hold water and in the Winter season it freezes and creates a hazardous condition. Paving and Storm Drain Upgrades would be a improvements for our residents.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
080	Infrastructure improvements	The repaving would improve the quality of life, increase property values the neighborhood and cut down on yearly maintenance costs of the road. Also, roads in failing or poor condition increase the risks associated with insurance claims related to personal injury.	The repaving of Rego Rd. This road Ranks on the Town of Middletown's road Condition Index as a 24 out of 100 which ranks it as poor condition. The road is poor with a fatigue failure. There are patches and potholes from previous repairs which hold water and in the Winter it freezes and creates a hazardous condition. Paving would be a improvement for our residents.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
081	Economic development,Infrastructure improvements	The repaving would improve the quality of life, increase property values the neighborhood and cut down on yearly maintenance costs of the road. Also, roads in failing or poor condition increase the risks associated with insurance claims related to personal injury.	The repaving of Peckham Lane. This road ranks on the Town of Middletown's Road Condition Index as a 20 out of 100 which ranks it as poor condition in need of repair. The road surface is poor with alligator cracking and fatigue failure and storm water drainage issues. There are patches and potholes from previous repairs which hold water and in the Winter it freezes and creates a hazardous condition. Paving and Storm Drain upgrades would be a improvements for our residents.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
082	Infrastructure improvements	The repaving would improve the quality of life, increase property values the neighborhood and cut down on yearly maintenance costs of the road. Also, roads in failing or poor condition increase the risks associated with insurance claims related to personal injury.	The repaving of Eilan Road. Eilan Road scores on the Town of Middletown's Road Condition Index as a 20 out of 100 which ranks it in poor condition. The road surface is poor with alligator cracking and fatigue failures. There are patches and potholes from previous repairs which hold water and in the Winter it freezes and creates a hazardous condition. Paving would be a improvements to our residents.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
083	Infrastructure improvements	The repaving would improve the quality of life, increase property values the neighborhood and cut down on yearly maintenance costs of the road. Also, roads in failing or poor condition increase the risks associated with insurance claims related to personal injury.	The repaving of 385' of Gunning Court. Gunning Court scores on the Town of Middletown's Road Condition Index as a score of 21 out of 100 which ranks it in poor condition. The road surface is very poor with alligator cracking, fatigue failure, and has storm drainage issues. There are patches and potholes from previous repairs which hold water and during the winter season it freezes which creates a hazardous condition.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
084	Economic development,Infrastructure improvements	KISS Business 101	Have dot remove bump out by Beach house. Eliminate resident sticker parking along wheeler park because no residents use it. Turn wheeler park into parking lot so people can park and walk around the future Atlantic Village. Install 3 speed bumps on wave ave before someone gets killed. Have the rich people who are against hotels and in favor of ABD overlay zoning to pay for utilities to be buried. Have the multimillionaire on indian ave donate to bury utilities on Aquidneck ave. Turn the unused bike lane on Aquidneck ave into short term parking. Provide 1 million dollars to Atlantic beach district business for design upgrades to satisfy a handful of people who don't like what's there. Rent parking spaces from businesses in Atlantic beach district so a few people can walk around big pond instead of beach. FLO'S parking lot is available for \$2000.00 per week from Nov-1- March 1. Spend \$ 600,000. On a pedestrian bridge from first beach to wheeler park instead of people walking 20 feet on existing sidewalk. Selective cut vegetation and brush along valley road from green end to Aquidneck ave to allow unobstructive views of the pond and ocean so it will look pretty.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Reconfigure Purgatory/Aquidneck Ave. intersection	N		Current design was proposed in the Atlantic Beach District Master Plan, which is referenced in the Comprehensive Plan.	
