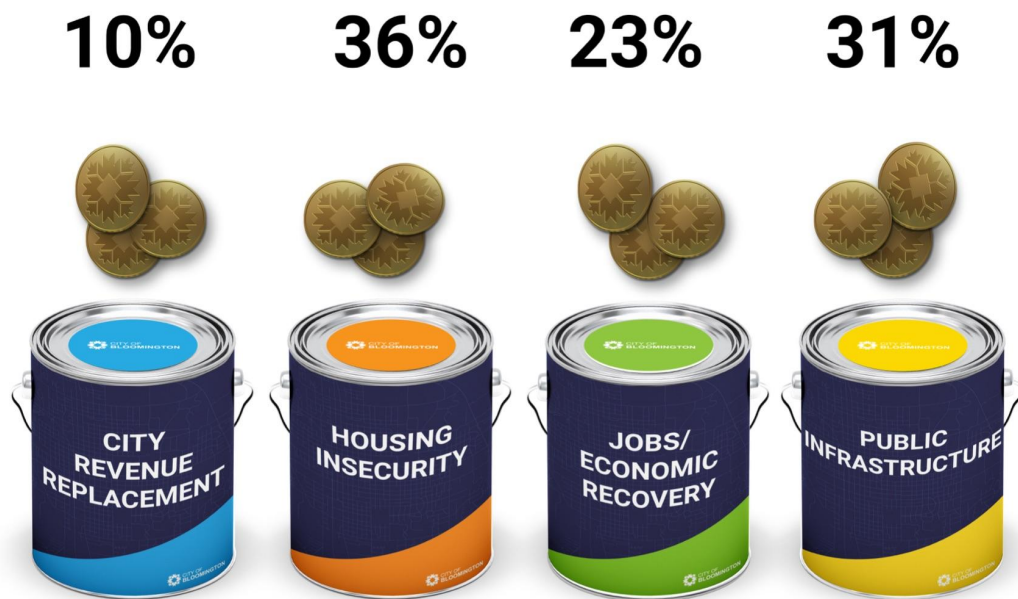


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SURVEY RESULTS

As of July 6, 2021 from 147 Respondents



	Sum of all Responses	Percentage
City Revenue Replacement	1,529	10%
Housing Insecurity	5,361	36%
Jobs/Economy	3,475	23%
Infrastructure	4,669	31%
Total	15,034	100%

Please share suggestions for specific projects or investments within one or more of these categories that you consider particularly important to our community's recovery:

street people need community land trust see city areas tenants money start new Invest
better Please fund pandemic low income free support think
affordable housing downtown parking service infrastructure
provide community neighborhoods need permanent people
rental help home housing projects Bloomington
Sidewalks city existing built living jobs payments affordable landlords
programs expand businesses high make fix homeowners arts low
since rent Hire already small businesses Will essential workers Use city parks public

Please share suggestions for specific projects or investments within one or more of these categories that you consider particularly important to our community's recovery:

