

Tasjanae Kothe 12:09 PM

Will we have access to the slides?

Rachel Gagnon, TLCHB to Panelists (12:14 PM)

Universal Pre-K for 4 y/o's

Kim Kensler-Prager 12:14 PM

Could we have the address for feedback again?

Anonymous Attendee 12:16 PM

I am concerned about using these funds to fund a newly expanded park and recreations department that City Council has discussed recently. Are these funds for capital items only?

Joe Schreuder to Panelists (12:16 PM)

Can the "summery job opportunities" for youth be employed by the city, cleaning up neighborhoods, cutting grass, working at pools and parks, etc

John C. Jones to Panelists and Attendees (12:17 PM)

I want to strongly underscore the importance of early childhood education and supporting the delivery of high quality pre-k services. We must have a comprehensive community-based approach to early education. We must support children and families, but also we must support our community based Providers!!!

Bev Bingle 12:17 PM

I'd like to see urban agriculture and community gardens emphasized and supported!

Max O'Hara to Panelists and Attendees (12:18 PM)

early intervention is key.

Bev Bingle 12:19 PM

Increasing the urban canopy is essential. We're in a climate crisis, and it's not going away unless we take action now.

Ann Ebbert - Cherry Street to Panelists (12:20 PM)

I'd like to support John and Rachel - from Cherry Street Mission Ministries we know starting youngsters off with a healthy education and strong support system prevents the cycle of poverty. We'd love to see this initiative.

Artisha Lawson, Greater Toledo Community Foundation 12:20 PM

Can someone post the link for the slides?

Arthur S Jones Jr to Panelists (12:21 PM)

This is Art Jones, advocate against domestic violence. I want to make

Thanks sure Efforts to address domestic violence in Toledo should be made a priority. This is a kids issue as well as community safety issu. Are the comments made at the first forum available on line

Council Member McPherson to Panelists (12:22 PM)

I want to see new houses built in the place of vacant lots. rebuilding our neighborhoods

Teleange Thomas (she/her) to Panelists (12:25 PM)

Support services, programming, coaching and capital for Entrepreneurs. Programs to get more students, young people into tech oriented skill and job training opportunities.

S Meadows to Panelists and Attendees (12:25 PM)

Greetings! This is for documentation. I would also like to make a brief comment for input. I lift and support Rachel and John's comments. To reinforce this, I would strongly encourage use of the ARPA monies towards expansion of support for Schools as Community Hubs. The work we do is evidence based, focused on inclusion, diversity, and equity in Academics, Health & Wellness and Economics. Schools are demonstrated anchors of neighborhoods, and can thrive when collaborating partners and resources are adequate to serve the families.

Artisha Lawson, Greater Toledo Community Foundation to Panelists and Attendees (12:25 PM)

Job Creation comment. Let's address the soft skills that are needed to start businesses, and/or earn a living wage. These jobs should also focus on addressing basic need gaps in communities.

David Walczak 12:27 PM

We hear a lot and it was also mentioned in the slide show about lead paint. But what about replacing lead water lines? I understand there is some sort of plan underway to get these replaced but it doesn't seem to be a priority. Lead paint gets the press but lead pipes are also an issue. Lets jump start this project and lessen the chemicals in our water.

Bev Bingle 12:28 PM

I don't see building houses in the central city as a sensible priority. We could take a lesson from Detroit and teach our kids farming at the same time that we make fresh, healthy food available in the food deserts of Toledo. For the future, that's a better use of these funds than using vacant land for buildings.

Joe Schreuder to Panelists and Attendees (12:28 PM)

Revitalize neighborhoods by giving job opportunities for youth mowing and cleaning vacant and abandoned lots. Also would be great to have programs, assistance, and whatever necessary law changes to help people turn these vacant lots into spaces young people can use to play sports or do small scale farming...

Wendy Pestrue to Panelists (12:28 PM)

We also find community center hubs

Suepinda Keith 12:28 PM

Would like to see better bike infrastructure ie; safer and protected lanes. Invest this in lower income communities and communities of color.

Lauren Schulze (COT) to Panelists and Attendees (12:29 PM)

There's been a lot of focus on rental protection and assistance, both locally and nationally. But many homeowners are struggling. How do we also provide assistance to homeowners to maintain their property and take pride in their ownership. Is there potential for grants for homeowners for repairs and improvements? (no further comment, it's just an observation).

Joe Schreuder to Panelists and Attendees (12:30 PM)

Allowing and encouraging residents to take care of the vacant lots and grow their own food would also help encourage economic sustainability and improve health in the "food desert" in some neighborhoods

Tasjanae Kothe to Panelists and Attendees (12:31 PM)

Yes Joe I feel like that is very important! Teach kids as well about gardening!

Tracey B to Panelists and Attendees (12:32 PM)

To echo a previous comment regarding helping homeowners- could there be some sort of fund-matching grants to help homeowners with large-scale improvements (HVAC, roof, windows, landscaping, etc)?

Kurt Landis (He, Him, His) to Panelists and Attendees (12:33 PM)

I want to bring attention to the needs and lack of services in our community that are designed to help and foster safe spaces for the LGBTQ+ community. This is especially evident with the lack of a community center that serves those that are LGBTQ+. Additionally, we lack safe and affirming recovery environments that can foster healing from addiction and mental health issues. Studies have shown that LGBTQ+ affirming services is vital and we lack this within our community. I am suggesting that we support the development of a LGBTQ+ community center and recovery housing that is designed to serve LGBTQ+ individuals.

