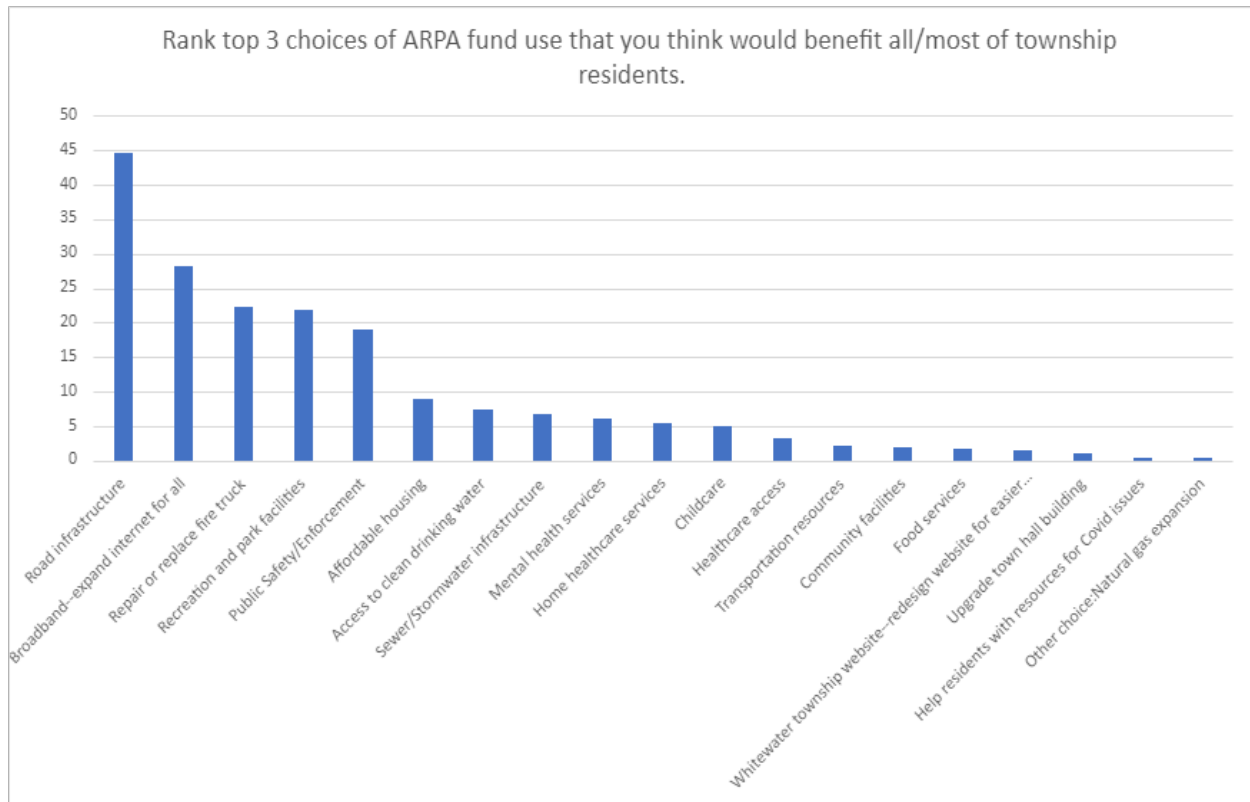


## ARPA FUND SURVEY 2022

An ARPA fund survey was included with the mailed Whitewater Township Summer Tax Bill with the return date of September 15, 2022. Of 1,576 surveys mailed, 194 surveys were returned. Of the 194 surveys, 112 were ranked choice 1,2,3 and 82 were marked by 3 Xs. The weighted tabulation of data combining the 3 ranked choices plus the unranked 3 choices is shown in the graph below.



From the table of data by rank choice and unranked choices, clearly there were 5 top categories:

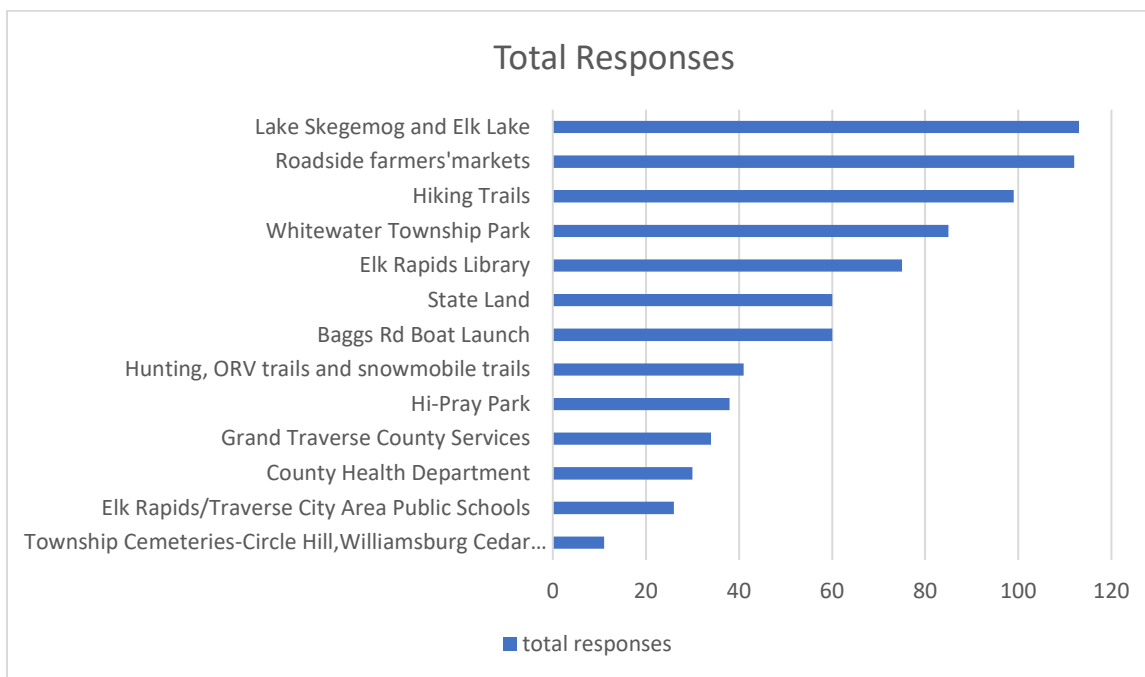
1. Road Infrastructure
2. Broadband-expand internet for all
3. Repair or replace fire truck
4. Recreation and Park Facilities
5. Public Safety/Enforcement

**Rank top 3 choices of ARPA fund use that you think would benefit all/most of township residents.**

	#1	#2	#3	3 Choices, not ranked
Access to clean drinking water	9	0	3	7
Affordable housing	6	4	4	13
Broadband--expand internet for all	19	10	10	41
Childcare	3	5	5	3
Community facilities	1	2	3	1
Food services	1	0	3	2
Healthcare access	0	3	1	6
Help residents with resources for Covid issues	0	0	0	1
Home healthcare services	1	4	4	9
Mental health services	2	4	4	9
Public Safety/Enforcement	10	16	10	21
Recreation and park facilities	12	14	11	28
Repair or replace fire truck	9	14	15	32
Road infrastructure	36	24	16	47
Sewer/Stormwater infrastructure	2	5	5	10
Transportation resources	0	2	5	1
Upgrade town hall building	0	0	3	2
Whitewater township website--redesign website for easier access to educate, inform and notify residents	0	1	5	1
Other choice:Natural gas expansion	0	1	0	0

**Whitewater Township Resources you have used in the past 2 years.**

“Hi” Pray Park	38
Hiking Trails	99
Baggs Rd Boat Launch	60
Roadside farmers' markets	112
Lake Skegemog and Elk Lake	113
State Land	60
Hunting, ORV trails/ snowmobile trails	41
Whitewater Township Park	85
Elk Rapids Library	75
Elk Rapids/Traverse City Area Public Schools	26
County Health Department	30
Township Cemeteries-Circle Hill, Williamsburg Cedar Rapids	11
Grand Traverse County Services	34



**ARPA funds survey--Other line comments in section of Rank top 3 choices of ARPA fund use**

Inspect/remediate septic systems near lakes, non-motorized roadway expansion, esp Elk Lake Rd

Redo—Skegemog Point Road—its terrible.

Frequent flooding on Clearview Dr and Topview Dr

Sewer system\*

\*Note: Sewer infrastructure for lakefront homes & businesses to protect our valuable Elk and Skegemog lake waters for all residents to enjoy.

Patch Skegemog Point rd.

Whitewater township park.

Pave Crisp Rd

Upgrade pickle ball courts

Fix road all the way to campground

Ambulance - etc.

Pave Park Road

Roads, Roads, Roads.

Rank #2 Natural Gas

**3:** Road repair and maintenance

Natural Gas connection

Skegemog Point road

Expand natural gas distribution to the Island Lake area

Mosquito control

**1** Disc golf course

**2)**Trail upgrades at Battle Creek and Lossie Rd

**2)**Battle Creek Trail

None. Can't afford to go to grocery store, let alone anything fun.

Use township road dayly everyone does. Not a special group!

## **ARPA FUNDS SURVEY 202**

### **How did Covid impact your business, employment, health, household, or access to services needed?**

I did not have any real need or problems. Zoom was very helpful for township meetings.

Biggest problem was Whitewater Twp park boat launch dock is way too short.

All our needs were met.

We need to find a way to get people working in our businesses. No more free money! Match or subsidize if person is working!

Food prices.

We did not get Covid 19. We got free test available.

Decreased revenue. Was not essential so could not work.

Covid-19 had no negative affect on my business. In fact my business grew in spite of the virus.

Dependable high speed internet. Access to testing. Largest impact was misinformation about the pandemic, testing, vaccines, resulting in residents not taking it seriously, keeping hospitals impacted, & mutations we have to keep fighting.

Health - I had Covid. It took me out of commission for a month. Depression occurred but other then that everything was good with the household and employment.

Didn't bother me much—I was home alone most of the time—as usual. I usually only leave the house if I need groceries.

No impact at all.

Not at all.

We stayed home.

Nothing you can help.