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Housing Insecurity: 80% fund allocation to establish a non-profit entity that purchases parcels, and receives deed ownership to existing city-owned parcels, on which parcels the existing housing is renovated and/or new housing is built by crews consisting of local residents, some of whom might be members of our community experiencing homelessness as part of a contemporaneous, city-operated workforce training program. The resulting developed parcels would then be essential components by which a city-managed, program incents, cooperatively finances, and/or provides a basis for owner-occupied housing that furthers and directly contributes to greater housing parity in our community. Public Infrastructure: 20% fund allocation to establish a new utility division of CBU that begins construction of an open-access, community-wide, fiber-optic broadband network infrastructure (with construction tasks performed by CBU staff/employees and contractors who live in Bloomington/Monroe County) and which network infrastructure is then operated by the CBU division to proffer performant, lowest-practicable price broadband services to community residents and businesses and fairly lease network access to third-parties who may independently also elect to offer competitive services.	7/2/2021 11:11 PM
2	Help provide housing and services for the homeless so they don't have to live on the street and are given help integrating into society. Help provide affordable housing for low and middle income families through subsidies for home purchases and incentives for developers to create affordable housing. I am not knowledgeable enough about what employment opportunities are needed, but businesses could be incentivized to employ more people and raise their wages to a livable amount.	7/2/2021 5:27 PM
3	Helping people with down payments to purchase residences of all kinds in Bloomington. We are a majority rental community which undermines the stability of the City. We have plenty of rental units already. Ownership gives people more of a stake in their community and strengthens it. We have too little of this in Bloomington. With interest rates so low, the major impediment to ownership is not prices, but coming up with the 20 percent down payment. This is especially true for young people. I'd also like to see more done to house the homeless, although I admit I don't know how to accomplish this. I'd like to see only those public works projects that may have suffered during covid be refunded. I would NOT like to see more money go to park infrastructure, programming and to other large new city projects. We have enough already. Switchyard Park is a huge tax burden as it is. We did not need such a huge park in Bloomington, but now that we have it, it's enough. I fear and understand it is already becoming a big hangout. Let's take a break from new projects and programs and advertise even better to get people participating in what's already available in Bloomington, which is a ton. In the jobs/economic recovery category, the small businesses, especially downtown, should get a break so more don't go out of business and we are left with only restaurants and bars. This seems to be happening. This would also include helping out small landlords (if there are still any), who rent to the small businesses so they can (and are obliged), to keep their rents reasonable. I'd also like to see parking subsidized so people will go downtown to shop more, instead of heading to the shopping plazas and malls. I know I tend not to go downtown when I think of the hassle of having to pay for parking and perhaps getting my timing wrong and then having to pay for a parking ticket, as has happened to me. We tend NOT to eat and shop downtown because of this. In terms of new infrastructure, I'd like to see the city put money towards making restaurants on the square have permanent outside seating and perhaps expand the sidewalk area where practical, to help with this. It will be important economically, as it's likely covid and other diseases will continue to be the reality in our future.	7/2/2021 4:37 PM
4	We need sensible housing strategically placed in areas that have adequate infrastructure and will not disruptive to present neighborhoods and adequate infrastructure built where we are presently lacking.	7/2/2021 3:13 PM