					Eliminate sticker parking at Dunlop-Wheeler Park	N/A			
					Speed bumps on Wave Ave.	Y			
					Underground utilities in the Atlantic Beach District	Y			
					Provide pedestrian bridge from Dunlop-Wheeler park to Easton's Beach	Y			
085	Economic development,Infrastructure improvements	The repaving would improve the quality of life, increase property values the neighborhood and cut down on yearly maintenance costs of the road. Also, roads in failing or poor condition increase the risks associated with insurance claims related to personal injury.	The repaving of 5200' of Mitchells Lane. Mitchells Lane scores on the Town of Middletown's Road Condition Index as a score of 5 out of 100 from Wyatt Rd. north to Fayal Lane (1355') and a 24 out of 100 from Fayal Lane north to the curve at Tibbets Farm (3800') which ranks these sections in poor condition. The road surface is very poor, with alligator cracking and fatigue failure and storm water drainage issues. There are patches and potholes from from previous repairs which hold water and in the Winter it freezes and creates a hazardous condition. Paving and Storm Drain upgrades would be a improvement for our residents	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
086	Infrastructure improvements	Bring Gunning Court up to standard (See Attached Form 1180)	See Attached Form 1180	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway repair/paving.	Y			
087	Infrastructure Improvements, Public Health	Streetscape beautification (See Attached Form 1183)	See Attached Form 1183	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Roadway beautification.	Y			
088	Educational assistance	See above. I feel that I answered that in my box above. :)	Hello!  I am a firm believer that education is one of the main building blocks of a community.  The Middletown Middle and High Schools are in need of a laundry list of maintenance items and also to advance/evolve the academic program. Renovating our public school buildings and providing a state of the art academic program would be a huge draw for more FULL time families to move to Middletown instead of Portsmouth. Year round residents = a stronger commitment to the community and its future.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Renovation of school buildings.	Y			
089	Educational assistance,Infrastructure improvements	HUH ! Self explanatory saves money? Extra money not in budget?	I think a portion (say \$1million) of the Rescue Plan money should be set aside for building a new school at some point. Stick it in the bank and let it earn interest until it is needed.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	New school building.	Y			

090	Public health,Infrastructure improvements	Improves the health and well-being of Town employees, school children, and public visiting town buildings. Although steps have been taken to improve air quality such as open windows with insertion of fans to improve air quality, these temporary solution are not feasible long term solutions. Such temporary solutions are costly and difficult to sustain. Hence, returning to closed-loop ventilation systems which allow limited fresh air intake from outside sources only causes resumption of distributing air impurities leading to an unhealthy indoor environment.	Improve air filtration throughout the Town of Middletown Buildings and help guard against the spread of air-borne diseases. Expensive ventilation systems have prevented updates to existing facilities; however, the other alternative is insertion of air filtration improvements designed to improve air quality and limit the distribution of air-borne viruses, bacteria, and toxins. Although plans are underway to improve some ventilation systems in town buildings an investigation into less expensive air filtration system upgrades and maintenance repairs is warranted to reduce cost and accelerate air quality improvements as discussed in the following link: <a href="https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus/improving-ventilation">https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus/improving-ventilation</a>	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Upgrade ventilation systems in Town buildings.	Y			
091	Educational assistance,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Pay or revenue replacement	1. Provides educational support to children whose education was interrupted by Covid-19 2.Replaces hotel/restaurant lodging and meal tax revenue lost during 2020 and 2021 with funds for FY 2023 budget 3. Apply funds to reduce Town's bonded debt - a relief to all family and business taxpayers	Separate 1 page memo with several proposals sent Wendy for distribution to Town Council	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Provide education support to impacted youth	N/A			
					Replace lost hotel and meals taxes	N/A			
					Reduce bond debt.	N/A			
092	Public health,Economic development,Educational assistance,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities	By funding this department we can provide and coordinate all types of resources that are needed in the community do to Covid. We can focus on our children and help support the teachers and the students to get back up to speed. Covid and distant learning has had a major impact on our students and we need to react and use these dollar to respond to our community needs due to Covid.	I would like to propose funding the Middletown Outreach Department to provide needed services and support for the residents of Middletown due to Covid. Covid has had a big impact on our community and especially our students and we need to focus on filling in the gaps. Time is of the essence and we need to act now and remember this is a fluid situation.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Fund Middletown Outreach Department	N/A			
