



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MEETING TO BE HELD REMOTELY
September 13, 2021
5:00 PM

American Rescue Plan Act Funding Discussion

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. INTRODUCTION

2. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - OVERVIEW OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES, REVIEW OF AVAILABLE ONLINE RESOURCES FROM US TREASURY AND UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE (5-10 MINUTES)

The Finance Director Brendan T. O'Connell will provide a brief powerpoint presentation highlighting eligible American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding categories, discuss available online resources from the US Treasury, and review the upcoming City of Portland ARPA meeting schedule.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND

In addition to the comments received via email and the comments received via survey (attached in full at the link below) the City of Portland is holding a Public Forum at tonight's meeting where comments will be taken live via Zoom. Each speaker will have up to three minutes and City staff will be taking notes on each comment for addition to the backup.

Link to City of Portland American Rescue Plan Act Funding Survey:

<https://portland.civilspace.io/en/projects/american-rescue-plan-act/engagements/american-rescue-plan-act-funding-survey>

Link to City of Portland American Rescue Plan Act Survey Responses and Public Comments Received via Email through Friday, September 10th 2021:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QjgkseuIkhey088umkOyJZ6C3Lt8ZuhM?usp=sharing>

4. HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW OF SURVEY RESPONSES RECEIVED TO DATE

Time permitting, City staff will spend 5-10 minutes providing a very high level overview of the survey responses received to date. Some additional slides summarizing the data are attached in the backup materials.

5. ADJOURN



THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC FORUM - SEPTEMBER 13th, 2021

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

\$1.9 Trillion TOTAL

Municipal Portion (called the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds or SLFRF) is \$130 billion of the \$1.9 trillion

- 45.5 B allocated to Entitlement Communities utilizing a modified formula
- 19.5 B to smaller jurisdictions under population basis
- Counties receiving \$65B

Payments made to local governments in two tranches - first half 60 days after enactment, second half one year later.

City completed long US Treasury application and verification process and has received first tranche payment.

FUNDING FOR PORTLAND (AND OTHER ENTITLEMENT UNITS) IN MAINE

Maine	Auburn	\$13,545,799.00
Maine	Bangor	\$20,478,297.00
Maine	Biddeford	\$9,759,098.00
Maine	Lewiston	\$20,970,428.00
Maine	Portland City	\$46,290,652.00
Maine	South Portland city	\$10,498,362.00

NOTE: There were minor changes in funding amounts in the final ARPA. South Portland was previously an entitlement community but aligned itself with Cumberland County to provide the full county with entitlement status in 2006. For ARPA payment purposes South Portland appealed their initial treatment as a non-entitlement unit and received an increase in funding in from \$2.5 to \$10.5M.

- Other Towns/Cities (non-entitlement units) in Maine are all receiving smaller allocations.
- State Counties (including Cumberland, who will receive \$57,300,87) are also receiving allocations.
- The State of Maine has also released their initial plans for the \$4.5 billion invested by the American Rescue Plan in the State of Maine

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES: GENERAL RULES

Unless otherwise noted, covered period is March 3, 2021-December 31, 2024

□ Costs can be committed by December 31, 2024 but must be expended by December 31, 2026

Cannot spend funds on pension deposits

States and territories cannot spend the funds to reduce taxes or delay a tax increase

May not be used as non-Federal Match for other Federal Programs

USE OF FUNDS

- **Eligible uses include ([section 602 and 603](#))**
 - “(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
 - “(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the State, territory, or Tribal / local government that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
 - “(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal / local government due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the State, territory, or Tribal government prior to the emergency; or
 - “(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENDITURES

Services and programs to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including:

- ❑ **Vaccination programs (Portland is >90% vaccine rate according to latest data released by the State of Maine (see chart to the right) so not considered high need)**
- ❑ **COVID texting and other related medical expenses**
- ❑ **Contact Tracing**
- ❑ **Personal protective equipment purchases**
- ❑ **Support of vulnerable populations to access medical or public health**
- ❑ **Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operations needs**
- ❑ **Public communication efforts**

Zip Code	Rate	updated 6/14/21
04101	89%	
04102	91%	
04103	91%	
04108	99%	Peaks
04109	78%	Islands
04019	99%	Cliff

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENDITURES

Services to address behavioral healthcare needs exacerbated by the pandemic, including:

- ☐ Mental health treatment**
- ☐ Substance use treatment**
- ☐ Other behavioral health services**
- ☐ Services or outreach to promote access to health and social services**

ADDRESS NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS CAUSED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Supporting small businesses

Speeding the recovery of the tourism, travel, and hospitality sectors

Serving the hardest-hit communities and families

- ▣ **Addressing health disparities and the social determinants of health**
- ▣ **Investments in housing and neighborhoods**
- ▣ **Addressing educational disparities**
- ▣ **Promoting healthy childhood environments**

Delivering assistance to workers and families

REPLACE **LOST REVENUE**

Recipients may use these funds to replace lost revenue

Treasury's Interim Final Rule establishes a methodology that each recipient can use to calculate its reduction in revenue.

