

Idea Portal Individual Submissions through 2/22

Please note these are the contents of emails from individuals who submitted thoughts and ideas. They are listed in the order received. Contents of emails are as submitted, including any typos or other errors.

Submissions from organizations are posted separately by organization name.

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Hayes [mailto:rjhayescpa@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:34 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: RI Recovery Funds

Since, for the last 50 years, RI has not positioned itself to bring large to medium size businesses to the State, the funds should be available to entice companies entry to the State.

This is an investment for the young people and generations to follow.

For 50 years, we have relied on small businesses and entrepreneurs born in RI for business growth. Outsiders have had very little, if any, interest in relocating in RI.

It is time to build an annuity for the State's future.

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda David [mailto:lindadavid@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 5:44 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: The lost ones

Dear Governor,

Our former governor took away the COLA that was promised to retired teachers and retired state workers. She also reduced the monies we agreed upon at retirement. It's been almost 20 years and I'm still awaiting an increase in my monthly pension that is of substance. Cost of living is going up all around us with one big exception- seniors who worked so long only to find ourselves denied the pension we were promised.

Teachers in Cranston did not contribute to Social Security in my day; hence, there's no Medicare for so many. This makes for a major expense that only increases while on a small pension.

Teachers are turning away from the profession. Can you blame them? Maybe it's time to show them that Rhode Island values it's educators , and it is willing to right the wrong that cheated us out of the money that our contract promised us. Maybe we can live the "golden years" without money worries.

Sincerely,

Linda David
Cranston School Retiree

From: jeffrey gilman <jjgilman@necoxmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 7:08 PM

To: ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov

Cc: Rep. Kennedy, Brian Patrick

Subject: American Rescue Plan Funds

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a small business owner in the heavy construction industry here in RI. My business was actually never affected by Covid and I never applied for any PPP loan money which the majority of my peers in the industry did take. They never needed it either so it amounts to "fleecing the country" if they are not required to pay it back. Time will tell on that topic. My gripe with the situation is the higher unemployment insurance rates that we business owners have to now pay because of the other industries which were affected. I am paying the max rate and have not laid anybody off in years.

I think a substantial amount of money should be allocated the UI fund and reduce the rates to those businesses that persevered throughout the pandemic and kept working. It is not a reward or bonus to any special interest group but rather a gesture to the small business owners here in RI who did our part to keep the local economy and payrolls viable over the past 2 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Gilman

President/Owner

Western Mass Blasting Corp.

New England Rock Services, Inc.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Nason [mailto:dannason67@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:08 AM

To: ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov

Subject: Taxes

It would be great service if the money would be used for property tax relief.

Property taxes are 2nd mortgages and Rhode Islanders need some financial help to ease the burden.

From: Marchetti, Gino [mailto:gmarchet@gdeb.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:13 AM

To: ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov

Subject: Recommendation on the Federal American Rescue Plan <<Not-Sensitive>>

To Whom it May Concern,

Let the free markets best allocate these resources by giving every RI citizen a stimulus check. This will be the best boost to our local economy and will reduce any hardships.

Kind Regards,

Gino Marchetti

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Crasnton, RI

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Quinn [mailto:mpquinn23@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:07 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Cost of Living Adjustment for State Police Pensioners

This is a great opportunity for the legislature to honor retired troopers who suffered a significant and unfair loss of COLAs. The reductions over the past 8 years have significantly devalued this promised and deserved service benefit. Please be reminded that troopers were exempted from participation in Social Security during their years of service, therefore, many do not enjoy supplemental retirement income. Furthermore, if a RISP pensioner did acquire SS benefits through other work after retirement he/she is subjected to the Windfall Provision, which reduces the monthly SS benefit amount by up to 60%. For certain, the legislature should right this wrong before any consideration of resolving the Providence pension mess.

Sincerely,
M.P.Quinn
Retired RISP

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Fay [mailto:annie6251@icloud.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:23 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Spend the billion on a new electricity generator replacing the removed one in the Scituate reservoir dam.

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Fay [mailto:annie6251@icloud.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:47 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Spend billion dollar windfall on an electricity generator inside the Scituate reservoir dam replacing the one that was removed.

From: Frank Del Nigro [mailto:frankdeb2@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:48 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: How should RI spend it's windfall

Just an average citizen putting in his two cents.... How about some relief to all the citizens of RI by reducing the sales tax from 7% to 5% ... maybe even repealing the tax on “over the counter “medication that so many people depend on, and also speeding up the phase out the auto property tax that is a burden to so many middle income people.

Thanks for listening... Frank Del Nigro.... Cranston, RI

From: Ellen Piccerelli [mailto:epicc@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:05 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Idea

Dear Honorable Representatives and Senators,

I would like to submit the idea that the state allocate some of this money to the repair

East Bay Bike Path bridges in Barrington. The situation created by the RIDOT has caused a dangerous situation for bikers, pedestrians and drivers. My sense is that this is an accident waiting to happen and one that is potentially life threatening.

Below is a description of the East Bay Bike Path taken form RIDOT’s website:

The East Bay Bike path is a ribbon of asphalt that provides a safe place for unobstructed cycling. Users can enjoy the sights, sounds and smells as the path takes them by coves and marshes, over bridges, and through State Parks.

This, unfortunately, is no longer true for the Barrington stretch. Not only is it no longer safe, it is also an eyesore for the people driving over our beautiful bridges.

I don’t understand how anyone thinks this is a solution to repairing our bike bridges.