093	Educational assistance	See uploaded document	See uploaded document	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Educational assistance to impacted youth.	N/A			
094	Infrastructure improvements, Educational Assistance, Public Health	New green houses for Middletown High & Gaudet Middle schools (See Attached Form 1179)	See Attached Form 11179	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Build greenhouses at high school and middle school	Y			
095	Educational assistance, Infrastructure improvements	School upgrades, Sherwood Road improvements (See Attached Form 1184)	See Attached Form 1184	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Improve school buildings; Roadway paving.	Y			
					Roadway repaving	Y			
096	Infrastructure improvements	Spend money on the schools / Fix the streets (See Attached Form 1191)	See Attached Form 1191	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Improve school buildings; Roadway paving; park for kids.	Y			
					Roadway repaving	Y			
					Park for kids.	Y			
097	Infrastructure improvements	Improve classroom ventilation to better deal with COVID (See Attached Form 1197)	See Attached Form 1197	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Improve ventation in school buildings.	Y			
098	Educational assistance,Housing support		I am interested in partnering with the community through our partnership. We are apparently looking to combine efforts on the summer Learning front. Our communities need to partner and support one another further. Also expanding NPF&E's age friendly initiative.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Newport Partnership for Families programs	N/A			
099	Public health	It is that time of year when people are outside more frequently - walking, jogging, or biking.  The sidewalks are in desperate need of repair in the section mentioned above, especially with Valley Road being designated by the American Heart Association as a "Heart Healthy Walking Trail."  Between the dilapidated sidewalks and lack of proper lighting, both areas of Valley Road become dangerous for people who walk, jog, or even bike along that route when evening falls.  I believe that if street lights were installed and the sidewalks repaired, it would make both areas of Valley Road pedestrian-friendly and safe for walking, jogging, and biking.	My idea(s), or suggestion(s), regarding the use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) would be:  1) renovating the sidewalks along Valley Road, north of Green End Avenue (and adjacent to MHS).  2) installing street lights along Valley Road, particularly in the area between Johnny Cake Hill Boulevard to Aquidneck Avenue (south of Green End Avenue and adjacent to C&F), and replacing those that are not working in the section to the north of Green End Avenue.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Improved sidewalks and lighting on Valley Rd.	Y			
100	Infrastructure improvements	Replace Valley Road sidewalk between East Main Road and Green End Avenue (See Attached Form 1189)	See Attached Form 1189	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Improved sidewalks on Valley Rd.	Y			
101	Infrastructure improvements	Sidewalks on Aquidneck Avenue between East Main Road and Green End Avenue (See Attached Form 1199)	See Attached Form 1199	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Aquidneck Ave. sidewalks.	Y			
102	Infrastructure improvements	I travel this route daily taking my dog for a walk. There are many more residences (full time) that live in this area than there was just 10 years and I see many of them as I go around. Parents pushing baby carriages on 3rd Beach Rd. worries me as many of the cars don't slow down, some cross the center line to give the pedestrian more room which again is a hazard to the cars using the oncoming lane. Please give this project high priority before someone gets hurt.	I sent a letter already about putting sidewalks on Green End Ave. from River View Ave. to 3rd Beach Rd. I travel this route with my power wheelchair. The sidewalk on 3rd Beach Rd. from Green End to Wapping is in bad shape in areas and the sidewalk from 3rd Beach Rd. to River View Ave. is in moderate shape and needs work. Please add this to the list of possible projects. Thank you, John	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Green End Ave. sidewalk improvements.	Y			
103	Infrastructure improvements	Safety for pedestrians hence able walk more	I would like to see sidewalks on Green End avenue east of Berkeley and Paradise intersection. Green end is narrow there and people walk and bike in the road. Also sidewalks on Aquidneck ave.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Green End Ave., Aquidneck Ave. sidewalk improvements.	Y			
104	Infrastructure improvements	The replacement of the sidewalk provides a safe place for students and adults to walk on Valley Road	Replace the sidewalk on Valley Road that leads up to the High School entrance. From the corner of Miantononi Ave down valley road to the high school. This has never been replaced and is in need of work	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Improved sidewalks on Valley Rd.	Y			