We did not get the covid. We both got all of our shots. Kept away from people as much as possible.

Greatest impact for me & my daycare was Hi- Pray park in Wmbg. A walking track at Hi-Pray park would be great also.

No change

Other: No more dope(?) stories(?). It's ridiculous and sends wrong message.

**We** need reliable science based information about precautions and protocols. We needed to respect medical opinions offered by healthcare professionals. We needed politicians to refrain from dividing citizens for political gain. We needed generosity and gratitude for efforts made by professionals.

I needed to pivot to working from home full-time. This has been very challenging without broadband. The slower DSL speed (which is our only option) significantly impacts my ability to perform job-related tasks.

It was quieter in my neighborhood. Fuel was cheaper. Fewer tourists was nice. Met more neighbors on walking trails. Probably stayed healthier because of masks and sanitizer.

Covid destroyed my real estate photography business.

I think the camping prices should be less then it is now. I think township residents should be lower price of camping. Need to fix the road to the township camp grounds.

**We** needed high speed internet for work and school. Those are still needs for us. We have satellite, which is slow and unreliable.

**Our** grandson helped us. We are old - 80's and 90's. Also some Super Good Neighbors were really helpful.

**No** resources were needed.

**Nothing.**

**Cook Rd** is the worst road in the township.

**Ambulance** and fire services.

**Needed LESS** restrictions on personal freedoms.

**COVID** increased both our utilization as well as the value we place on local parks and trails.

**What** we personally needed most was for businesses to be open and employees to be working and access to supplies. Masks at every business would have been nice to as we always forgot to have them in our car.

**No** personal impact fortunately. Groceries most needed.

**No** major impact.

**Internet** for homeschooling/virtual learning.

I went to zoom to teach classes virtually instead of face to face. I lost one job at Munson due to budget cuts for the program I worked in.

**Covid** did not affect me in any area!

**None.**

I did not go visit. I stayed home, because of my health, my kids did all my shopping and anything else I needed so I did not catch covid.

**Covid had no impact on our household.**

**Resources for testing. Assistance if covid happened. Strong internet signal.**

**Inability to get out to make purchases. Would have appreciated help with food purchases.**

**I most needed accurate information regarding vaccinations and how to sign up for them.**

**Accurate information regarding safety precautions for communicability of the virus was important.**

**Kept me/us home more and not outside as much.**

**Lowered contact and involvement with community & activities in general. Less travel, fewer meals away from home and cultural events.**

**Access to COVID vaccinations.**

**I didn't do much shopping in any of the stores. Still order most of my food on line and pick up at the store.**

**Customers sick & don't want to get sick about half of business. Was on unemployment, shipping — not having stuff that was needed. Doctor appt.**

**I am retired so covid impact on me was minimal except for access to some services and household goods.**

**I personally "needed" nothing from government during the Covid Cult Insanity; except to stay the hell out of my life and stop with the pointless power grabs and mandates that ACTUAL SCIENCE confirms were total bullshit.**

**Cook road repair.**

**As a mom of 4 school age children our biggest struggle was the internet during covid. We use a hot-spot because of our rural area. Made school very hard. Would love to see internet for all in Whitewater TWP.**

**Covid most affected my Health — I nearly died from it and have had lung issues since. I believe it was deliberately released upon the world as a means of depopulation and a way to inoculate an entire world with a poison that will in time show it's true intent. I expect nothing by way of my Township. What is needed is for the truth to be acknowledged —Not Government Lies.**

**Since I am not a full time resident, this does not apply to me.**

**We were fine during covid.**

**Worked remotely for 2 1/2 month, so good internet connection was needed.**

**\*Needed more people at businesses to deliver food and medicine to those that couldn't get out**

**\*Need home health care available.**

**\*Need senior activities in the Williamsburg area.**

**Fire Truck/Roads/Most Important!**

**Upgrade your technology now. We should see the zoom folks. Thank you to the ladies I saw pulling weeds.**

**Better internet. Information about covid injections availability, it was impossible to quickly get any reliable information.**

**We needed a better way to connect with students that couldn't go to school. Better internet service and CHEAPER cost. More choices.**

**The lakes and outdoor recreation areas provided tremendous relief for our families. Being able to enjoy the outdoors helped with stress reduction, physical and mental health for all of us.**

**In trying to home school grandchildren when schools were closed and parents were required to be at work, the internet service was less than desirable—very slow and not reliable. Education is very important and in today's world, it is imperative that every child has access to these much needed services and tools.**

**Covid affected our family the way it affected many families in our area. We were not able to see friends & family. It was stressful going out for groceries & other necessities. Shortages at stores. Lack of employees shutting down stores.**

**No one checked on senior citizens in our township. No help for seniors i.e. handyman, driver, household chores during covid. There is no senior group meeting place in twp. Sad twp doesn't care much for seniors.**

**My family needed a safe and enjoyable place to walk, bike, etc. and had to drive further (outside of Whitewater) to get to good, safe, updated trails.**

**Nothing as emergency nurses.**

**Covid kept us all "inside" & safe but less contact with people. My Whitewater Twp home is not my primary home. I spent less time at the Elk Lake house.**

**Difficult to access healthcare.**