Ability to calculate this revenue loss for several years (with growth factor 4.1%)

Most flexible category of eligible expenses and funds can be used to sustain municipal services, for maintenance and capital needs, cybersecurity, healthcare, police, fire or public safety and more.

Calculation method is being developed and Treasury is still taking input on Interim Final Rule.

PROVIDE PREMIUM PAY FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS DURING COVID19 EMERGENCY

Employees of the jurisdiction designated by executive as essential

Can be provided directly, or through grants to private employers to public health/safety staff and essential workers outside the public sector.

INVEST IN WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

Necessary investments

Uses aligned with Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to expedite project identification

- Building/upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, including the replacement of lead service lines
- Invest in wastewater infrastructure projects- constructing publicly-owned treatment infrastructure, managing and treating stormwater or subsurface drainage water, facilitating water reuse, and securing publicly-owned treatment works

Broadband Infrastructure

- Build broadband infrastructure with modern technologies in mind, specifically projects that deliver services offering: reliable 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload speeds

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 34 pages of reporting requirements released earlier this week - staff review in progress
- Requirements include one initial interim report, quarterly reports, and in some cases annual reports
- Guidance addresses four priority areas for ensuring an equitable economic recovery:

Accountable: The SLFRF requires program and performance reporting to build public awareness, increase accountability, and monitor compliance of eligible uses. Recipients are required to account for every dollar spent and provide detailed information on how funds are used.

Transparent: Large recipients will publish a detailed Recovery Plan each year so the public is aware of how funds are being used and outcomes are being achieved; Treasury will provide comprehensive public transparency reports each quarter across all recipients.

User friendly: SLFRF reporting has improvements requested by recipients of CARES Act funding, including deadlines 30 days after the close of the reporting period (versus 10 days in CARES), streamlined requirements for smaller funding recipients, and increased availability of bulk upload capabilities.

Focused on Recovery: The SLFRF reporting guidance addresses priority areas for an equitable economic recovery, including provisions that prioritize equity, focus on economically distressed areas, support community empowerment, encourage strong labor practices, and spotlight evidence-based interventions.

ARPA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Temporary Nature of ARPA Funds

- Care should be taken to **avoid creating new programs or add-ons** to existing programs that require an ongoing financial commitment.
- **Use of ARPA funds** to cover operating deficits caused by COVID-19 should be **considered temporary** and additional budget restraint may be necessary to achieve/maintain structural balance in future budgets.
- Investment in **critical infrastructure** is particularly well suited use of ARPA funds because it is a **non-recurring expenditure** that can be targeted to strategically important long- term assets that provide benefits over many years.

ARPA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Take Time and Careful Consideration

- Use other dedicated grants and programs first whenever possible and **save ARPA funds for priorities** not eligible for other federal and state assistance programs.
- Whenever possible, expenditures related to the ARPA funding should be spread over the qualifying period (through December 31, 2024) to enhance budgetary and financial stability.
- **Adequate time should be taken to carefully consider all alternatives for the prudent use of ARPA funding prior to committing the resources to ensure the best use of the temporary funding.**

LINKS TO KEY ARPAL ARPA AND SLFRF DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

Document Title (# of pages)	Description	Link
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds website	The general landing page for the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds
Full Text - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (242 pages)	Full text of the American Rescue Plan Act (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds section is on pages 220 - 233).	https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1319/BILLS-117hr1319enr.pdf
Interim Final Rule - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (151 pages)	The US Department of Treasury's initial implementation guidance (interim only, not expected to be finalized until late summer 2021) containing more details on SLFRF and eligible categories of expenses	https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/RF-Interim-Final-Rule.pdf
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - Frequently Asked Questions As of July 19, 2021 (42 pages)	Complete list of frequently asked questions and responses from the US Treasury on implementation. Excellent source of more detailed information, updated frequently.	https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Compliance and Reporting Guidance (35 pages)	Contains detailed information on the reporting requirements for entities which receive funding (including subrecipients).	https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf

COMMENT PERIOD IS OPEN

- Public facing website and public comment portal has been released
 - <https://portland.civilspace.io/en>
 - [Public comment portal now opened](#) on the CivilSpace
- Public health survey has been launched
- [Business community survey](#) has been launched
- Email comments may be submitted at any time
- Staff awaiting Final Rule from US Treasury (fall 2021)



City ARPA website → <https://portland.civilspace.io/>

Welcome to Portland's Civil Space

Civil Space is the City of Portland's new hub to share, discuss, inform, and collaborate on creating sustainable solutions for important issues, challenges, and opportunities in our community. Thanks for taking part, joining with us, and making your voice heard!



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

NEXT STEPS - PUBLIC MEETINGS

In addition to the many meetings the City has already held during 2021 regarding the American Rescue Plan Act funding, the following additional meetings are scheduled over the next several months.

- 9/13/21 - 5PM - City Council Workshop - American Rescue Plan Act Funding Community Meeting / Public Forum
- 9/23/21 - 5PM - Finance Committee Meeting - American Rescue Plan Act Project Requests & Recommendations Review
- 10/7/21 - 5PM - Finance Committee Meeting - American Rescue Plan Act Project Recommendations - Public Hearing & Vote
- 10/14/21 - 5PM - Finance Committee Meeting - American Rescue Plan Act Project Recommendations (If Necessary)
- 10/18/21 - 5PM - City Council Meeting - American Rescue Plan Act Funding Recommendations - First Read
- 10/25/21 - 5PM - City Council Workshop - American Rescue Plan Act Funding Recommendations
- 11/1/21 - 5PM - City Council Meeting - American Rescue Plan Act Funding Recommendations - 2nd Read / Vote (Public Hearing)



THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Public Forum

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1	Date	4_please_use_this_space_to_provide_any_additional_ideas_for_the_use_of_arpa_funds_please_keep_in_mind_the_statutory_eligible_uses_if_you_d_like_to_share_any_supportir g_documentation_please_email_it_to_info_portlandmaine_gov	please_share_your_name_and_or_email_address	
2	2021-07-29T18:39:00			
3	2021-07-29T18:50:11	We desperately need affordable housing and assist folks experiencing homelessness. Especially with eviction moratoriums coming to an end	Sam Cohen	
4	2021-08-03T16:47:17		Marysha Brown, mbrown1483@gmail.com	
5	2021-07-30T22:01:11	Providing pay premiums to essential workers, both prospectively and retrospectively, should be a priority for Portland since there has been a delay in the implementation of the referendum that was passed by Portland voters in November 2020.	c Cochran@eastbayside.org	
6	2021-08-03T18:10:34		W	
7	2021-07-29T18:49:11	pandemic amplified their value and the value and need for quality childcare as part of the economic infrastructure. I'm particularly interested in seeing these funds used to support Youth & Family Outreach's shovel-ready early childhood/care expansion project. YFO-enrolled families come from all over Cumberland County, but West Bayside in Portland is home to YFO and is a densely populated neighborhood in which 36.4% of residents live in poverty, compared to 15.9% in all of Portland. Cumberland County has the highest rate of all parents with young children working statewide with 76.7%. (Compared to 71% statewide- 2019 Kids Count Data), with Portland the largest employment center. Increasing access to affordable childcare in Portland will directly support the employers in the downtown Portland area. According to the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce survey: 57% of employers said the lack of affordable quality childcare impacted their ability to recruit and hire employees. 70% said their employees experienced challenges finding affordable quality childcare. 77% of respondents from businesses with 100 or more employees agree that increasing access to quality childcare should be a priority for our community. Portland's lack of affordable housing exacerbates the financial strain on moderate or low-income families raising young children as noted in data from the recent City of Portland's 2018 Biennial Housing Report: Portland Housing Authority has a waitlist and 47% of renter-occupied households and 29% of owner-occupied households pay over 30% or more of their income towards housing costs. The 2020 Report notes that 1,300 families are on the housing waitlist. In 2018, YFO acquired the adjacent property knowing that doing so would be the only chance for program capacity expansion. A subsequent feasibility study in 2019 inspired a formal partnership with Portland Housing Development Corporation after learning that the cost of housing, childcare access and workforce participation are all interconnected. The shovel-ready transformational education expansion project will: - Provide 15,518 sq. ft of new childcare space and renovated education and community space including a unique urban outdoor green play space. - Our current historic Chapel building will be connected to and seamlessly integrated with the new structure and will host: - adult learning classrooms - career resource space for families to work with volunteers and staff on additional workforce training opportunities. - Expanded YFO's nationally recognized school meals and nutritional education program. This Expansion project will result in: 28 staff and teachers employed including 11 new teachers.	laurenannsterling@gmail.com	
8	2021-08-06T18:23:26			
9	2021-07-29T18:59:51		John Watson	