This is not a town issue, but, a statewide issue as that bike path provides so much to all in our state that take advantage of its scenic beauty, access to the waterfront and recreational parks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Ellen R. Piccerelli

-----Original Message-----

From: ED and KAREN CURETON [mailto:edkarenc@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:22 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Suggestion

Absolutely no "special" bonuses or anyone. How about helping the entire populace and lower the sales tax to 6%. How about helping the common man and forget special interests.

-----Original Message-----

From: scspirito@gmail.com [mailto:scspirito@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:33 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Eliminate or reduce the sales tax to well below neighboring states

This will have a lasting, long-term effect and have universal impact on business and individuals.

But I doubt this will happen, special interests will prevail.

-----Original Message-----

From: Toni Tinberg [mailto:tonitinberg@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:46 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Spend the windfall idea

Hi,

I propose that the ARPA funding be spent by burying all power lines in the state to avoid annual storm-related power loss.

Long term, this will protect all RI residents - and lower costs for us all.

Thanks for considering this,
Toni Tinberg

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-----Original Message-----

From: claude trottier [mailto:chtjlt@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:51 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: American Rescue Plan

EDUCATION - AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Have each COMMUNITY PRESENT. A PLAN and the State would help fund

Look for areas where the most people would benefit DONOT SUPPORT PROGRAMS WHERE POOR CHOICES
WHERE MADE.

WHOEVER RECIEVES THE MONEY SHOULD HAVE A SPECIFIC PLAN AND COST FOR THE PLAN.

From: Kiernan [mailto:kipasu99@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:10 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: windfall federal aid money

The windfall federal aid should be used to bring the school infrastructure up to date with improved air circulation systems, air conditioning systems, complete filtration and ventilation systems so we don't have the same problems we had last year trying to keep the kids safe in school. The money should be applied to all schools, not just providence schools. Disperse the money evenly to all towns and force each town to use it efficiently and only for structural improvements.

Paul Kiernan

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Vuono [mailto:nancyvuono22@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:35 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Windfall

Be adults and pay your bills!

-----Original Message-----

From: Jo Ann Smith [mailto:jgsmith66@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:37 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Funds

These funds should be spent to better the lives of all Rhode Islanders. Choosing particular groups is wrong. How can all Rhode Islanders benefit? 1. Replace the lead pipes carrying drinking water. Update Water, sewer, broadband and Infrastructure.
2. Add to or replace emergency vehicles

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen Glinick [mailto:cornet1119@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:43 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Windfall

The logical thing is to pay down debt both current and future. Not only do you get the benefit of the \$ used but save the interest on borrowing or accrue more earnings from investment of pension fund monies. This gives RI both current and future benefits and takes pressure off taxes and budgetary difficulties.

But the state will piddle it away in pet projects a la the tobacco money as usual. Common sense never works in this state. Hogs all lined up at the trough.

Stephen Glinick
Barrington

From: bobf07@aol.com [mailto:bobf07@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:48 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>; bobf07@aol.com
Subject: Use some of the Stimulus money on Goddard Park golf course

Sir or others....Goddard Park golf course could be a gem if you did the following:

Put water on the fairways....if the summer is hot and dry , then the fairways burn out and only weeds will grow.

Build a new club house with a restaurant and bar...this will be a huge money maker for the state.

Provide the course with the appropriate help and resources to maintain it properly.

Hire an outside management team that knows how to run a golf course.

sincerely, Bob Fuoroli 401 474 0650

From: martha jones [mailto:pdq99pdq@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:07 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: State Fiscal Recovery Fund

Dear Representatives,

Your first priority for ARP funds should be to replace the \$100 million dollars stolen from the State Employees Retirement Fund by Gov. Sundlun. And to replace it with the compounded average gain of the S & P 500 that have been missing from its investment portfolio for all these decades.

This will right the wrong done to retirees with the acquiescence and assistance of the General Assembly.

Have you no conscience?

S.

M. K. Jones

Providence

From: margaret Barreto [mailto:merisbarreto@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:09 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: How to Use Pandemic Money

Universal Pre K !!

What better way to help our neediest citizens in addition to housing and jobs.

Additionally it would give Pre K teachers a boost working under

a contractually agreed upon pay and working conditions.

Margaret L Barreto

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Providence, RI 02906

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Tkacs [mailto:jeffbiri@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:10 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Cc: Jeff Tkacs <jeffbiri@hotmail.com>
Subject: 1.1 billion

Private citizen

Not asking for nor representing any agency, NGO, looking for funding.

Spent, invest the funds into infrastructure(not human)across the the state that benefits all Rhode Islanders. Also, invest in the Rt. 195 redevelop site. Invest in local school district buildings and building new school buildings, example EPHS. Invest in state parks and ports.

Do not spend funds on any local muni or state government bailouts of mis managed pension funds. Do not spend funds on gifts to local governments to close budget gaps.

Jeffrey R. Tkacs
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From: John Carbone [mailto:jcvortex@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:18 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: \$1.1B WINDFALL

MORNING:

MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT LIKE AN INVESTMENT BY FOLLOWING THIS ANCIENT STATEMENT...

"TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO FISH.... NOT JUST FEED THEM FISH". THIS MAY KICK START ADDITIONAL \$\$\$ TO THE STATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ENRICH OUR BEST RESOURCE "THE OCEAN"... EVERYONE LOVES THE "BLUE".....