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5	Housing: the city should fund existing homeless shelters and services, and they should support/fund/incentivize affordable units for low income households in any new housing development. Infrastructure: lead water lines, obviously must be identified and replaced. Also, water mains are in desperate need of repair. Everyone should have access to free or affordable broadband. It is no longer optional, everyone needs that access to participate fully in society.	7/2/2021 2:33 PM
6	Allocate most to 2 because the last year has revealed how necessary yet underfunded it is. Look for synergies between 2 and 3 to benefit both. E.g., train workers in green jobs (solar, weatherization, energy efficiency) and fund relevant work projects to benefit low-income households, reducing utility bills to increase resilience/reduce housing insecurity.	7/2/2021 2:26 PM
7	Building more low income housing is an essential step to alleviating many of our community's' problems. I wish I knew how to get this done. Wherever I look, "luxury" apartments are being built -- even on a high traffic road like Hillside. Are there government grants for low income building?	7/2/2021 1:16 PM
8	Sidewalks, new culverts, and drainage.	7/2/2021 1:10 PM
9	Assisting LOCAL businesses and residents (meaning people who were living in Bloomington before and during the pandemic) whose businesses and livelihoods were significantly harmed during the pandemic. There are downtown businesses already suffering from the pandemic that were then impacted severely by the recent flooding. Priority should go to businesses whose work relates to local food economy or to addressing climate change.	7/2/2021 10:43 AM
10	I hope the city will partner with other organizations such as BRI (Bloom. Restorations) low income housing projects, and establish programs to rehab in town houses and make available with first time and or low income buyer supports - help with down payments and government supported low interest loans, etc. This would help stabilize citizens and the whole community.	7/2/2021 10:13 AM
11	Infrastructure from roads and bridges, drainage, to better ISP offerings.	7/2/2021 10:00 AM
12	Replace, repair, update aging infrastructure - utility lines, sidewalks, curbs, add sewer grates, solve parking issues on narrow streets. As a homeowner, I am frustrated with cleaning up flood damage to my property with seasonal rains. I've done my part with recommendations such as new gutters, grading away from the home/landscaping, new perimeter drains. I'm also frustrated that our grid loses power (and internet) when the wind blows. Fix what we have in historic neighborhoods before adding additional strains (new housing developments in particular) to our home investments. Do your part please.	7/2/2021 9:59 AM
13	4a. Repair/replace underground infrastructure as recent flood shows is needed. 4b. Repave streets. This is the best way to improve conditions for bicyclists (speaking as a 40 year daily rider in Bloomington).	7/2/2021 9:21 AM
14	New Hope Shelter and Day Care	7/2/2021 8:41 AM
15	We need to do something about city storm drains. The last big storm is evidence that what we have isn't sufficient.	7/2/2021 8:34 AM
16	The arts are an important part of the city's economic life. Please provide adequate support for both nonprofit arts organizations that provide jobs as well as the venues that make their work possible. Thank you.	7/2/2021 8:28 AM
17	I think all jobs in Bloomington should be required to pay a living wage, that homes should be affordable for PERMANENT residents, not just the middle and upper classes, and that mayor Hamilton should stop appropriating taxpayer monies for lawsuits against Juan sells and having plans drawn up on land the city doesn't own, and paying absurdly expensive consultants. What happened to the money that was supposedly going to improve the convention center? Why is there no more free parking for county commuters?	7/2/2021 8:22 AM
18	Infrastructure - look into what can be done to eliminate the flood damage that occurred recently	7/2/2021 8:05 AM
19	Improving the water mitigating, run off, sewage system so that we can cope better with big storms.	7/2/2021 6:12 AM
20	I would spend all jobs money to increase green jobs (partnering with local incubators/pre-accelerator, training). This a growing market and these investments will help the community long-term. Investing deeply in one area will reap more economic benefits (and have lower transaction costs) than spreading money across a wide group of areas. I also think there's a good moral argument for this investment.	7/2/2021 12:10 AM

