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Clay County Economic Recovery Plan Needs Assessment

This public survey will be available for users to complete until Tuesday, February 1, 2022. If you or someone you know needs a physical copy of this questionnaire, please contact:

- The County Website at claycountms.com, click on the American Reinvestment Plan Act (ARPA) tab or
- Amy G. Berry, Chancery Clerk & Clerk of the Board
  365 Court Street, P. O. Box 815
  West Point, MS 39773
  (662) 494-3124 office or email : aberry@claycounty.ms.gov
  Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Clay County MS has been awarded approximately $3.7 million from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) program and is currently working to create a comprehensive Economic Recovery Plan to best utilize the funding. The County Survey is intended to gain insight from the general public, which will be used by the Board of Supervisors in developing the County's Economic Recovery Plan.**

1. Which of the following describes you? (Select ALL that apply)
   (choose all that apply)

   O County of Clay Resident

   O County of Clay Business Owner

   O County Government Representative

   O Growth Alliance or Business Association Representative

   O City Government Representative

   O Childcare Provider

   O Education Provider

   O Healthcare Provider

   O Labor Organization Representative

   O Landlord/Commercial Property Owner

   O Non-Profit Organization/Agency

   O Parent/Caregiver

   O Student

   O Workforce Development Representative

   O Other (please specify) _____

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2. Which sector do you work in or represent? (Select ALL that apply)
   (choose all that apply)

- ○ Arts & Entertainment
- ○ Banking & Finance
- ○ Childcare
- ○ Corporate & Commercial
- ○ Economic Development
- ○ Education
- ○ Government
- ○ Healthcare
- ○ Housing
- ○ Industrial Light Manufacturing
- ○ Labor & Construction
- ○ Non-Profit
- ○ Restaurant/Food Service
- ○ Retailers & Other Small Business
- ○ Social & Human Services
- ○ Technology
- ○ Tourism & Hospitality
- ○ Workforce Development
- ○ Other (please specify) _____

3. Which is the largest unmet need created by the pandemic? (Select ONE)

- ○ Childcare
- ○ Education/Learning Equality
- ○ Entrepreneurial/Business Startup Support
- ○ Eviction Prevention/Delinquency Assistance
- ○ Food Security
- ○ Healthcare (Physical & Mental)
- ○ Housing
- ○ Internet/Digital Platform Access
- ○ Operating Revenue

○ Social & Human Services

○ Supply Chain/Inventory

○ Transportation

○ Workforce/Labor/Employment

○ Other (please specify) _____

4. How would you describe the impacts of COVID-19 on you or your business/organization? Describe (100-word MAX):

5. The American Rescue Plan allows for funding to address the following COVID-19 recovery needs. Rank these "Impact Areas" in order of priority for recovery assistance. (Where 1 is MOST important and 6 is LEAST important)

_____ Supporting the Public Health Response

_____ Assistance related to Education/Workforce/Human Services

_____ Assistance related to Housing/Transportation/Community Revitalization

_____ Small Business Support

_____ Tourism/Travel/Hospitality/Arts Recovery

_____ Infrastructure Investment

6. Please describe why you ranked the Impact Areas in the selected order above. Describe (100-word MAX):

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7. What additional Challengers or inequities existing with "Supporting the Public Health Response" and describe their level of needs. Describe (100-word MAX):

8. Please rank the following "Supporting the Public Health Response" needs:

| Questions | High Need | Moderate Need | Low Need |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ability to reach traditionally underserved individuals | | | |
| Access to bilingual medical and mental health professionals | | | |
| Access to healthcare for people experiencing homelessness | | | |
| Health disparities in neighborhoods of color and/or low-income | | | |
| Inequities in the public health risk between essential and remote workers | | | |
| Insufficient staffing in healthcare workforce | | | |
| Insufficient support for mental health issues | | | |
| Lack of universal access to healthy foods | | | |
| Low diversity representation across all levels in healthcare professions | | | |
| Low trust in government and institutions creating difficulties reaching minority communities about health issues | | | |

9. Please rank the following "Assistance Related to Education/Workforce/Human Services" needs:

| Questions | High Need | Moderate Need | Low Need |
|---|---|---|---|
| Academic and social-emotional support for children | | | |
| Access to diverse employment opportunities/industries | | | |
| Access to the internet/broadband (hardware and service) | | | |
| Access to workforce development | | | |
| Addressing intolerance or racism | | | |

| | High Need | Moderate Need | Low Need |
|---|---|---|---|
| Afterschool services for tutoring or childcare support | | | |
| Coordinate among service providers | | | |
| Diversity skilled construction trade professions | | | |
| Increase access to affordable, enriching childcare | | | |
| Services to assist unemployed individuals | | | |
| Services to meet the employment demand across multiple sectors | | | |
| Services to support traumatic impacts of COVID-19 | | | |