THANKS

JC

From: David Minicucci [mailto:outlook_72F984C777FB1467@outlook.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:20 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: property tax relief

Allot some of the money to the cities and towns for some property tax relief to homeowners. Elderly homeowners are suffering huge lost life necessities because of high taxation for their homes and with the rise in prices on almost everything (food, gas, etc) any amount of tax relief on their property would improve their life style greatly.

David Minicucci in West Warwick, RI

-----Original Message-----

From: ken guild [mailto:kenjoy898@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:42 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Idea

Please spend money on schools!! Especially Goff in Pawtucket!! If I won the lottery I'd fix that school!!
Joyce guild

From: ernestesimmons@aim.com [mailto:ernestesimmons@aim.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:07 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: American Rescue Plan Act



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Name of Lead Agency: Hip Hop On The Island shoes for youth
Remove Plastic Waste program
Additional agencies making recommendation (if applicable): _____
Contact Person / Title: Ernest E. Simmons Phone: 1-401-332-1658
Address: 172 Bellevue Avenue 301 A
Email Address (if available) ernestesimmons@aim.com
Brief Project Description (attachments should contain details) Provide shoes to
children and Remove Plastic Waste program
Total request: \$ \$10,000

-----Original Message-----

From: E Leary [mailto:eelsebk61@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:45 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: 1.1Billion windfall

To whom it may concern,

1. Affordable housing to end homelessness
2. mental health treatment
3. Child care
4. Increase salaries of child care workers and social workers.
5. Addiction treatment
6. Essential workers making less than 20 per hour
7. Court debts of those who cannot afford the payments
8. More work programs for those recently released from prison to reduce recidivism
9. Free RIPTA service
10. Free community college for all RI residents of all ages.

Things NOT to spend the windfall on:

1. Funding the pension
2. Bonuses for well paired essential workers. I am a healthcare worker who makes a decent salary. I am just doing a job I love. Give any extra money to those who truly need it.

Eileen Leary
Tiverton

From: Berry, Ann (VETS) [mailto:Ann.Berry@vets.ri.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:24 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: recognition pay

As a native Rhode Islander, State of RI health care worker, and a mother of two, I would like to weigh in on how the American Rescue Plan money should be spent.

I am an RN at the RI Veterans home and I worked through the entire epidemic. I could have filed for unemployment as they were allowing parents with kids home "distance learning" to do, but I chose not to. I could have requested the hotel vouchers to stay in a hotel as not to risk infecting my family but I did not. I instead constructed a decontamination room in my garage and was meticulous about removing my clothes, disinfecting my hands, and heading directly to the shower. I slept separately from my husband for many months until he decided he would rather accept the risk than have me sleeping on an air mattress in the living room any longer.

As the daily briefings from Governor Raimondo and Dr. Alexander Scott heightened the alarm and heeded everyone to stay home, I watched from work in full PPE while caring for scared Veterans isolated in their rooms and from their family. As the vigorous Covid testing ensued- initially nasopharyngeal which are very unpleasant, so did the mandatory overtime. Many employees started testing positive and therefore had to stay home and quarantine for 2 weeks. The mandates to stay and work and additional 8 hours began and were brutal at times. I came to work on a daily basis not knowing if I would return home until midnight. Wearing an N95 mask for 16 hours and having to work at minimum staffing levels and meet the needs of 16 residents all isolated in their rooms was onerous. My family and household suffered with me. All this while many Rhode Islanders were paid an extra \$600 to stay safely in the comforts of their home. To add insult to injury the powers that be

ignored Article 10 in our UNAP contract that provides compensation at the rate of time and half for working during the declaration or a State of Emergency. Many state workers worked virtually from home or isolated in their offices at no extra risk, this was not the case for myself and coworkers in health care but no differentiation was made.

At one point during the pandemic our facility was at critical staffing levels and FEMA deployed nursing staff to come the RI Veterans home. They were compensated generously by the government to do the job we had been doing and continued to do when their term ended at the Vets home. Even the travel agency nurses that the Veterans home contracts for extra nurses and CNAs were receiving a Covid stipend.

To Summarize I am in favor of some sort of Recognition Pay for all of the Health care workers and essential workers that did not have the luxury of working from home via Zoom or other internet avenues. I think it would be a great thing for the moral of the essential workers who knew that **showing up** was just as important as **staying home** for some of us during this pandemic.

Thank you, Ann Berry Rn

From: David Fallon [mailto:dfallon722@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:31 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: How to spend \$1.1 BILLION

RI state retirees have not had a COLA in 10 years and won't get a COLA for another 10 years. How about giving them a very large bonus or just give back the yearly COLA's they rightfully deserve.

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Cappelli [mailto:beagleymdog@icloud.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:34 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: The chicken in every pot approach

I believe that tax payer in the state deserves a bit of that 10 million dollars. I had a pretty good massage business going before the pandemic...but no more. It was not my intention to retire, but the honor system doesn't always work, and I am now responsible for an aging parent and a sister who is battling cancer. I'm sure I'm not the only one looking to figure out what to do next and when exactly I will be able to do it. Thanks.

From: Tony/Angie Fascitelli [mailto:amajfascitelli@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:38 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: My Two Cents!

Some of the proposals published today in the *Providence Journal* have merit; others do not. Priority should be given to those proposals that are investments with a probable return. The solar farm at the Metacom Golf Course may be such a proposal.

I believe spending federal money to prop up the Providence pension fund is a bad idea. Has the state takeover of the system resulted in any structural changes expected to improve student performance? We

shouldn't pour more money into the system unless both the administration and the union agree to terms that benefit students directly. (McKee's rush to approve a teacher contract with no or few concessions doesn't help in that regard.)