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21	Downpayment for first time homeowners; help for low income senior citizen homeowners to build ADUs; subsidized rental support for low income families.	7/1/2021 11:41 PM
22	Make the homeless get jobs and off the streets	7/1/2021 12:17 PM
23	Bucket #2: 60%: Funding to create options for those who are unhoused and for first-time homebuyers who meet certain affordability indexes. Bucket #3: 25%: Training & support to help elevate low-wage earners; support for arts & arts orgs, which are an economic engine. Bucket #4: 15%: Lead-water lines investigation; universal internet access (or at least studies) to assist those who are underserved in that area.	7/1/2021 10:43 AM
24	Public infrastructure should include fixing the water infiltration issues on the Buskirk-Chumley Theater which have been long deferred; fully funding all the needed repairs on the Waldron Arts Center recommended by the Waldron Task Force, and fully equipping the Waldron Arts Center with sound and lights so the space can truly reopen in Jan 2022.	6/30/2021 8:21 PM
25	Housing Insecurity. Home ownership is the key to neighborhood stability. Owning is less costly than renting over the long term. Down payment assistance to lower income persons / families helps them grow their assets, builds the middle class and helps to stabilize the city. Homeownership keeps money in the community more than renting from an out of town corporation. RE: Homeless persons / families. I volunteered in a homeless shelter for many years. The number one cause of homelessness according to staff was mental illness contributing to self medication (alcohol and/or drugs). Until we provide longterm indepth mental health services to homeless person, we will not substantially help or solve this issue.	6/30/2021 1:54 PM
26	Planned tiny and small house communities fully integrated into the city housing network, public transport, job locations and services. Cooperative housing, land and housing trusts all need to be activated and supported.	6/28/2021 6:04 PM
27	I would like to see the City use the funds to build sustainable affordable housing near downtown and transit. The City also should use some funds to provide a direct payment to some of our essential workers who worked minimum wage jobs throughout the pandemic. Per the Treasury Department's guidelines, this would be an appropriate use of the ARPA funds. "5. Providing premium pay for essential workers Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide resources for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to recognize the heroic contributions of essential workers. Since the start of the public health emergency, essential workers have put their physical well-being at risk to meet the daily needs of their communities and to provide care for others. Many of these essential workers have not received compensation for the heightened risks they have faced and continue to face. Recipients may use this funding to provide premium pay directly, or through grants to private employers, to a broad range of essential workers who must be physically present at their jobs including, among others:"	6/27/2021 5:55 PM
28	We need high-density housing that isn't designed to cater to rich college students, but rather to our growing community of poor residents without reliable housing. I'd like to see the city subsidize this to get it started since the market is obviously not going to do so on its own.	6/27/2021 12:18 PM
29	Stop building luxury student apartments and build some options that everyone can afford! The homeless population in Bloomington is outrageous, the shelters are overrun and over worked, and even people who are not experiencing homelessness have a hard time finding places that are affordable. Minimum wage is still \$7.25 for Christ sake. Average people don't make enough to live in this town anymore. Do something about it.	6/26/2021 9:48 AM
30	Invest in upgrading current, and installing modern infrastructure. Build the broadband city and the jobs will follow.	6/25/2021 10:03 PM
31	Hire more police officers and fix the monroe county jail since you're annexing a ton that should be up to you to fix.	6/25/2021 9:13 PM
32	Build short term residential spaces for unhoused folks. Research shows it's effective long term.	6/25/2021 4:08 PM
33	Fix the dang sidewalks so people in wheelchairs can get around. Okay; that's not important to recovery, but it IS important. Seriously; there are utility poles in the middle of the freaking sidewalks in my neighborhood. How's a person in a wheelchair supposed to get around that?!	6/25/2021 4:06 PM
34	Higher salaries for our police officers so we can retain the 70+ active cops we have and adequate funding to hire the 20+ we will need with current needs and an ever expanding city!!	6/25/2021 2:19 PM