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10	2021-08-03T18:29:	People need housing and affordable childcare to get back to work. For "childcare assistance" that should include investing (and collaborating with others already working in this space, like CEI) in training more people to work in childcare, as well as investing in spaces where childcare can be offered. Investing in public transit is important as well - especially if the reduced ridership due to COVID threatens viability of the Metro and might lead to cutting back frequency of busses when what people need is more frequent schedules etc. But really - investing in keeping people in their homes, services to help people get back to work, and to help the homeless recover - again, if this article was accurate: https://www.pressherald.com/2021/08/02/portland-gets-no-response-to-day-shelter-request/ - use some of the money to buy a building where day shelter services can be established and operated by experienced nonprofit providers.	bstickney@mainebic.org	
11	2021-07-29T19:14:	I wasn't sure what you mean by Childcare Program Assistance, but I think the childcare infrastructure needs to be heavily invested in. To me this means subsidizing tuition so parents are not using as much of their income on childcare and so that centers can pay their employees both a livable wage and provide both insurance and benefits. This also means investing in a referral system or infrastructure that can help parents from al income levels find and access childcare. Finally, it means investing in training and credentialing programs and incentives to help people open and sustain new childcare venues.	Sarah Lentz sarahmarielentz@gmail.com	
12	2021-08-14T14:57:	Support for Wabanaki communities.	Lex Jackson	
13	2021-08-17T19:09:58		Sarah Towsley	
14	2021-07-30T22:25:19			
15	2021-07-29T19:35:	The city has a lack of available field space. Groups are always fighting over the turf and the schools are typically left back.	Jason McLeod	
16	2021-08-03T18:14:	Affordable housing is the single greatest challenge facing Portland. Please consider devoting significant resources to it.	Will Hayward	
17	2021-08-03T18:13:	Removal of panhandling from city, removal of homeless services and people from city.	Daron.Goulette@gmail.com	
18	2021-07-29T20:39:	Please prioritize outdoor spaces (which became essential during the pandemic) and services for children (because they were underserved and neglected during the pandemic).	allibash@yahoo.com	
20	2021-07-29T20:46:	Using this money to set up electrical meters and plugs for Commercial food trucks on the eastern prom. Creating pull off locations that are designed for the food trucks that help to continue to grow the restaurants scene, where food trucks can pull in and not use generators to power their vehicles. Give them enough trash and space to service the growing demands from the public who is enjoying being on the eastern prom and has great food to eat while they are there.	Thomas Abbott tbabbott17@yahoo.com	
21	2021-07-30T23:04:	I've checked Affordable Housing programs but Affordable Housing is not the same as Low Income Housing. I believe that funding must go to Low Income Housing specifically to the long-term (more than 6 months) low income homeless people and elderly homeless first.	12CarASil@gmail.com	
22	2021-08-12T14:23:58		jonpetruschke@gmail.com	
23	2021-08-10T16:39:25			
24	2021-08-13T18:53:31			
25	2021-08-13T18:55:28			
26	2021-08-15T00:39:	*A Senior Center *Increase in bike/pedestrian infrastructure city-wide, beyond what is provided for in the land swap with the state (a friend was recently put into a coma after being hit while biking on Washington Ave. He is a long way from full recovery). *Water fountains city-wide in parks, waterfront, etc.	haley.malm@gmail.com	
27	2021-07-31T08:21:35		keithrosenberg@gmail.com	
28	2021-07-30T14:50:	support for small-medium not for profits to continue their work supporting people with basic needs; support for arts and performing venues to make up for lost revenue; better city services for homeowners;	mary.zwolinski@gmail.com	
29	2021-08-03T21:15:	Please take care of the landscape and sidewalks in Libbytown	Ohamzi@une.edu	
30	2021-08-07T10:25:44		Ben Guerette	
31	2021-07-31T11:30:22			
32	2021-08-03T21:33:56		Kathleen	
33	2021-07-31T11:42:	The funds should be used to keep people housed, fed, and cared for. The city has a chance to turn around the exodus of workers and artists and others who can no longer afford to live here.	Joie Grandbois	