How can the money be spent to bolster education and RI businesses and attract investment and business from beyond our borders? Businesses need a trained workforce; we should invest there first and foremost. Businesses need reliable, safe infrastructure; we should invest there. Small businesses, Rhode Island's lifeblood, need everything, including funding. Providing them low-cost loans (not no-cost loans) is a good investment, because the loans themselves provide oversight; that is, timely repayments are a sign the business is surviving and maybe prospering.

Rhode Island and its citizens have a lot of urgent needs. Government should resist the temptation to blow the federal funds trying to satisfy those short-term needs. The spending plan should be long-term at its core. What can we do now to insure a thriving, trained/educated population 10 or 20 years from now? The politicians mulling over these funds need first to have a vision of a future Rhode Island and not exhaust the funds by handing them out willy-nilly to their constituents.

Is that too much to ask of our current leaders? If so, we'll soon be settling into our historical role as the backwater of New England and the Northeast. *Tony Fascitelli*

From: hbones505@gmail.com [mailto:hbones505@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:39 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Big River Reservoir

To plan for the future of the great state of Rhode Island a great way to insure RI continues to be great would be to put though billions to completing the Big River Reservoir. The survival of RI with 2 great resources of clean water will insure RI will be set for the next one hundred years and longer. Without clean water RI will probably have to import it from Mass or another state. Just my thoughts.

From: donnasherman02@aol.com [mailto:donnasherman02@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:51 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: My thoughts about ARPA funds

Below, and attached as a PDF. Please acknowledge receipt. Thank you, Donna Sherman

DONNA D. SHERMAN

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October 27, 2021

To: RI State Legislators

Re: American Rescue Plan funds

I respectfully request that you adopt the Governor's proposals for spending the funds. I believe that this is an opportunity for transformative change in the state that can really improve the quality of life for residents and create new opportunities for growth. It might also encourage folks to stay in the state or even move here, instead of leaving here for "greener pastures" as more and more people seem to be doing.

Please do not give in to lobbyists who have their own self interests at heart. I do not support giving away money to individuals, creating new state bureaucracies, or strengthening pensions or union positions in the state.

I was delighted to read in the Providence Journal that you were inviting our opinions on these issues, and making it easy for us to comment by giving us an email address to use, and I reached out to many people to encourage them to respond. However, on further investigation, I read that to reply to this, one was required to send a PDF cover letter and something about 3 pages of information. So next time you want to know our thoughts, please just let us email you without adding complications.

Thank you for your attention to my request, and for your service to the people of Rhode Island.

From: Patty [mailto:proccap@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:21 PM

To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>

Subject: Fwd: How the state should spend the billion dollar windfall

Being a Rhode Island taxpayer, I strongly believe this money should NOT be used to bail out any system or be paid to any group of people. Most of the suggestions help a specific group of people or workers and not the individual taxpayers whom contribute to the state.

I believe that the money should be divided fairly among those taxpayers and not as bail out or bonus money for any selected group.

Maybe you could put it to a vote in Rhode Island.

I'm sure many individuals are not even aware we finally have a say in what is to be done with this money and I'm sure other retirees receiving social security and paying for Medicare could also use a boost in their bank accounts.

Sincerely

Patricia Roccapriore

Coventry RI

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From: Denise Milburn [mailto:Denb5@outlook.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:26 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Ideas to spend money

1. Make the pension system whole since politicians caused the issue by robbing the solvent pension system to cover other debts
 2. Reward the supermarket and other low wage workers who victimized to keep our economy working and risked their lives by being in front of the public
 3. Ditto to health care workers from ccws, to rnp doctors and nurses
 4. Offer early retirement incentives to open up jobs and attract younger people to ri
 5. Develop a humane system to wrap around and support homeless people similar to the proposal that the ri foundation made
 6. Improve infrastructure
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From: Denise Milburn [mailto:denb5@outlook.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:28 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Re: Ideas to spend money

Also

Protect the environment

Invest in alternate sources of energy

From: MaryKae Wright [mailto:wright518@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:36 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: American Rescue Plan

Hello,

I would like to add my vote for how to spend RI's \$1.1 billion from the American Rescue Plan. The need for mental health services has never been higher and they must **finally** be given at least as much priority as other

medical conditions. Some of this bonus money should be used to fund increased services for those suffering from mental illness and issues with addictions, stress, and anxiety. Of course, this overlaps with the need for more affordable housing, health insurance coverage, and jobs. These services have been woefully underfunded and this is a wonderful opportunity to help those in need, including the homeless population.

Thank you,

MaryKae Wright

Bristol

From: Bob and Gail [mailto:ammanbg@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:01 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: How should RI spend it's \$1.1B windfall?

Pave the roads!! Fix the bridges! But do not - under any circumstances bail - out the City of Providence Pension system!! The City of Providence created that problem. Let them fix it. And by no means should you accept the AFL-CIO wish list, which benefits a few. This money should be spent for the benefit of ALL Rhode Islanders!! The list published in the Providence Journal on October 27, 2021 is nothing more than a "socialist" backed wish list. Please do not succumb!!

Robert Amman

East Providence, RI.

From: Rick Mathewson [mailto:rick041560@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:50 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Covid money, Hello the teachers and state workers have been the only pension system in the country that has been frozen. Our cola has been frozen fore years. Today the pension balance is the greatest it's have ever been. Lets give the people on a state...

