

GRAND ISLE ARPA SURVEY RESULTS

February/March 2022

GRAND ISLE APRA FUNDS SURVEY BACKGROUND

APRA \$638,500 – In 2021, the town of Grand Isle was awarded a two-year total of \$638,500 through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to aid in pandemic-related public health investments and/or economic recovery.

STANDARD ALLOWANCE - In January 2022, the US Department of Treasury issued its Final Rule for APRA funds, allowing towns/cities to take a “Standard Allowance” of up to \$10M, which effectively allows Grand Isle to use the town’s ARPA funds for any government services or infrastructure.

MAXIMIZE IMPACT - The Planning Commission and Selectboard are working with guidance from VT League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) and Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) to look for ways to extend the town’s ARPA funds, in combination with other State/Federal funds, to maximize the impact of these funds for the town of Grand Isle.

PRIORITIES/CAPITAL BUDGET/TOWN PLAN - Through the APRA survey, we are hoping to begin to engage the public in setting priorities for these funds. We also hope to use this input to inform the town’s 5-year Capital Budget Plan as well as the upcoming revision of the Town Plan in 2023.

ARPA SURVEY BASICS

Survey Monkey survey was open 2/15/22 – 4/3/22

Links promoted on Grand Isle Town homepage, Planning Commission page, Front Porch Forum, ad in Islander

196 Responses, with 108 people providing emails for follow-up engagement in the ARPA planning process

Q1 - PICK 5 FUNDING PRIORITIES - SUMMARY

Almost
60%...3 in 5

Multi-Purpose Community Center

Water Infrastructure Projects

More than
40%...2 in 5

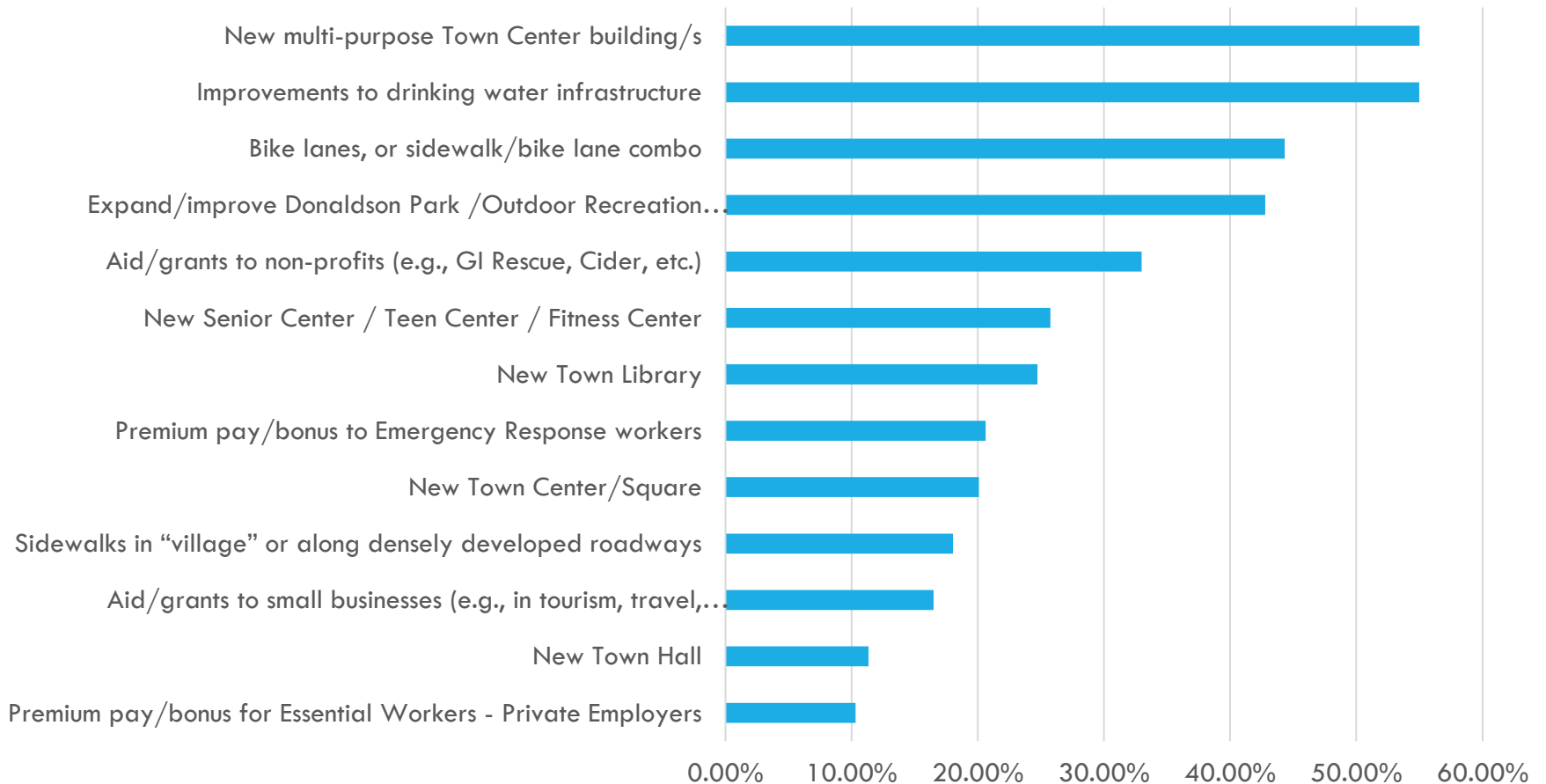
- Bike Lanes / Sidewalk – Bike Lane Combo
- Improvements to Donaldson Park / Outdoor Recreation Facilities

