



**Town of Shaftsbury, Vermont
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Advisory Committee Presentation
to Shaftsbury Selectboard**



November 7, 2022

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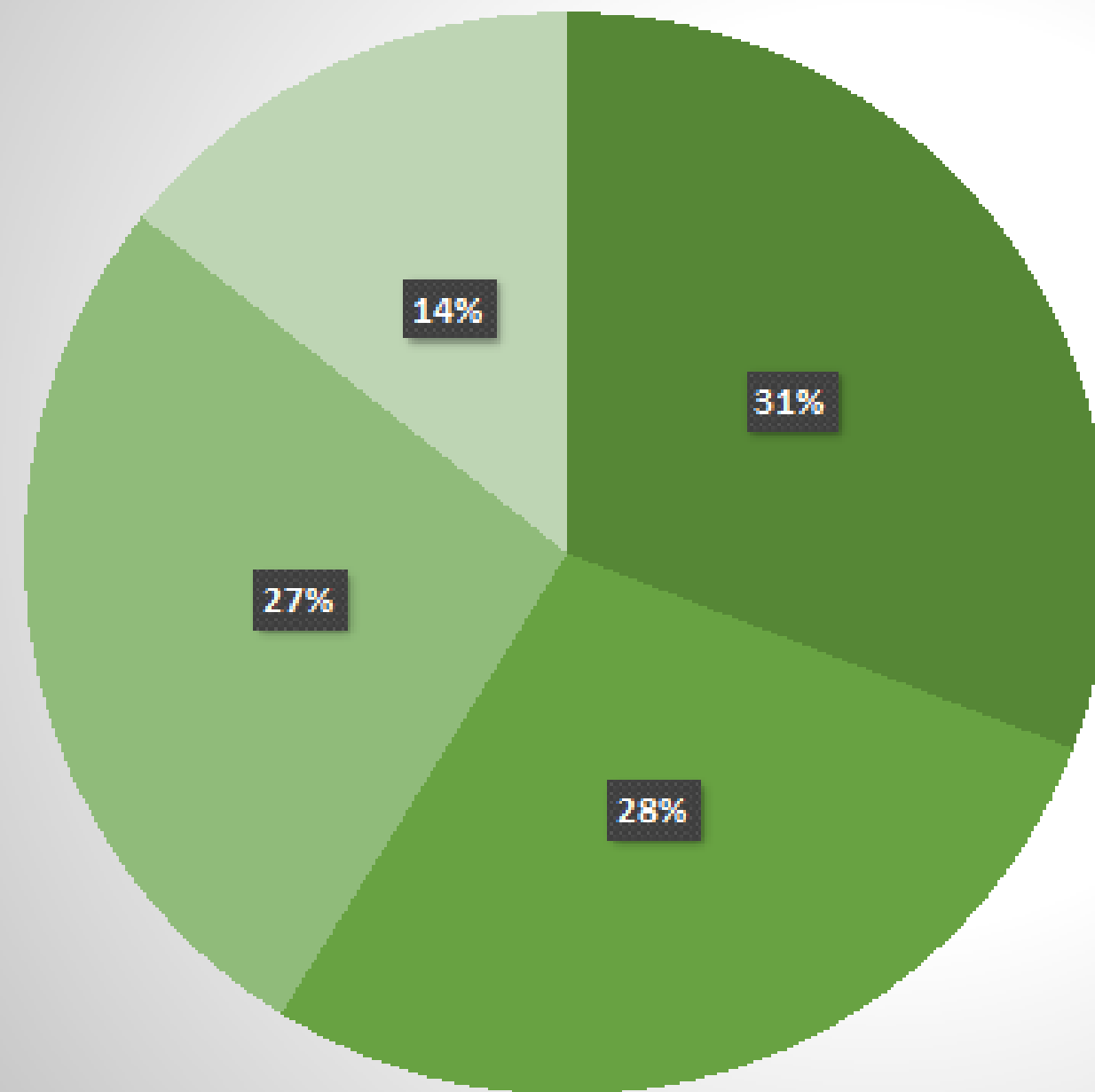
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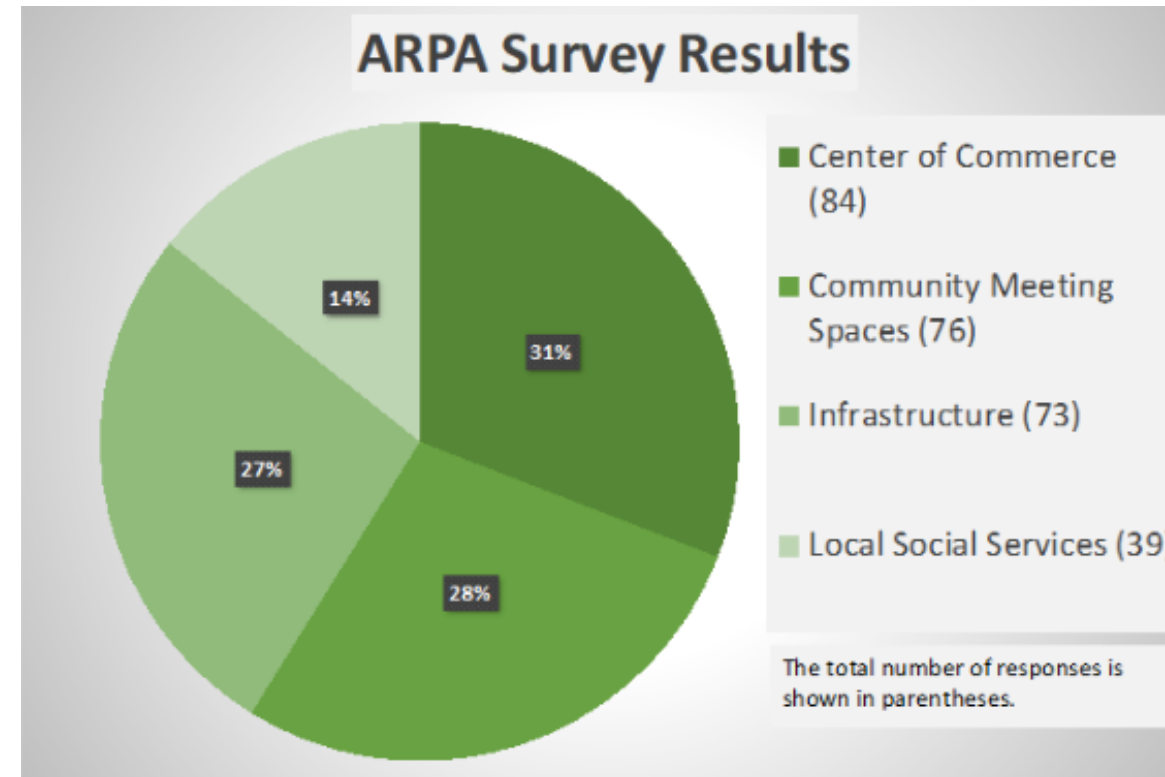