From: David Mazza [mailto:davidjmazza@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:47 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Fund Recommendation

Use a portion of \$1.1 billion to renovate an old mill complex into a modern, state of the art homeless shelter containing apartment units with bathrooms that can suitably house 1000 residents per night. Would be run by RI DHS on a go forward basis and ensure that every Rhode Islander would be guaranteed shelter with dignity in perpetuity.

David Mazza

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From: NANCY KEYSER [mailto:ntkphl@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:46 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Federal American Rescue Plan Funds Allocation

Best use of these funds would be:

Funding free public transportation in each town or city to local shopping malls and supermarkets.

Money for public service announcements to advertise and draw enough passengers to fill buses sufficiently to make the program successful enough to reduce individual cars on the road to the extent that fossil fuel pollution is substantially reduced.

A program of this magnitude needs to become long range, ongoing and institutionalized in order to make any impact. The message that passenger cars on the road for every short trip for shopping, banking, and grocery errands is a major factor in build up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere needs to be held by a majority of citizens.

Current lifestyle choices and the proliferation of drive-up windows over the last two decades are not sustainable.

The pandemic has shown us a way to clearer skies due to people working at home instead of commuting by car to the city on a daily basis.

Use of delivery services to pick up online food orders has reduced trips by car.

A program of this type needs to reach not only the poor, handicapped and other marginalized groups, but essentially the workers in the middle and upper middle class who believe that it is not meant for them.

Incentivizing the use of this free service requires changing long held attitudes.

Specials at grocery stores, discounts on prescriptions, and added-value services at hair salons, barbers, tax services, shopping malls, etc. offered to those who travel by bus would be part of a serious implementation of the program.

From: moegauvin@cox.net [mailto:moegauvin@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:34 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: RI Spend Windfall
Importance: High

As requested attached is a PDF file of ideas as to how to spend the windfall.

Maurice R. Gauvin



RI Spend Windfall.pdf

RI SPENDING OF IT'S \$1.1Bb Windfall

1. Absolute Not. Do not fund the Providence Pension System.
2. Recognize pay to school teacher's bonus.
3. Do not give bonuses to state workers not necessary.
4. Give a bonus to doctors' offices workers who stayed open thru the Covid.
5. Give more grants for small business who stayed open and performed thru the Covid.

From: bill anderton [mailto:bandertonjr@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:23 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Windfall

Regarding the windfall

Be fiscal responsible to pay down debt
and use the money for infrastructure

No more state money to Providence

Small rural towns should also benefit since they have been supporting Providence with their taxes

Bill Anderton

Exeter resident

-----Original Message-----

From: LINDA VALENTE [mailto:lindav03@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:05 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: \$1.1 billion spending ideas

There are so many elderly in our state who have paid taxes all of their lives and who are struggling now with the high cost of everything including their health. I would love to see something done for them such as more people / social workers hired for the elderly with any issues they are having, or gift cards to a grocery store, or some money given to senior centers for additional services, etc.

Thank you,
Linda Valente

Original Message-----

From: Kathy Jones [mailto:kath30646@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:30 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: how to spend windfall

Return the money the RI government stole from the teacher's pension

Kathy Jones

-----Original Message-----

From: Tara Berard [mailto:tberardcvt@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:42 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Spend federal \$

1. Utilize this money to benefit all working Rhode Islanders by doing away with the car tax once and for all.
2. Decrease or eliminate beach fees for all RI residents Thanks for the opportunity to make suggestions.

I hope the money will help all Rhode Islander's not the special interests of the politicians.

Tara Berard

From: Meg Battersby [mailto:battersbymrs@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 2:23 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Cc: secretarygorbea@sos.ri.gov
Subject: 1.13 BILLION dollars

To Whom It Does Concern:

Please consider quickly mailing at least \$1,000.00 to each registered voter with an address on record in the State of Rhode Island as efficiently as possible!

This would be a small step in disbursing the American RELIEF. The residents of RI have already waited TOO long. After this first disbursement, plenty of funds would remain for lengthy upcoming debate/discussion of the numerous worthy proposals submitted. Many problems have become apparent in our small state and so many are willing to work towards solutions.

You may have laughed when you read the first line of my email but I ask you to seriously consider my request to get money sent quickly to struggling Rhode Islanders as soon as possible to assist them as they approach what may be a very dark winter.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Mrs. Meg Battersby

18 Bellevue Blvd

Rumford RI 02916

401-431-0396

From: Chris Sanford [mailto:chrissanford78@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:53 PM

To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>; Rep. Lombardi, John J. <rep-lombardi@rilegislature.gov>; John Baxter <JBaxter@rilegislature.gov>

Cc: Lauren Sanford <laurenrohansanford@gmail.com>

Subject: How Best to Spend the ARPA \$1.13 Billion

Rep Lombardi and Constituent Services (please forward to Sen Bell, his email is not on his website, thank you!)

Attached is my idea for how best to spend this windfall.

Save the money, invest it and use it for generations to help fund school construction/renovation, and affordable housing.

I hope you like my idea, let's not squander this opportunity!



American Rescue
Plan State Fiscal Reco

Rather than rushing to spend the money, this money could fund two of the greatest needs for generations to come. I request that the State of Rhode Island split the entire ARPA into two endowments: one for funding affordable housing construction and one for school construction & renovation. Each would provide low interest loans to municipalities to spend on projects in their city/town. Cities/towns could team up on a project for regional schools and large housing shared housing projects. Would not need a new expensive bureaucracy to administer; RI Housing could administer the affordable housing revolving fund and the Rhode Island Department of Education could administer the school construction/renovation fund. As the loans are repaid, the money could be lent out again for new projects, over and over and over in perpetuity. If this were to be entertained as a possible use of the funds, I'd be happy to donate some time to flush this out further, but won't waste my time now since it's likely the money will be wasted on short term handouts and pet projects instead.