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35	There are lots pf infrastructure needs but we absolutely do not need or want any more empty bike/walking paths.	6/24/2021 10:53 AM
36	Broadband services City revenue shortfalls (shore up short term) Economic development/jobs - attract new employers to Bloomington	6/23/2021 9:22 AM
37	Replace/update sewers, lead water service lines, widespread fiber optic lines, more street lights,	6/23/2021 8:21 AM
38	Attract tech companies to develop modern facilities in existing buildings for use by hybrid workers.	6/22/2021 11:30 PM
39	Please use a good portion of these funds to support our unhoused population through low barrier emergency shelter and long term housing opportunities. I would also love to see the first time home buyers program expanded as a lower middle class woman who will probably never be able to afford to buy in Bloomington.	6/22/2021 9:47 PM
40	Support for those suffering with mntal health and substance abuse	6/22/2021 9:24 PM
41	Quit making business put in grease intercepters, sidewalks to nowhere, and ridiculous landscaping. You're not business friendly AT ALL. You won't have a Bloomington without local businesses and you're destroying and preventing local businesses. Think about that.	6/22/2021 7:31 PM
42	Economic Recovery: Continued availability of RFF Loans with consideration given to converting some loans to partial grants. Housing Insecurity: In order for these dollars to truly represent an -investment- (and not just an expenditure), the focus must be on permanent housing and particularly home ownership (and not solely on additional grants to local social service agencies.)	6/22/2021 6:08 PM
43	Subsidies are required to help with housing affordability in an expensive free market that prices many local residents out. Programs to enable more home ownership vs. permanent rentals. Major assistance programs for the arts professionals, organizations and venues badly crippled during the pandemic.	6/22/2021 4:35 PM
44	**Landlord/tenant education** Offering landlord/tenant education would be an excellent prospective partnership between the city and IU, to help improve awareness of the rights and responsibilities that accompany residential rental properties. The efforts would help improve housing quality and neighborhood quality of life for all involved. **Incentives to discourage discrimination based on source of income** Bloomington can encourage landlords to accept tenants with housing choice vouchers with a property tax exemption or other incentive. Vouchers help make rents affordable for tenants. According to Bloomington's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, nearly 30% of households are extremely cost burdened, paying more than 50% of their income on rent and utilities. Tenants can wait years to get off the voucher waitlist. Yet, in Bloomington, hundreds of tenants every year have to forfeit their vouchers when they can't find a place to rent within 120 days. In Indiana, it is illegal for local governments to prohibit discrimination based on source of income. Instead, incentives can help tenants use their vouchers. With a voucher incentive: • landlords can continue to use their same tenant screening criteria for risk management • accept the voucher as a source of income when applicable Also, minimal new administrative capacity is needed for a voucher incentive program: the Bloomington Housing Authority is equipped to manage housing choice voucher monitoring and compliance. **Community Land Trust** With the recent discussion about how to promote homeownership and manage prohibitively high housing costs in Elm Heights and other Bloomington neighborhoods, current homeowners could explore the potential for becoming part of a community land trust. A typical community land trust is a nonprofit run by a board, staff, and community members. The community land trust balances the interest of its residents, the broader community, and the public interest to promote wealth building, retention of public resources, and solutions for community needs. Under the shared-equity community land trust (CLT) model, homeowners own their home, but not the land (this lowers the purchase price). The land is leased by the homeowner from the land trust. When homeowners sell their home, a portion of the appreciated value stays with the house, so it's more affordable for the next buyer. The CLT homeowner keep s the equity they invested into the home plus a share of the increase in value. The CLT stewards the land to keep the houses affordable over generations. DON'T do a down payment assistance program at this time. It would do nothing to help with affordability, since it would just drive housing prices up further by boosting demand amidst the current undersupply of housing.	6/22/2021 4:04 PM
45	My suggestion for the City of Bloomington is to invest in downtown. Paving roads, updating	6/22/2021 2:22 PM

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	parking meters, painting curbs and painting lines for road and parking spaces.	
46	Accessible housing - people need to live safely and have ways to walk to work downtown.	6/22/2021 2:21 PM
47	Use housing insecurity funds to better serve the local unhoused or underhoused population. Use jobs and economic recovery funds as grant/seed monies to encourage the growth of locally-owned small businesses to create more middle-class jobs. Use the public infrastructure funds to install public bathrooms and trash receptacles in all city parks. Also use these funds to raise the budget of the parks department to cover regular waste removal in city parks.	6/22/2021 1:56 PM
48	\$0 towards climate change in any category	6/22/2021 12:52 PM
49	Public transportation is crucial and newly annexed areas should be part of a connected system. Affordable housing is important. AND people need assistance navigating resources and benefits, including healthcare.	6/22/2021 12:22 PM
50	Public infrastructure, including green infrastructure and blue infrastructure.	6/22/2021 10:26 AM
51	Don't be tempted to take on any new initiatives, but rather use all the funds to cover the loss caused by the pandemic.	6/22/2021 6:47 AM
52	Every street in the city limits should have sidewalks and curbs on both sides of the street. Sidewalks are transportation and an investment. They aren't an afterthought and shouldn't be politicized or prioritized in certain areas for political gain.	6/20/2021 1:16 PM
53	Get the homeless if the streets so the town itself looks better!	6/19/2021 9:43 PM
54	Make housing more affordable. Rent is too high and wages don't reflect the cost of living. People are being forced to leave Bloomington because they can't keep up with the rent increase. Provide stable community programs for housing the homeless like turning the old hospital into a permanent housing solution for them. Make money for better social programs to help them get jobs and mental and physical health care.	6/19/2021 3:21 PM
55	Sidewalks and bike lanes throughout the area. Cleaning up parks like Switchyard Park which has been inundated by homeless and drug users.	6/19/2021 10:35 AM
56	The homeless population has noticeably increased since COVID-19. It's incredibly heartbreaking to hear of homeless people dying on the streets every few weeks. The city removing the tents and belongings in Seminary Park in the middle of winter was shameful. Something radical needs to be done about the issue. No one should be living on the streets. These people need a permanent home.	6/18/2021 9:02 PM
57	Invest in public goods that will help combat the impacts of climate change, specifically addressing vulnerabilities related to food access and extreme heat.	6/18/2021 8:58 PM
58	Hire more officers	6/18/2021 8:58 PM
59	Affordable Housing! Down payments, rent assistance, cap cost of rent. Help disadvantaged people get and learn to keep jobs. More projects in the city in disadvantaged areas could help people be more productive and hopeful.	6/18/2021 8:09 PM
60	Rethink your calculations for what can be considered affordable when it comes to rental rates. Most so-called affordable properties are far from affordable for most people.	6/18/2021 7:24 PM
61	LGBT senior housing complex, completion of 7 line east/west bike and ped improvements	6/18/2021 7:20 PM
62	If there is lead in our water we should take care of that immediately.	6/18/2021 6:26 PM
63	Hire more permanent staff as your support staff is overworked and the higher ups model a very unhealthy work/life balance. Their six-figure salaries may warrant such a stressful work life but it is inappropriate to be so much on the support staff.	6/18/2021 5:47 PM
64	Purchase land for affordable housing to be built. Land would be given at no cost to developers of missing middle, low income and reduced price homeownership projects.	6/18/2021 5:39 PM
65	Purchase land for affordable housing to be built. Land would be given at no cost to developers of missing middle, low income and reduced price homeownership projects.	6/18/2021 5:04 PM
66	Increased funding to encourage new business start-ups - especially in knowledge-based businesses.	6/18/2021 4:54 PM

