

DULUTH



TOWNSHIP

Community Input Encouraged, Spending of ARPA Funds.

The Duluth Town Board is asking for suggestions and ideas about how best to spend a relatively large sum of money it has recently received from the federal government.

Congress enacted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) last year. The Act included approximately \$1.9 trillion in funding, apportioning nearly \$350 billion to municipalities all across the United States.

The Town of Duluth's share was \$231,022. To give that some perspective, the Town's annual budget usually runs between \$350,000 - \$400,000.

Initially, the ARPA money was to be used for addressing effects of the covid pandemic. Over time, the program's scope expanded. Now the funds can be used for almost any governmental purpose.

Municipalities must commit or dedicate their allocated money to specific projects or programs by the end of 2024. The money must then be actually spent before the end of 2026. If not, the money can be lost.

The Town Board invites your suggestions about how best to spend this money. Please share suggestions by talking with the Town Supervisors, staff, or departments, emailing ideas to the email addresses contained on the Town's website, mailing them to the Duluth Township Town Hall (6092 Homestead Rd, Duluth, MN 55804), or attending any monthly Town Board meeting (typically at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Town Hall).

The Board also plans to hold two informational meetings at the Town Hall in the fall and early winter and invites you to attend and share any thoughts or suggestions you might have. The Board plans to have proposals to share at the Annual Meeting in March.