Total request: \$ 1.13 billion

One-time or Recurring Expense? One time expense, that would be able to fund projects in perpetuity.

Best regards,

Chris Sanford

401-633-4788

58 Vernon St, Apt 2, Providence, RI 02903

From: linda hines [mailto:lmhinesri@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 12:50 PM

To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>

Subject: Coronavirus Relief Proposal

We are totally in support of the proposals offered by Governor McKee to get spending this money. In particular, creating affordable housing and providing money for mental health services are of the highest importance. PLEASE approve of these great ideas, and GET MOVING!!!!

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Thomas and Linda Hines

14 Piping Plover Drive, Narragansett, RI 02882

401.789.4578

From: smithev [mailto:smithev@cox.net]

Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 2:55 PM

To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>

Subject: Seniors Infrastructures Hospatality

Seniors need a one time 1400

Check now to help pay for food and medicine increases.

Stop taxing social security we are 1 of 13 states who continue to do so in part.

Repair bridges and roads.

Make sure all our hospitality industry in RI receive fair sums of money to remain viable.

Sincerely

Evelyn J Smith

84 Country Rd

Woonsocket, RI 02895

From: Cathy Marshall [mailto:marshallteixeira@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:30 PM

To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>

Subject: Ideas for funds

- 1) Each community given funds to build low income housing with the at least 10 units being built
- 2) Each community given funds for after school activities for all age groups with transportation included
- 3) Funds to help RIPTA purchase better buses
- 4) Free State College Tuition for all Rhode Islanders who attended High school here, up to age 24
- 5) Each school district given funds exclusively for field trips for all age groups. Must be used each year and all grades to be included. Call the program Visit RI.

- 6) Use funds to establish more programs to help parents with childcare after school, at no cost to them. Make these locations available all over RI.
- 7) Increase pre-school opportunities. There were many children put in a lottery this year, with limited space. This is not fair to anyone.
- 8) DO NOT USE THE FUNDS TOWARDS UNDERFUNDED PENSIONS. THIS MAKES THE FUNDS ONLY AVAILABLE TO A SELECT GROUP. UNDERFUNDED PENSIONS ARE DUE TO BAD FISCAL DECISIONS ON THE PART OF THAT COMMUNITY, TRY CUTTING EXPENSES, DO MORE WITH LESS. EVERYONE HAS SUFFERED DURING THIS PANDEMIC, AND THE FUNDS SHOULD BE USED FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE.

From: Michael M [mailto:michaelm47@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:36 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Spend 1.1 Billion Windfall

Dear Rhode Island Legislature;

One of the main things that needs to be done is fully fund the RI Teacher's Pension fund. 30 years ago the legislature borrowed millions of dollars to fund projects that the pension system was against. The legislature took the money anyways and never paid the money back, even though they promised they would. It's time to fully fund the RI Teacher's pension system to get it back to normal. The inflation explosion coming our way is going to make the cost of living increases greatly needed.

Thank you

Michael Mushaty

From: Mary Shepard [mailto:mshepardri@icloud.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:18 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Cc: Brent Runyon <BRunyon@ppsri.org>; Buff Chace <buff_chace@cornishlp.com>; Valerie Talmage <vtalmage@preserveri.org>; Helen Anthony <hanthony5th@gmail.com>
Subject: Kick-start renovation of Superman building

American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Fund Recommendation Cover Sheet:

Please submit this document with any recommendations for funding from Rhode Island's allocation of federal fiscal recovery funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act. This information will be made available to the public along with any detailed documents submitted that describe the proposal. It is encouraged that such documents identify clear goals and objectives and quantifiable metrics. This is not a formal request for funds, and submission of recommendations does not guarantee a response, public hearing, or appropriation from the General Assembly.

Name of Lead Agency: **Private individual, resident of Providence, writer on urban design and planning topics**

Additional agencies making recommendation (if applicable): _____

Contact Person / **Ms. Mary Shepard 401-864-1837_ 355 Blackstone Boulevard Providence, RI 02906** _____

Email Address MShepardRI@iCloud.com _____

Brief Project Description (attachments should contain details)

We must kickstart renovation and repurposing of the Superman Building, the Industrial National Trust building, 111 Westminster St., Providence

t: \$20 million or more

One-time Expense.

ARPA Eligibility Category (check all that apply) – See link for further information

<https://www.rilegislature.gov/commissions/arpa/commdocs/Treasury%20-%20Quick-ReferenceGuide.pdf>

- Respond to the public health emergency and its economic impacts **__Yes, this will be an engine for sustained economic growth of the downtown**
- Premium pay to eligible workers **__Well paying jobs will immediately be created during the reconstruction process__**
- Government services/state revenue replacement _____
- Water/sewer/broadband infrastructure _____

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gregory Greco [mailto:gregorygreco@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 11:22 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Crumbling schools

The physical deterioration of schools in Providence, Central Falls, and other communities has been one of the great blights on our state. We have an opportunity to rectify this great injustice by building new schools and giving makeovers to the schools in the most need. We can do this as well as reducing our carbon footprint by building sustainable, decarbonized schools to replace our most dilapidated ones. There is a direct link between

the disastrous 2019 report of Providence Public Schools, our most recent test scores and the blight we ask these students to visit every day. ARPA funds are not just an opportunity but a gift to redress this great injustice.