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67	Environmental sustainability including water bottle fillers and better water fountains in all facilities and parks. More outside gathering spaces. Upgraded picnic tables and shade structures at all facilities and parks. Wifi extended to all City parking lots and parks locations.	6/18/2021 4:07 PM
68	Paint stripes in the middle of all the multi-purpose trails. It really helps keep people on one side making it easier for bikes and runners to pass people walking.	6/18/2021 3:57 PM
69	Public safety infrastructure, traffic control & preemption system, support reduced bus fairs.	6/18/2021 3:57 PM
70	We need a truly Accessible city pool with zero entry and multiple protected lap lanes.	6/18/2021 3:47 PM
71	ACTUALLY affordable housing, not just a small percentage of units in luxury complexes. More bus routes and/or increased bus frequency.	6/18/2021 3:44 PM
72	Affordable housing is the biggest thing that Bloomington lacks. We need to stop catering to the students, and make sure the actual residents of Bloomington are taken care of. Stop building giant apartment buildings with \$1500/month rent! Build some decent neighborhoods for people with families. Even the "low-income" apartments in this town are too expensive for most to afford. Housing is a BASIC NECESSITY!	6/18/2021 3:41 PM
73	High-speed down AND UP internet infrastructure	6/18/2021 3:40 PM
74	Job training programs for people to build skills for jobs that pay well and require certifications. Ivy Tech could be a great partner since they do this already. Housing assistance for those looking to find affordable housing. Perhaps homeless stipends for sheltered housing and expenses to get them off the street, but they have to do community service to get it. Small business grant programs or revolving loan programs with low interest rates. Solar panel matching grant program for businesses to reduce grid use.	6/18/2021 3:36 PM
75	As much money as possible should go back into to the pockets of Bloomingtonians, with as little middle management loss as possible. Should prioritize those who lost the most as a percentage of their net worth.	6/18/2021 3:33 PM

Please share your own suggestions for use of the funds and an estimated amount in the space provided.

making street money Build use public transit jobs expanding
support improvements housing parks needs
better infrastructure affordable help public
funds business community Increase people also city hiring
programs please