ARPA Survey Results



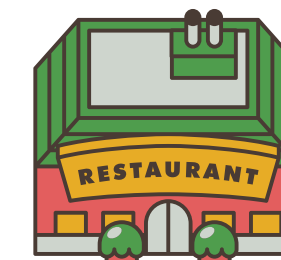
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- Community Meeting Spaces (76)
- Infrastructure (73)
- Local Social Services (39)

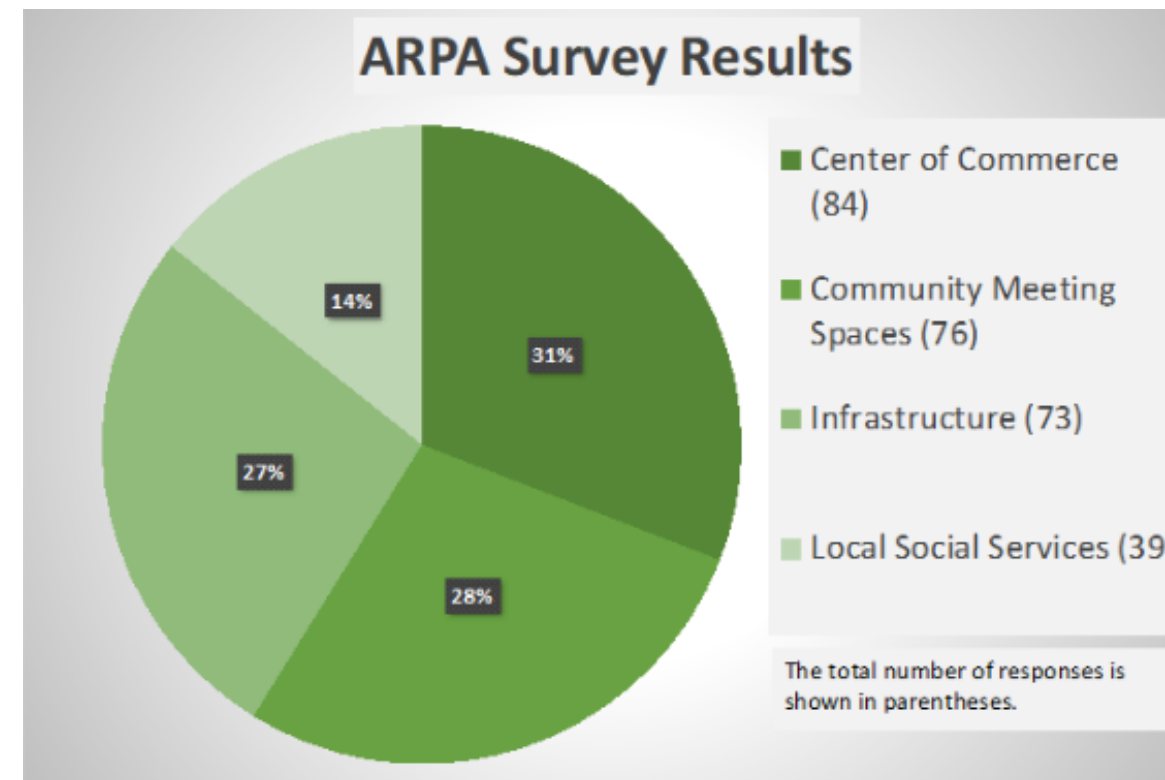
The total number of responses is shown in parentheses.



Center of Commerce

Most often mentioned was the need to invest in a revitalized commercial center. People are concerned about the absence of restaurants, coffee shops, and other businesses that serve as gathering places and bring jobs into the community.