Sincerely,
Gregory Greco
East Providence, RI

From: Michael McGovern [mailto:mcgov24@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2021 10:38 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Cc: Mayor Lombardi <mayorsoffice@northprovidenceri.gov>
Subject: Swim Facilities

Dear Honorable Representatives and Senators,

Why did Rhode Island have a shortage of lifeguards last year? One reason was that not enough young people know how to swim! (This is a nationwide problem.)

Money should be dedicated toward swim facilities and programs throughout the state. My local pool, the North Providence Pool and Fitness Center, needs upgrading and repair, specifically:

- new heating and air conditioning systems
- new lockerrooms
- additional toilets
- handicapped chair for entry into pool
- new whirlpool (for injuries, as well)
- new exercise room

Having a renovated facility would also benefit seniors who come on a regular basis.

Thank you,

Michael C. McGovern

Lifeguard

From: Melissa Boyd [mailto:missejojolex@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 10:17 AM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: Covid relief

Other states gave money to low income families or all within the state. Why hasn't RI done anything that that? We are one of the worst states when it comes to helping people. Not only that we are the worst state when it comes to death among people who catch covid. How about doing something for the people? Also, do not give all jobs to union workers. Every time something needs to be contracted out it is to the same businesses.

On Thursday, January 13, 2022, 4:23 PM, Kerri Dobbyn <kerridobbyn@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good afternoon!

I am a mother of a special needs daughter, age 12 who is currently in the Bradley Hospital. Stuck between having the home supports and residential placement. Due to lack of staffing issues, turnover's and a decent compensation.

The level of work it takes to support care in human service far exceeds the wages, mandatory overtime and working conditions,

(Don't know how many people can take a punch in the face for a child with behavioral issues)

My daughter (Ava) has had a 7 year cycle of in and out of the hospital. She is now institutionalized; think about all the insurance claims from Ambulance services, ER's, hospital stays and treatment center's alone could have paid higher salaries for preventative care/services.

**Service's where hard to keep even before the Pandemic.

My daughter was eligible for many services that never happened, due to lack of staff.

This year, I had to advocate/fight for a treatment that is showing positive results....

My daughter, is doing ECT(Electro Convulsive Therapy) which is helping with her mood, access to other parts of her brain (talking more, focus, an interest in learning and most of all overall happiness. However Bradley Hospital is not in compliance with my daughter's IEP-Individual Education Plan/(free appropriate public education-FAPE.

How is my daughter supposed to thrive? The treatments are allowing her to be more compliant and focused.... So she can wait on services that she is entitled too.

What about no child left behind? IEP? HBTS-(home based therapeutic services)?

The IEP is a legal document, not being followed. Currently, as we are in the hospital so much, we don't even have an out of district school placement. Note: The Town of Johnston is working on a Tutor.

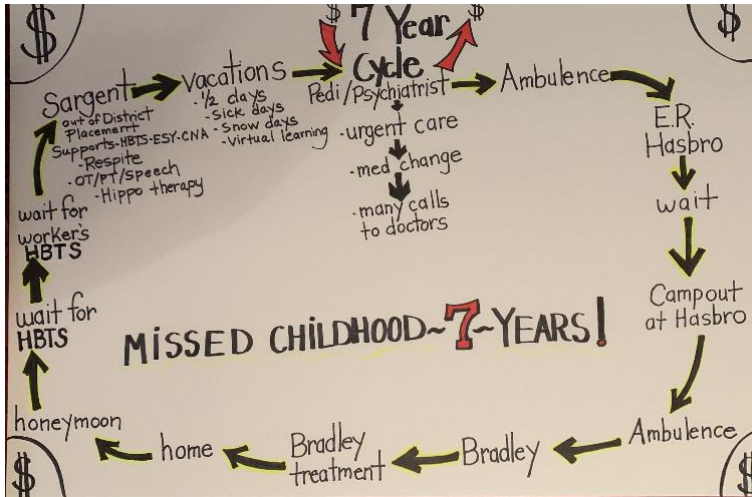
I am trying to advocate for a better system in the mental health crisis and for human services. "the other pandemic"

I have tried to work with Life Span about adding a step down program, like the Rite House and The Craft Program for the CADD (Center of Autism and Developmental Disability) unit.

The Rite House and The Craft Program have higher rates of success. The reason for success in these programs is to have the child in a more natural environment and the level's of control decrease gradually.

My daughter goes from a psychiatric treatment center,(Bradley) to home, school and HBTS.

My daughter 7 year cycle below and many others have proven this cycle is not effective. This costs more money with insurance claims, a lot of waiting and loss of my daughter's childhood. This is what a broken system looks like:



Here are is what it costs when a child goes into the hospital: for 30 days to camp out/wait for treatment.

Base Rates \$\$\$\$ one day:

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911, Ambulance ride \$650.00 (Not including mileage)

Hasbro E/R \$520.00

Camp out @Hasbro \$2913.00

650.00

525.00

2913.00

\$

4,083

Take this equation to a general day rate of \$2913.00 X 30 days waiting =

87,390

Now the child wait is over as a bed opened up in Bradley.

Ambulance ride to Bradley \$650.00

Day rate at Brady acute level \$4400.00 x 180 days = my child has been in the Bradley since March 2021.

792,000

Add 650.00

792,650

Now take this same situation with a step down program in place similar to The Craft Program.

Call 911 for an emergency ride to Hasbro \$4083.00 (ambulance, E/R and day Rate at Hasbro)
Having the option of more step down placement's Available would create more available treatment options.
Step down program's have an 80% to 85% rate of success. The child getting the support they need quicker. Getting home services in place quicker and school placement.