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Answered: 47 Skipped: 100

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	All of my allocations could be trimmed by the same fraction to create funds to support educational needs, especially helping children recover from the disadvantages and set backs that Covid-19 caused. This would most likely apply to lower income children, but not exclusively. Each case merits consideration on its own. Similarly a fraction can be skimmed from allocations to fund programs to increase social services and other programs that relieve the police from some of the more stressful expectations of their jobs.	7/2/2021 5:27 PM
2	see above, which I think fit in to all of the categories. Thank you.	7/2/2021 4:37 PM
3	please prioritize the basic needs of our community (housing, infrastructure) over beautification/quality of life enhancements. It is a pretty town with lots of fun things to do. If you are unhoused, you can't enjoy that. If our basic infrastructure is lacking and failing, then cosmetic changes need to take a back seat.	7/2/2021 2:33 PM
4	Build back better with equity as a goal, and use the CAP plan as a pointer for where investments in the future should be made.	7/2/2021 2:26 PM
5	Build public toilets -- don't know the cost -- San Francisco is a good city to look at -- throughout the downtown area of the City. Set up food pick-up stations in different parts of the city, on bus routes. Many people cannot get out to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank because of lack of transportation and nearby bus routes. Cost? I don't know.	7/2/2021 1:16 PM
6	All money should be spent to help people effected by the pandemic. Not building buildings and parks.	7/2/2021 12:51 PM
7	Public transit	7/2/2021 10:43 AM
8	The hospital site needs support so that it will grow into a "neighborhood" or be integrated with the surrounding neighborhoods. Money for both infrastructure and diverse housing for that area would serve the whole community. Also supporting public transit, which was not included in the above categories. IF our public transit were better and low cost, more people and more diverse groups would use it. Please consider using some funds to support Transit also.	7/2/2021 10:13 AM
9	Community broadband network/Municipal ISP	7/2/2021 10:00 AM
10	The items in your categories 2 and 3 would be a total waste of money.	7/2/2021 9:21 AM
11	Please consider the entire population of Bloomington, when making your decisions. Many people are struggling, beyond just ones that city council focuses on. This is a one shot influx of money, and investing in infrastructure now should benefit the entire community. The flooding on Kirkwood last week drove home the message that viable communities needs viable infrastructure. Also, please use this revenue to help to bring our divided community back together.	7/2/2021 8:40 AM
12	It might be worth connecting with the Kelley School to help increase returns on any jobs investments.	7/2/2021 12:10 AM
13	Money to support pilot project for affordable workforce housing. Upgrade storm sewer system to mitigate flooding.	7/1/2021 11:41 PM
14	Clean up the graffiti. throw the criminals in jail	7/1/2021 12:17 PM
15	Thank you for taking public suggestions. We are in this together.	7/1/2021 10:43 AM
16	I would have rated infrastructure higher, but I don't trust this administration to spend the funds on needs rather than wants. Stormwater management, NOT the 7th Street project or Cascades road re-configuration. NO outside consultants---use the abundant local resources.	6/30/2021 6:24 AM