105	Pay or revenue replacement, Infrastructure improvements	Better property tax exemptions for seniors / Sidewalks on Aquidneck Avenue (See Attached Form 1200)	See Attached Form 1200	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Property tax exemptions for seniors	N/A			
106	Infrastructure improvements	GEA & Paradise Ave intersection work / Sidewalks (See Attached Form 1204)	See Attached Form 1204	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Aquidneck Ave. sidewalks Sidewalk on Paradise Ave.	Y Y			
107	Public health,Economic development,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Infrastructure improvements	-Improved safety for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians - Active lifestyle as a result of COVID Impacts - Long-term safety upgrades at Berkeley/Paradise/Greenend - Water quality improvements - flood mitigation - climate resiliency - Town/neighborhood beautification project.	As a registered transportation engineer working in communities across the Northeast, I recognize the tremendous value of having \$4.5m in discretionary, COVID/Economic related funding available to Middletown. I am also experienced working in other communities with ARPA funding. The funding can be used for a number of projects including water, wastewater, stormwater and transportation related improvements. I highly recommend the Town consider using ARPA funding to promote public health and safety. A key area to consider is ADA ramps and sidewalks along Berkeley Ave to dovetail into the SNEP grant for the roadway raising project - related to climate change, water volume and water quality, these sidewalks would run to the intersection of Green End Avenue at Berkeley/Paradise. Here, a roundabout design should be considered with the funding. Construction funds can be found through Federal and State Grants that will be available through the Federal Infrastructure Bill. These improvements help our community with active, safety outdoor walking and biking. Something we all noticed during COVID.	<a href="https://www.middle">https://www.middle</a>	Berkeley Ave. sidewalk and roundabout construction.	Y			

108	Public health,Economic development,Educational assistance,Administrative	The Microsoft 365 Government - GCC environment provides compliance with US government requirements for cloud services, including FedRAMP Moderate, and requirements for criminal justice and federal tax information systems (CJ and FTI data types). In addition to enjoying the features and capabilities of Microsoft 365, organizations benefit from the following features that are unique to Microsoft 365 Government - GCC:  -Town data and content is logically segregated from customer content in the commercial Microsoft 365 services from Microsoft. -Taxpayer information is stored within the United States. -Access to Town data and content is restricted to screened Microsoft personnel. -Microsoft 365 Government - GCC complies with certifications and accreditations that are required for US Public Sector customers.	The Middletown Technology Department would like to deploy Microsoft GCC licensing across all Town collaboration and productivity software platforms. To meet the unique and evolving requirements of local governments,as well as contractors holding or processing data on behalf of the US Government, Microsoft offers the Office 365 Government GCC environment. Available through multiple channels including Volume Licensing, interested organizations go through a validation process to ensure eligibility before an environment is established. The Town of Middletown has already been validated and approved for Microsoft GCC.	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Deploy Microsoft GCC licensing for all Town departments.	N/A				
109	Administrative. Pay or Revenue replacement	New financial system for the Town & schools (See Attached Form1178)	See Attached Form 1178	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	New accounting system for Town and School Departments.	N/A				
110	Infrastructure improvements	Change to LED street lights / Install solar panels on the roofs of Town buildings (See Attached Form 1192)	See Attached Form 1192	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Convert streetlights to LED, solar on Town buildings.	Y				
111	Other	MIDDLETOWN NEEDS SOMETHING FOR THIS CHILDREN TO DO TO! A TRAMPOLINE PARK, A CHUCK E CHEESE, ANYTHING. This island has NOTHING for kids/Children. Please bring something to this island for the children!	MIDDLETOWN NEEDS SOMETHING FOR THIS CHILDREN TO DO TO! A TRAMPOLINE PARK, A CHUCK E CHEESE, ANYTHING. This island has NOTHING for kids/Children. Please bring something to this island for the children!	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Park for kids.	Y				
112	Educational Assistance	Indoor roller skating rink / Indoor skating and basketball complex (See Attached Form 1172)	See Attached Form 1172	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Recreation facility for teenagers.	Y				
113	Public health,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities, Infrastructure Improvements (See Attached Form 1173)	Create a youth center (See Attached Form 1173)	See Attached Form 1173	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Create a youth center.	Y				