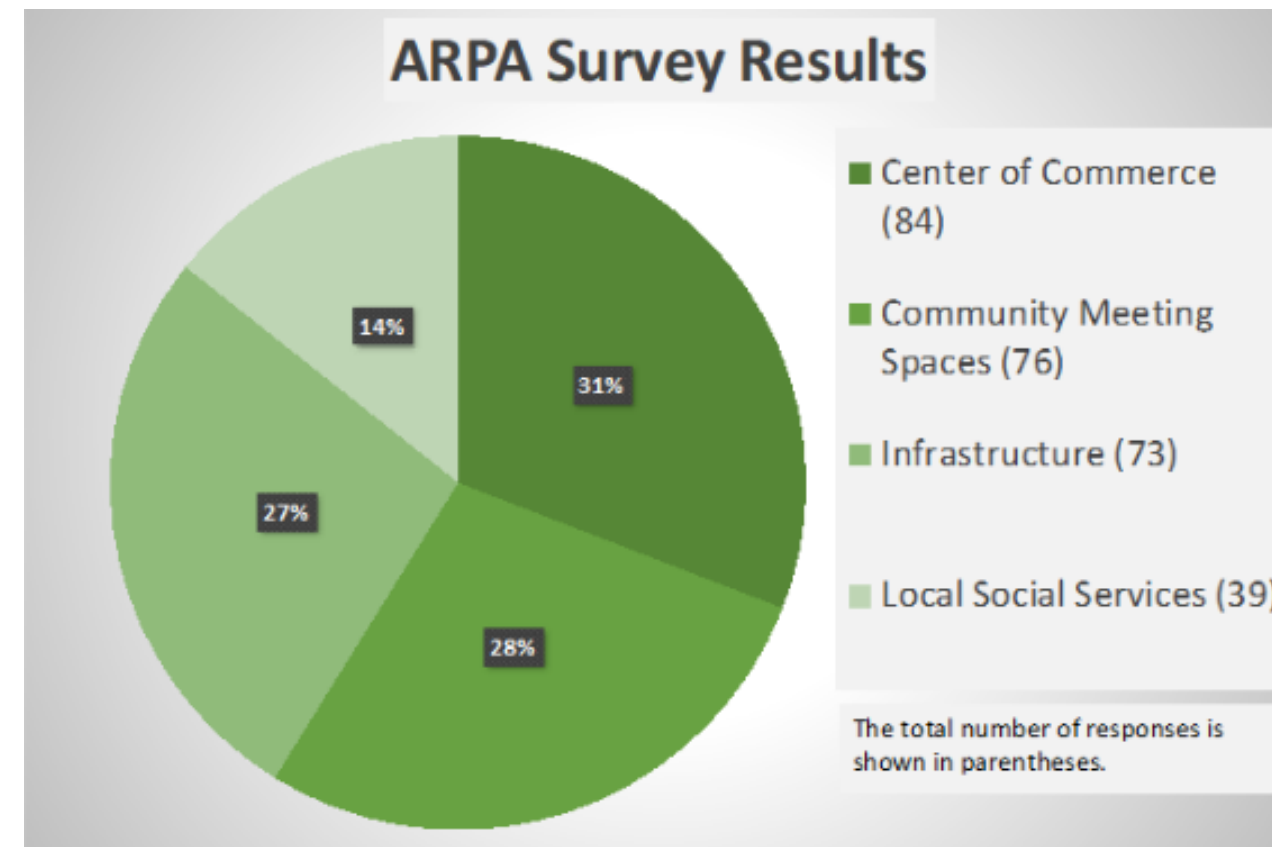




Community Meeting Spaces

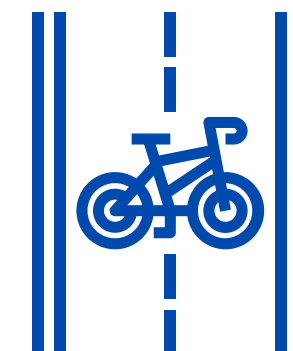
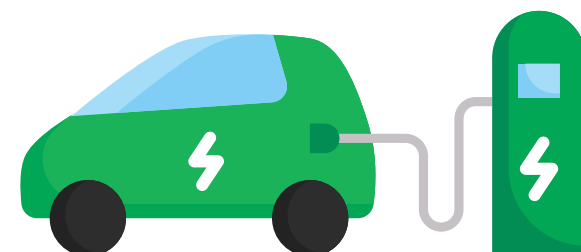
The next biggest suggestion was the creation of communal spaces: people want places to connect with their community. The most often-made suggestion was a “Town Green” on the land next to Cole Hall; other suggestions ran the gamut of indoor and outdoor, small and large, but most were for places where community events could be held

