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East Providence launches survey, seeks community's input on ARPA funds

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI –The City of East Providence is seeking input from residents, businesses, community organizations and other stakeholders on the City's use of funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) will help East Providence address the negative economic consequences of the pandemic, and provide the necessary resources for a solid economic and social recovery from the pandemic.

The City's Administration has launched a survey with the goal of acquiring input from the community on how those funds should be spent.

"We have faced a terrible pandemic," Mayor Bob DaSilva said. "We have proven that we are resilient and we have proven that we can recover.

"Now we want to hear from our stakeholders on their ideas, their concerns and how they see the city's future because we are ready to rebuild," DaSilva added. "I implore our community to join the conversation and fill out the survey."

The survey, available here <https://eastprovidenceri.gov/ARPA>, is currently available to the public until August 15, 2021.

The Administration, together with East Providence City Council members and organization leaders, will also host a public community meeting to discuss the goals of ARPA and receive feedback from all stakeholders.

The goals of ARPA are to:

- **Meet immediate COVID-19 related health, economic and social challenges**
- **Address long-term infrastructure and economic needs**
- **Confront disparate consequences of the pandemic**

The U.S. Department of Treasury has issued guidelines on how ARPA funds can, and cannot, be spent. These guidelines (ARPA's Interim Final Rule and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds FAQs) are available at on the City's website <https://www.eastprovidenceri.gov> under the tab **Transparency** or by clicking <https://www.eastprovidenceri.gov/ARPA>

Community ARPA meeting - Register here: <https://bit.ly/2TvaPQx>

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JOIN THE ARPA CONVERSATION!

**Monday, August 16, 2021
@ 7 PM**

**COMMUNITY MEETING
REGISTER TODAY**

HTTPS://BIT.LY/2TVAPQX

Join our panelists
to discuss how East Providence ARPA FUNDS should be used
AND take our survey available at <https://eastprovidenceri.gov>

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The banner features a dark blue background with a gold seal of the City of East Providence on the right. The seal includes the text "CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE", "RHODE ISLAND", "INCORPORATED 1862", "PRO BONO PUBLICO", and "DECEMBER 1, 1865". The background also shows a statue and an American flag.