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Newton ARPA Investment Community Needs Assessment - \$50,000

Our residents with fewer resources have been especially hard hit by the pandemic. We are contracting with a consultant who specializes in this work to conduct a community needs assessment. Our Health and Human Services Department in partnership with our Planning Department will oversee this work.

The community needs assessment will specifically focus on hearing from our low-income residents regarding their needs and developing responsive strategies for promoting economic stability. The needs assessment will take advantage of existing information and data as well as undertake surveys and focus groups designed to amplify the voices of lower-resourced residents.

The assessment will be completed during the fall of 2021, with a final report and recommendations that will enable us to implement responsive programs and support during the calendar year 2022 and beyond. The Assessment itself will require \$50,000 in funding with the implementation of the programs considerably more. I am designating \$50,000 in ARPA funding for this purpose.

Additional information will be posted