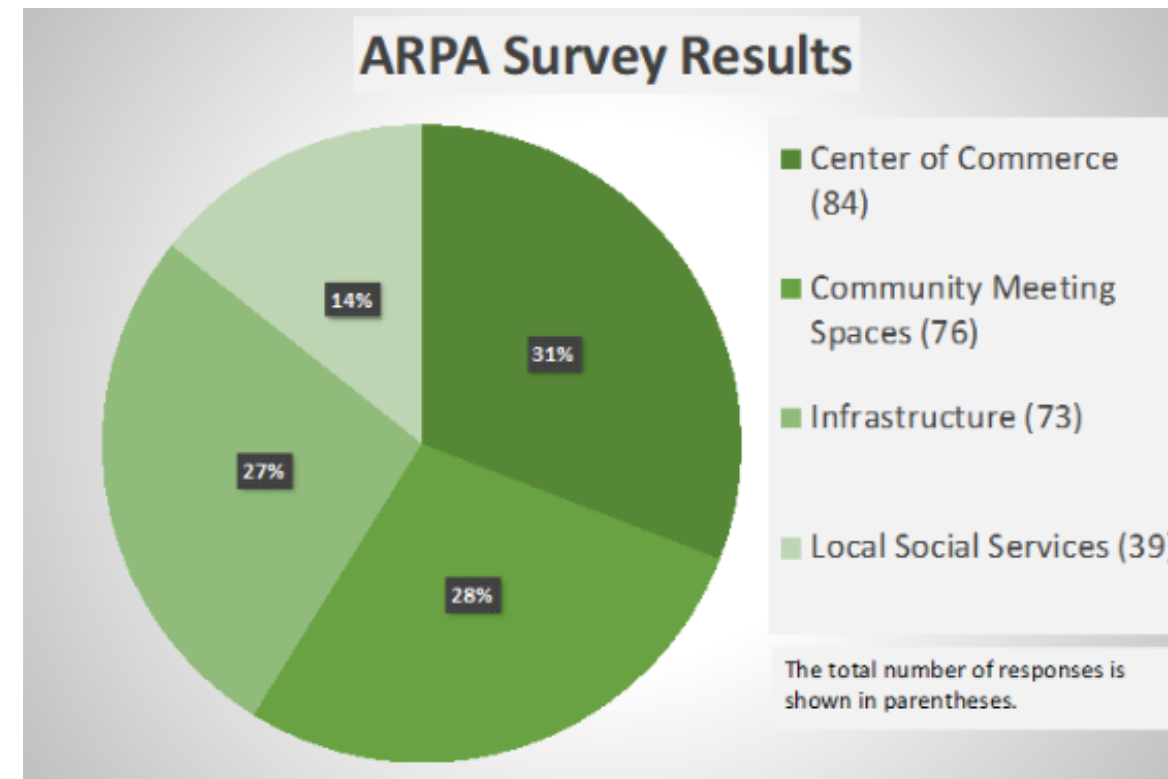




Infrastructure

This data also presents a clear message that people want some of this money to be used to expand our infrastructure – to make daily life easier, to increase potential commerce, and to create opportunities for joint recreation. People are interested in spending ARPA funds on the creation of sidewalks, hiking trails and bike paths; efforts to beautify our downtown; installation of a bus stop; electric vehicle charging stations; and a variety of improvements to Howard Park’s facilities





Local Social Services

Respondents also made many comments about the need to build community through developing more avenues for local social services, with a particular focus on meeting places for the oldest and youngest among us





Feedback from Shaftsbury School Students on how they'd like to spend the ARPA money

"I think here in Shaftsbury, there can be more public things like restaurants or playgrounds."

"A lot of things could be better here in Shaftsbury, but the most is to not kill endangered species."

"Make more stores and ask for help to make them."

"Use money to build stores."





ARPA Advisory Committee Recommendations

To learn of our committee's recommendations, please read the report titled,

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
Shaftsbury, Vermont
Survey Results/Committee Recommendations

Thank you for your help with this project!