Bev Bingle 12:35 PM

How about solar and wind power for all Toledo homeowners?

David Walczak to Panelists (12:35 PM)

Lead paint gets all the press in Toledo, but lets focus on lead water lines and get extra chemicals out of our water. Lets jump start this project. This has not been a priority in the past.

Keon Jackson to Panelists and Attendees (12:36 PM)

Make it easier for small and new contractors and vendors in state and out of state to do business and obtain licenses to get some much needed work done in the community and modernizing the housing inventory public and private

Rachel Gagnon, TLCHB to Panelists and Attendees (12:39 PM)

Affordable multi-family housing; we're seeing a lot of fair market development as of late but this could be an unprecedented opportunity to catch up on the lack of affordable housing/stock; would also align with the City's comprehensive plan. Shelter and support services need assistance in preparation for forthcoming evictions but we need a more robust pipeline with available units at the end for folks to exit shelter to.

Meta Lim (LMH) to Panelists and Attendees (12:42 PM)

I support the Code compliance grants or loans to improve homes. Some homeowners may not have the additional funds to timely or properly fix their units to meet housing codes. In the end, renters may be subject to unsafe housing.

Erin McPartland Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity to Panelists (12:44 PM)

It is important that any plan or program that is started has a plan for sustainability.

Amelia Gibbon to Panelists and Attendees (12:44 PM)

Neighborhood Leadership Development should occur in each identified Priority area. This will help the community move toward a more equitable decision-making process when discussing both short and long strategies for community development.

Amanda to Panelists (12:45 PM)

Recalling City employees affected by the Reduction in Force lay-offs during the pandemic would greatly improve City services. (Please read, Ignazio.)

Ashley 12:45 PM

Would grants for college for youth, and young adults be permitted? Allowing youth to access higher education and allowing adults to go back to school to acquire credentials to get better jobs would be a great program.

Ashley to Panelists (12:46 PM)

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joe 12:47 PM

What about funding for minority start ups ? And small business !?

Karyn McConnell to Panelists (12:49 PM)

I would like to see money dedicated to support citizens returning to our community from prison. Housing, transportation, and workforce development are just some of the major barriers for these individuals that they cannot always overcome on their own. A lot of the work done to assist them is done by community volunteers, but we could be more efficient and effective with dedicated staff and dollars.

Erin McPartland Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity to Panelists and Attendees (12:50 PM)

This is once in a lifetime investment that can start a lot of programs, but what is the plan for sustainability?

Anonymous Attendee 12:49 PM

I'm hearing a lot about putting money in existing businesses and government efforts and very little about addressing serious needs that can be prioritized with great benefit: mass transit, solar/wind power, urban farming, homelessness, community gardens, and mini-parks.

Bev Bingle to Panelists (12:52 PM)

Almost \$181 million. Sounds like it's going to go to businesses and government and not to really addressing the biggest problem we face right now, which is climate change.

S Meadows to Panelists and Attendees (12:54 PM)

Two ideas:

1. Innovation incubator (s): Some of the funds could be used for an internship, fellowship, or experiential opportunity for residents to work on how we can sustain the programs beyond the ARPA expenditure.
2. Now: Is there a team who is identifying potential opportunities for programming based on successful programs trending across the country or world?

Tasjanae Kothe 12:54 PM

Is the Toledo Recovery Plan working with together the Toledo Comprehensive Plan 2020?

Lauren Schulze (COT) to Panelists and Attendees (12:57 PM)

I'd love to see the Libbey Outlet building turned into a small business retail shopping center. Allow small businesses to rent spaces by the week/month to assist in small business revitalization. The farmers market already kind of does this, but you have to be able to setup/take-down your business in one day. Inside space allows them to set up for a longer length of time. Think Maker's Mart, but permanent. (no further comment, thank you)

Joaquin Cintron Vega (LMH) 12:58 PM

Just a general comment:

In my opinion, the availability of funding represents an opportunity to implement a holistic approach to consider all topics as part of an aggregate and not individually. In considering this approach, we can build a stronger foundation to leverage and achieving success in maximizing the available resources.

I recommend a tiered approach to prioritize on the elements of consideration. I think this can generate a cascade effect to position our people, neighborhoods and communities to benefit from all five areas of investment that are considered in the Toledo Recovery Plan.

For example: A healthy place to call home is the centerpiece from which we can generate safer and more livable neighborhoods. Providing housing stability goes hand in hand with job demand which will support a process of job creation, for which resources must be allocated. As result, a higher employment rate should boost the local economy, including but not limited to resources reverting to the local government to

Wendi Huntley 1 to Panelists (1:00 PM)

Perhaps you mentioned the timetable at the outset, and I apologize for joining late; but I wanted to ask about the proposed timing for this process. I understand that community feedback will be solicited over the next month or so, and then it would be great to hear what will take place thereafter.... will there be an application process? Do you expect to send out the funding by the end of the year? Just wanting to see if there is a proposed timeline

Jboose to Panelists (1:02 PM)

We must use fund to help address the violence in our city. Because if this is not change then it hinder city growth.

Marquisa Horton to Panelists (1:05 PM)

Yes Pastor Boose!! Agreed

Bev Bingle to Panelists (1:05 PM)

How many people are in this discussion?