Hasbro \$2913.00 X 5 camp out days \$14565.00

Bradley treatment \$4400 X 5 = \$22000.00

Factor in a day rate of for a step down placement \$780.00 X 180 = 140,400.00.

\$\$\$792,650.00

\$\$\$140,400.00

Savings

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652,250

This is just one child one admission.

I have sent numerous emails to ask for help in this crisis to all the senators, governor, my state representative and many other groups/organizations.

I need help to make my voice heard.

I spoke with one of the clinician with one of the programs listed:

He states, "Skill acquisition is much higher, a success rate is much higher for the child to placed appropriately" Data is tracked and used to have the child safely back in the home or Residential's"

"At the end of my day I feel that we identify lots of strategies for families to use"

"We as clinicians get to see the journey of a child having impactful opportunities"

This is what needs to be fixed:

My examples:

(I am sure you are aware that it's just like using an emergency room for a primary care)

Our kiddos fill up emergency rooms, medical beds, residential's and treatment facilities like Butler and Bradley. This backs up the system and forces kids to have more wait times for care. Waiting for a psychiatric

treatment bed is torture for kids and parents. Think about E/I-(Early Intervention) has such a waiting system, the kids are going to age out before necessary services can help them. Children are our Future!

*Having appropriate supports in place before a crisis happens would be more cost effective for everyone.

I bring this up as an example to prove that our state can act quickly:

During the pandemic the state was able to immediately open overflow hospital's, testing centers and places for vaccinations (ASAP) Why can't this type of response be used to help this mental health crisis?

**home supports we're impossible to keep even before the pandemic.

I am working with some mom advocate's and Tina Spears-CPNRI.

We need The American Rescue Funds to help raise wages for workers in the human service field.

We need all girls youth Residential's. Staffed and ready.

We need our kids in state for Residential's and all care.

We need a step down program for the Bradley CADD Unit.

We need center's based and home based supports for Children and Adults with disabilities. Remembering our population of kids require structure even during school breaks, holidays and summertime.

We need access to qualified employees that have access to a competitive salary with benefits for the job they do.

Lastly, I am working with Paul LaCava and mom advocate's to try to layer in more supports for children and adults in behavioral issues. Think about the flexibility for a CNA worker with a Milieu experience. Something like a teaching hospital so field work would be part of their degree.

Also adding a certificate for speech therapy assistant. How about creating across the board Milieu training as a certificate program? Think how that would help so many home supports including Early Intervention.

To entice workers, have sign on bonuses, relief staff - can fill in on a minutes notice (paid at a higher rate) or per diem staff.

Let's have higher education that justifies increases in salaries. Room to grow.

We need, Teamwork with other agencies like (Trudeau, Seven Hills, and Groden) working with DCYF, so we can save money, have prevention measures in place for behavioral health and eliminate out of state placements.

I have proposed a lot of idea's and my goal is help the mental health crisis and human services field become better.

Can you help?

Please share with anyone who can help.

Thank you!

Kerri Cassino

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kerridobbyn@yahoo.com

I am sending this proposal in for review on 1/13/2022.

My daughter to date, in Bradley has no education or suitable placement.

From: Elizabeth Ann Bennett [mailto:lizzitish1972@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 7:02 PM
To: ARPAideaportal <ARPAideaportal@rilegislature.gov>
Subject: ARPA suggestion.

To whom it may concern,

To say that I am EXTREMELY SHOCKED, AND SADDENED to learn that not a single dime from the 1+Billion in pandemic relief sent to this state to HELP THE RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE HAS NOT BEEN TOUCHED. YET SO MANY FAMILIES and INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE ARE STILL STRUGGLING AND FIGHTING TO TRY TO GET THEIR LIVES BACK ON TRACK, TO GET THEIR BILLS UP TO DATE AND FIND THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE DAILY INCREASE IN THE COST OF BASIC NEEDS. INSTEAD OF THAT MONEY ACTUALLY HELPING RI residents right now, WHO ACTUALLY COULD USE THE HELP, THE IDEAS OF GIVING MORE MONEY TO EVERYONE ELSE, BUILD ALL OF THIS FOOLISH NONSENSE THAT WILL DO NOTHING TO ACTUALLY HELP RESCUE THE PEOPLE IT'S NAME CLEARLY STATES IT'S INTENDED PURPOSE!! HOW CAN YOU ALL JUSTIFY THAT WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE?!?!?!? I GUESS WHEN YOU'RE NOT EFFECTED BY ANY OF THIS, WHEN YOUR PAYCHECK COMES NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, IT'S EASY TO IGNORE THE OBVIOUS STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE WHO PAY FOR YOUR PAYCHECK!! SHAME ON ALL OF YOU!! THE FIRST THING YOU ALL SHOULD HAVE DONE WAS SEND EACH TAX PAYING RESIDENT A STIMULUS TO HELP THEM GET BACK ON THIER FEET!!! A 1 TIME ONLY PER ADULT TAX PAYING LEGAL RESIDENT. NO DEPENDANT ALLOWANCES JUST A ONE TIME FLAT RATE ACROSS THE BOARD PAYMENT!! I WILL BE POSTING THIS ON ANY BOARD POSSIBLE AND LETTING AS MANY RESIDENTS OF RI know about my thoughts and maybe developing an online petition to make sure that money isn't wasted on stupid stuff that does nothing to help us.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth A. Bennett

Providence Homeowner.