10. Describe any additional challenges or inequities that exist within "Assistance to Education/ Workforce/ Human Services" sectors and their level of need. Describe (100-word MAX):

11. Please rank the following "Assistance Related to Housing/Transportation/Community Revitalization" needs:

| Questions | High Need | Moderate Need | Low Need |
|---|---|---|---|
| Awareness/access to existing resources for support and funding | | | |
| Homeowner assistance for required maintenance and purchasing home | | | |
| Increase affordable housing options | | | |
| Increase mobility options such as public transit and bike-share | | | |
| Increase resources to address blighted properties and inequities in neighborhood investment | | | |
| Increase resources to address community revitalization and programming | | | |
| Increase shelter options | | | |
| Investing in streetscape and community appearance | | | |
| Increase access to affordable, enriching childcare | | | |
| Invest in historic/community preservation | | | |

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| Investments in the built environment, such as parks/open spaces, sidewalks, and other amenities | | | |
| Services to address homelessness | | | |
| Support services for payment of unpaid rent and other financial obligations | | | |
| Address public safety concerns | | | |

12. Describe any additional challenges or inequities that exist within "Assistance Related to Housing/Transportation/Community Revitalization" sectors and their level or need. Describe (100-word MAX):

13. Please rank the following "Small Business Support" needs:

| Questions | High Need | Moderate Need | Low Need |
|---|---|---|---|
| Access to commercial kitchen space to start-up or expand operations | | | |
| Attracting new business from outside the area | | | |
| Better wayfinding within community | | | |
| Business retention/keeping existing business open | | | |
| Entrepreneurship programs | | | |
| Fostering business cooperation and collaboration | | | |
| Helping businesses access working capital | | | |
| Hiring assistance in digital/virtual/website presence and technical skills for small businesses | | | |
| Improve attractiveness of gateways, commercial corridor, and public amenities | | | |
| Provide assistance in digital/virtual/website presence and technical skills for small businesses | | | |
| Service to assist with supply cost escalation or supply chain disruption | | | |
| Technical assistance/skills development for small business | | | |

14. Describe any additional challenges or inequities exist within the "Small Business Support" sectors and their level of need. Describe (100-word MAX):

15. Please rank the following "Tourism/Travel/Hospitality/Arts Recovery" needs:

| Questions | High Need | Moderate Need | Low Need |
|---|---|---|---|
| Access/awareness of resources for arts/tourism/cultural venues in Clay County | | | |
| Improve digital/virtual/website presence for arts/tourism/cultural venues | | | |
| Improve lighting | | | |
| Invest in pedestrian improvements | | | |
| More connectivity between arts and schools/youth | | | |
| Parking improvements | | | |
| Promoting Clay County/supporting travel & tourism, and cross-coordination among venues | | | |
| Provide technical support for arts/tourism/cultural venues | | | |
| Restaurant employee training | | | |
| Shuttle services | | | |
| Hospitality training and support services | | | |
| Wayfinding signage to encourage extended stays in the City | | | |

16. Describe any additional challenges or inequities that exist within the "Tourism/ Travel/ Hospitality/ Arts Recovery" sector and level of need. Describe (100-word MAX):

17. Please rank the following "Infrastructure Investment" needs:

| Questions | Low Need | Moderate Need | High Need |
|---|---|---|---|
| Community and waterfront resiliency projects to withstand future hazards | | | |
| Improve parks and recreation | | | |
| Improved sewer infrastructure | | | |
| Improved water infrastructure | | | |
| Improving broadband/Wi-Fi infrastructure | | | |
| Streamlined permitting and City support | | | |
| Transportation improvements | | | |

18. Describe any additional challenges or inequities that exist for "Infrastructure Investment" and their level of need. Describe (100-word MAX):

19. What additional thoughts do you have regarding COVID-19 recovery needs in the City of West Point? Please identify additional thoughts below. Describe (100-word MAX):

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20. Please assist us by identifying specific projects and programs that can have significant positive impacts in the areas above. Please identify local or other examples that should be used as the best practices or models for the initiatives. Describe (100-word MAX):

## Thank you for your input!

Project information is available, and frequently updated, on the Clay County website under the American Recovery Act (ARPA) project-folio. Please check www.claycountyms.com often for updates and upcoming events.

For more information be sure to visit www.claycountyms.com or contact Amy Berry at our Chancery Clerk Office.
662-494-3124

**Survey Deadline: February 1, 2022**