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17	Increase funding for regular maintenance programs for green infrastructure.	6/29/2021 9:11 PM
18	Reallocation of monies to social service and outreach to support our homeless neighbors and the people/agencies working with them. Create an alternative to using the cops for nuisance calls and esp vagrancy and mental illness.	6/28/2021 6:04 PM
19	Expand public transit, improve stormwater infrastructure, sustainable & affordable housing near downtown or transit, Re-open Dam Good Soup.	6/27/2021 5:55 PM
20	Within jobs recovery supporting child care programs to help working parents.	6/26/2021 8:17 PM
21	PLEASE add reasonable bike paths on the north side of the city (Blue Ridge, Matlock Heights, and other neighborhoods). The south side is awash in bike infrastructure and all we keep hearing on the northside is crickets and no action. A bike path on Dunn is a must - there is no public transport to Blue Ridge	6/25/2021 10:03 PM
22	Water and sewer lines Get city employees wages up for current market	6/23/2021 8:57 AM
23	\$1000-\$5000 grants available for homeowners to apply for things like driveway paving, tree trimming, tree planting, replacement of sidewalk/steps, etc... To literally firm up the foundation by supporting the people and homes that make up the community. Would provide jobs/work as well as town improvement that isn't just another park or beautification project.	6/23/2021 8:21 AM
24	Water utilities improvements or debt reduction. Do something that will reduce water bills or reduce the need for price increases in the coming years. .	6/22/2021 11:30 PM
25	How about hiring more social workers and street outreach professionals to help the large unhoused population? More white shirt cops that are trained in deescalation and social work. How about expanding training for the black shirt cops and first responders to specialize in working with addicts and mentally ill citizens? Have you considered keeping the bus free indefinitely?	6/22/2021 9:47 PM
26	Please make housing more affordable. More section 8.	6/22/2021 8:30 PM
27	Recall Hamilton! Get a real mayor in place. Get real business development in place. Have you even seen what business development looks like around Fort Wayne?! They crush Bloomington all day long!	6/22/2021 7:31 PM
28	See above please.	6/22/2021 6:08 PM
29	Affordable housing should be a priority. Rehabing old houses instead of building new ones would be great! Also: fresh food options and expanding affordable local food for all. Investing in community gardens and expanding access to gardens.	6/22/2021 5:04 PM
30	Serious down payment assistance. Rental help for tenants in trouble . Create alternative site or sites for homeless so we can legitimately say," Stay here but not here!" and have support and facilities at the site without using the parks or the streets.	6/22/2021 5:03 PM
31	Assistance for infrastructure improvements and replacement funds for city departments most impacted by loss of fees and revenues is a priority. A restoration of losses would also help better fund critical service providers such as our BPD. BPD must remain competitive in order to retain experienced officers and recruit and train replacement police to ensure public safety. With annexation on the horizon, our BPD needs serious attention to stop the losses to other communities and incentivize the profession for quality candidates.	6/22/2021 4:35 PM
32	Road/street improvements. Streetscape projects and other beautification efforts. Sidewalk (Ave multi-use path) improvements and installation. Park improvements and maybe some additional land acquisition for new/expanded parks and preserves. Other infrastructure-related projects to help our environment and reduce/offset our carbon emissions.	6/22/2021 1:26 PM
33	Meaningful job creation that goes beyond service industry. Attraction of employers.	6/22/2021 12:52 PM
34	Public transportation (40%) and internet access (40%) are crucial. The remainder should fund public navigators/jobs (20%) to assist people to find needed resources.	6/22/2021 12:22 PM
35	The City needs middle-class and high-tech jobs, use some funds to hire an outside organization to search for and solicit companies to move to Bloomington. We need jobs.	6/22/2021 6:47 AM
36	Please do not close Kirkwood Avenue permanently. It's a bad idea chasing after a reason to be implemented.	6/20/2021 1:16 PM

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37	Make housing more affordable. Rent is too high and wages don't reflect the cost of living. Provide stable community programs for housing the homeless like turning the old hospital into a permanent housing solution for them. Make money for better social programs to help them get jobs and mental and physical health care. Give more money to schools and small businesses.	6/19/2021 3:21 PM
38	Provide grants for people to start small businesses in downtown and provide grant money for reasonable rent for business. Free parking meters to boost local business	6/19/2021 10:17 AM
39	Public safety	6/18/2021 8:58 PM
40	Education for those who want to start their own business, and assistance for those who take the next step.	6/18/2021 6:26 PM
41	Hire more permanent staff or you are going to just keep churning through people as you burn them out.	6/18/2021 5:47 PM
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44	Increase business incubator space and support.	6/18/2021 4:54 PM
45	Paint stripes in the middle of all the multi-purpose trails. It really helps keep people on one side making it easier for bikes and runners to pass people walking.	6/18/2021 3:57 PM
46	High-speed down AND UP internet infrastructure. Don't know budget.	6/18/2021 3:40 PM
47	Split it 3 ways to fund programs and stipends in the 3 categories of infrastructure, housing and economic growth strategies.	6/18/2021 3:36 PM