

Scorecard for evaluating ideas for ARPA funds:

The first three categories are filters determining whether the idea is eligible, feasible, and does not have alternative funding sources available.

Eligibility: Meets Treasury guidelines or Does not meet Treasury guidelines

Feasibility: Idea feasible as presented or Idea not feasible as presented

Alternative Funds: No alternative funding sources in sight or Alternative funding sources available now or in next 2 years

Any idea that does not meet Treasury guidelines, is not feasible, or has alternative funding sources available does not make the cut, and is not scored on the 7 scoring criteria.

In the following seven categories, we award points (0, 2, or 4, with 4 being the most favorable):

Complexity: from will take more than a year to implement to can be done within three months

Future Tax Burden: from will not reduce tax burden to will significantly reduce future tax burden

Matching Funds: from no evidence of matching funds available to clear evidence of availability

Community Benefit: from less than 25% of community benefitting to majority benefitting

Implementation Burden: from requiring additional staff to minimal additional burden on staff

Sustainability: from requiring substantial ongoing administration to no ongoing administration

Impact: from little or no long-term benefit to solid long-term benefit

List of All Ideas Submitted by Corinth Residents:

Telecommunications/IT

- Speed up rollout of fiber internet broadband (e.g., matching grants for low-income hookups)
- Expand hotspots and/or prepare hotspots for fiber and retrofit spaces for remote access (suggest \$5k)
- Speed up rollout of cell service; town minicell network
- Get emergency communication system on town property/under town control, maybe expand to cell tower
- Office hours for IT support at town hall
- Fully fund town computer reserve with \$30K

Town Hall Improvements

- Town Hall repairs (entryway, gutters, siding, paint, etc.)
- Town Hall enhancements (remote worker space, office space expansion, parking, kitchen renovations for personal or small business food ventures)
- Town Hall weatherization & efficiency (commission updated energy audit, implement recommendations)
- Town Hall fuel-switching/decarbonization (heat pump for heating/cooling)
- Solar array to benefit Town of Corinth, possibly library and town garage too

Community Enhancement

- Welcome signage/beautification
- Town forest maintenance, trail expansion
- Library (funding for summer/afterschool programs, outdoor pavilion, backup generator/battery, EV charging, remote worker space, storage shed....)
- Funding community organizations (Corinth Community Coalition-has \$50K request, coffeehouse, library summer programs, health center, ambulance service, teen center, historical society, food shelf, AAU sports teams, food shelves, Safeline, churches, LEAD program....)
- Resource/enrichment events (including community meals)
- Community greenhouse/gardens
- Artisan/farmers/services market space
- Emergency shelter (including potential generator/battery for library)
- EV charging stations, potentially solar-powered, ideally at town public buildings
- Low-income housing
- Outdoor pavilion(s) (ballfield, library, town forest)
- Firewood bank
- Fix up Mason lodge, turn into community center with classes, afterschool programming (\$100K)
- Community services, especially for elderly and people with illnesses or disabilities transportation, outreach, check fire extinguishers & smoke detectors, financial literacy, access to computers & work space, books and puzzles for children)
- Covered front porch for former academy building in Cookeville, outfit for outdoor concerns
- Urgent care facility at new fire station
- Ballfield enhancements (pizza oven, tents)

Recreation

- Bradford rec: dog park, skate park, walking trails

- WRVS rec: disk golf, mountain bike path
- Corinth rec field: basketball & tennis courts, mountain biking trails, dog park, ice-skating pavilion (possibly at NE slopes)
- Community pool/center with fitness classes
- Playground
- Grooming town forest and other trails for xc skiing and snowshoeing
- Fund kids ski program at NE Slopes (\$50K for 5-10 years)
- Disk golf course (WRVS, town forest, NE slopes - est. \$25K)
- Hiking & ATV trails

Childcare/Education

- Support for a licensed daycare
- Preschool - build facility or otherwise support
- After-school programs - build facility or otherwise support, including free summer & after-school enrichment
- Scholarships: fund to award every graduating HS student, also for camps/college/adult ed/online coursework
- Pay down WRVS mortgage

Road Maintenance

- Improve roads, fix bridges
- Repave road through Cookeville
- Pave Fairground Rd. near fire dept. (\$160K)
- Fund bridge reserve with \$50K
- Fund highway dept. to line ditches & replace culverts (\$50K)
- Study streams and how affect roads, invest in bigger culverts
- Bike lanes/shoulders on all paved roads
- Chipping trees felled along roadways
- Plows, graders, town trucks

Town Garage Improvements

- Town garage: upgrading, possibly solar
- Technology to calibrate salt distribution
- Funding to highway dept

Volunteer Fire Department

- Equipment and vehicle funding
- Stipend in appreciation of services

East Corinth Sewer System

- Feasibility study, scoping, and other steps toward a sewer system for the village

Old General Store Property

- Purchase store, potentially demolish and replace with public amenity such as picnic/swimming area, park, garden, afterschool spot, community meeting area, parking for tourists, or build multi-family housing

Debt Servicing

- Pay down debt: fire department, other expenses
- Invest: copper mine remediation expenses; college and job training for townspeople and/or paying off student loans

Other

- Extend powerlines to unserved areas, e.g. Backway Rd.
- Program to help landowners deal with invasive plants
- Compensate Town Health Officer & Town Service Officer
- Swap shop
- Mini-grants to homeowners for repairs/improvements
- Loans/grants to incentivize residents to add affordable housing space/units
- Secure land for BIPOC individuals wanting to settle in Corinth
- Grants for people impacted by COVID
- Fuel/food assistance // Gift cards to local groceries/department stores
- Support to animal shelter(s) / Support to food shelves, Safeline, etc.
- Food, clothing, toys for children
- One-time bonus to town employees
- Tax assistance
- Distribute equally to all households
- Access to solar for those w/o tax appetite

Ideas that have made the initial cut and will be scored by the committee:

- Expand hotspots and/or prepare hotspots for fiber and retrofit spaces for remote access
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- EV charging stations, potentially solar-powered, ideally at town public buildings
- Outdoor pavilion(s) (ballfield, library, town forest)
- Fix up Mason lodge, turn into community center with classes, afterschool programming (\$100K)
- Ballfield enhancements (pizza oven, tents) - only with gift of land
- Corinth rec field: basketball & tennis courts, mountain biking trails, dog park, ice-skating pavilion
- Playground
- Fund kids ski program at NE Slopes
- Disk golf course
- Support for a licensed daycare
- Preschool - build facility or otherwise support (could combine with after-school)
- After-school programs - build facility or otherwise support (could combine with preschool), including free summer & after-school enrichment
- Improve roads, fix bridges (repair Hedgehog Brook bridge)
- Pave Fairground Rd. near fire dept.
- Town garage: upgrading, possibly solar
- Technology to calibrate salt distribution
- Fire Department Equipment and vehicle funding (\$35,600 for trailer unit and jaws of life)

- Feasibility study, scoping, and other steps toward a sewer system for the village (\$6,650 from Redstart proposal)
- Purchase store, potentially demolish and replace with public amenity such as picnic/swimming area, park, garden, afterschool and community meeting area, parking, or multi-family housing
- Compensate Town Health Officer & Town Service Officer
- Swap shop
- Support to animal shelter(s)
- Support to food shelves, Safeline, etc.
- One-time bonus to town employees