114	Public health,Economic development,Educational assistance,Services to disproportionately impacted Communities,Infrastructure improvements	Located at 792 Valley Road in Middletown, the Y is centrally located on Aquidneck Island, where, year after year, the Middletown residents benefit greatly from the Y's programs and services offered in their hometown. Currently, of the Y's 4,100+ members, 35% are residents of Middletown, 38% live in Newport, 22% in Portsmouth, 3% in Jamestown, and 2% live in Tiverton. In 2018, more than 12,700 Newport County community members registered for a class or program at the NCYMCA. It is estimated that 1:7 Rhode Islanders is a member of a Y and that 1:3 is impacted by Y programs and services. In 2019, 51% of NCYMCA program participants lived in Middletown, compared to 30% who were Newport residents, 16% for Portsmouth, and 3% for Tiverton.  The Newport County YMCA is proud to be the home of many youth athletic programs, such as the Middletown High School Swim Team and Gymnastics Team as well as the RI Special Olympics team, The Sharks, whose 50 Special Olympians practice and compete at the NCYMCA 3-4 days each week. Also of note are the Y's prolific Summer Camp programs, its many afterschool youth enrichment programs, and of course its Twice As Nice Preschool. These vital programs enable Middletown families to go to work year-round, knowing their children are being well cared for in a safe, fun, supportive, health-minded environment. The Y is full-service, offering bussing service from various schools to the Y so that parents/caregivers don't need to worry how their child will access their afterschool enrichment and care.  With this renovation and expansion of the YMCA facility, existing programs and services will be able to expand while new initiatives and endeavors will have the necessary space to launch and flourish. Middletown residents will directly benefit from the following:  -Expansion of after-school enrichment programs at Middletown public schools	For more than 140 years, the Newport County YMCA has been serving the ever-changing needs of Newport County and Aquidneck Island area residents. As our society and our community has changed, we continuously seek to meet the critical social needs facing our region. Our commitment to providing activities which support physical, mental, and social-emotional well-being for our community remains unwavering. Our commitment to inclusivity, breaking down barriers, and being a safe space for all, are fundamental to our cause-driven mission to actively support the physical, mental, and social-emotional well-being of all in our community.  In response to confirmed community needs, the Newport County YMCA is seeking funding to support a major renovation and expansion of our current Y building on Valley Road in Middletown, which was originally constructed in 1971. This building expansion project is necessary to create more usable, flexible, accessible, and up-to-date space within the Y facility, allowing the Y to better provide its life-enhancing programming and services to our Newport County community. This project will encompass: 1) a complete renovation of the current Gymnastics Center and gymnasium; 2) a complete renovation of all locker rooms, allowing for the addition of family and adaptive locker room space, all of which will be ADA compliant; 3) a complete tear down and new construction of the lobby, Wellness Center, staff offices, group exercise rooms, and Child Watch Center, which will allow for the addition of a Squash Center, Education Center, and more multipurpose space; 4) the addition of a new, ADA compliant elevator in the lobby; 5) a complete overhaul of all mechanical systems; and 6) a new parking lot with 100 additional parking spaces and improved lighting.  The Newport County YMCA continues to face challenges that create a need more powerful than ever before. As a community resource and key strategic partner, the need for Y programs has pushed the organization beyond its walls and out into the community. Through key initiatives addressing the most pressing community needs like: safe, affordable and educationally rich childcare; innovative and engaging programs to address the pressing youth obesity epidemic; engaging programs focused on inclusivity for adults with special needs; and an aging adult population with needs ranging from physical fitness to social connectivity, the community aches for a Y that can do more for Newport County. Bricks and mortar alone cannot meet the needs of our ever-changing community. Investments at pace with organizational expansion are vital to serve those in our community who need us most.  A renovated and expanded Newport County YMCA will better position programs for health and wellness, continued education, and social outreach in a positive environment where people can grow in mind, body and spirit to their full potential at every age. The new Y will be a place	<a href="https://www.middletownri.gov/">https://www.middletownri.gov/</a>	Funding for renovation/expansion of YMCA building.	N/A				
115	Pay or revenue replacement		Request of R. I. Council 94, Local 1823 for retention bonuses for staff in the Middletown Public School Department, Facilities & Maintenance Department		Retention bonuses for staff in the Middletown Public School Department, Facilities & Maintenance Department	N/A				