More than
20%...1 in 5

- Aid/Grants to Non-Profits e.g. Rescue, Cider, etc.
- New Senior Center / Teen Center / Fitness Center
- New Town Library
- Premium Pay/Bonus to Emergency Response Workers
- New Town Center/Square

Q1 - PICK 5 - DATA

Question 1 – Pick 5



Q2 & Q3 – TOP PRIORITIES ARPA / CAPITAL PLAN

Top Priorities

Multi-Purpose Community Center & Water Infrastructure Projects – longer term planning question favored Multi-Purpose Community Center

Others frequently listed as priorities

Fitness Center, Senior Center, Teen Center

Improved/increased facilities for Recreation

Town Library

Town Center, create place to interact and “run into each other” popular

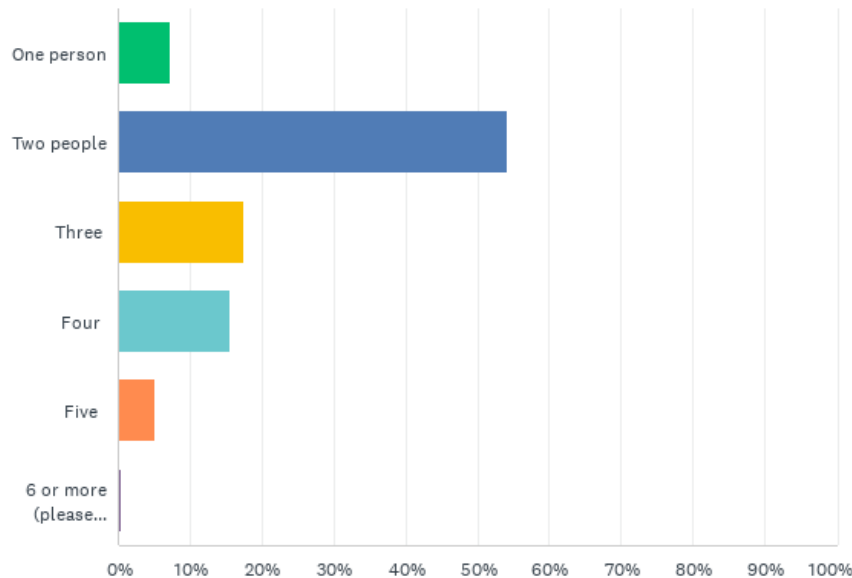
Bikelanes

Town beach access improvements

SURVEY PARTICIPANTS' HOUSEHOLDS

- 93% Year-round, 3% Summer, 4% Half the Year
- 17% 0-5 Lived Years in GI, 27% 6-15 Years, 48% 16+ Years

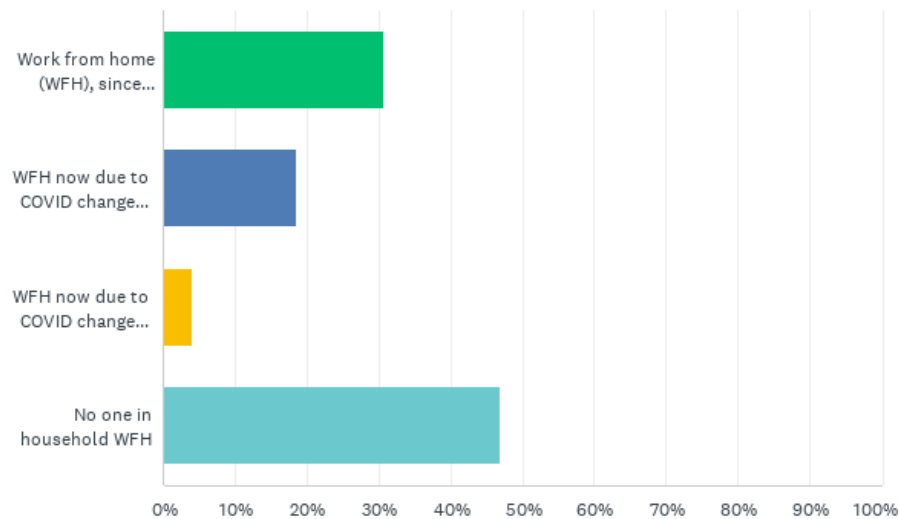
Q6 How many people live in your Grand Isle household?



WFH DURING COVID

52% HH = No one WFH 37% HH = 1 Person WFH 11% = 2 People WFH

Q11 If someone in your household works from home (WFH), which best describes the situation:





ARPA NEXT STEPS

Selectboard and townspeople feedback

Work with VLCT & NRPC – identify possible grants,
develop process

Village Designation