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34	2021-07-30T15:07:37		brittney.dunham@maine.edu	
35	2021-08-11T18:17:47		samp.bellhart@gmail.com	
36	2021-07-30T15:19:45			
37	2021-08-03T22:06:10	Portland has a distinct opportunity to use significant funds (20 percent of the total) for affordable housing, where rent is below the HUD Fair Market Rent (FMR) level allowed by housing voucher programs. This must be done in conjunction with the revision of zoning to allow greater height and density along transit routes. While "workforce housing " is important, there have been far greater losses of affordable housing for the community. The new properties should be run by agencies such as Community Housing of Maine (CHOM) or Avesta with guarantees that they will maintain the affordable housing designation for significant years (up to 50).	William Higgins, 68 High Street, Portland, ME 04101 WHigginsH	
38	2021-07-31T12:42:10	Getting EVERYONE online in a digital Merrill Auditorium for weather/health independent community activities will provide 24/7/365 payback within our predominately indoor climate. Given the uncertainty of the current and further threats that impose ever greater distancing for all activities, investing in shareable spaces accessible to all residents is the highest leverage expenditure.	bshanfield@mac.com	
39	2021-08-07T19:24:18		matthewjamespeters@gmail.com	
40	2021-07-30T15:22:41			
41	2021-07-31T12:28:43		deen haleem - dhaleemny@yahoo.com	
42	2021-08-03T18:57:44		jldoherty84@gmail.com	
43	2021-07-30T22:55:17		kellyrand@gmail.com	
44	2021-07-29T21:16:22		mpesafallon@gmail.com	
45	2021-08-03T19:03:01		Micah.edelblut@gmail.com	
46	2021-08-06T18:28:04		liahorton@gmail.com	
47	2021-07-30T23:05:29			
48	2021-07-30T01:17:10	I wholeheartedly support funding to the Youth & Family Outreach Program for their shovel-ready expansion project. We need to pave the way, literally, for the coming Portland generation and neighborhoods.	sandi.knakal@gmail.com	
49	2021-08-03T19:12:24		Sartinyan@gmail.com	
50	2021-08-18T01:14:04		thank you for asking	
51	2021-07-31T01:12:23		Grace Eddy	
52	2021-07-30T04:41:10	The city's funding for the arts is a tiny fraction of that of similar cities such as Providence, Burlington, Portsmouth, and Worcester. It's time to change that and provide support for the music and arts industry that has been hit incredibly hard during this last year. It's been 16 months since the lockdowns and most venues in Portland are still not open. Most musicians have not toured and have no regular gigs. A regranting program through the various venues and arts non profits in Portland could help get musicians and artists back to work. This would be a strong use of the ARP funds.	peter@space538.org	
53	2021-07-30T23:23:10	Maybe property tax relief is not an option, but those who have experienced shockingly high tax increases deserve better.	bethmg8@hotmail.com	
54	2021-08-03T19:13:50			
55	2021-07-30T10:07:38		Madeline Lapointe	
56	2021-07-30T23:37:16		eoglendon@gmail.com	
57	2021-07-30T23:42:25		Jeffreyjbean@gmail.com	
58	2021-08-03T19:14:53		Thomasmcarrie@maine.rr.com	

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59	2021-07-30T23:50:47		sauld@maine.rr.com	
60	2021-07-30T10:21:10	I strongly support use of funds to support the planned project between Youth and Family Outreach and Portland Housing Authority to build a combined Early Childhood/Affordable Housing complex on Cumberland Ave. This project addresses two of the city's biggest needs and does so in a way that will contribute to the revitalization of Bayside. Separately as a resident of North Deering the outer Washington Ave. corridor is a pedestrian/cyclist's nightmare. People routinely drive 40 mph in a 25 mph zone without sidewalks and ignore people walking on the shoulder. Residents walking with children and dogs are often sped by in near-miss situations. As an avid runner/walker and parent, it's a dangerous situation. Add in the industrial traffic connecting between Riverside and the Turnpike and it's really a bad situation. We need sidewalks from Riverside to Auburn Street and speed bumps between Riverside and Lambert. After the red light at Lambert the majority of traffic speeds to the Riverside intersection and many people run the stop sign even then.	Tom Marczak	
61	2021-08-03T19:31:10	We must use these funds to shore up the most vulnerable. Vulnerable people first! We need homeless shelters and a restored public health infrastructure. Taking care of the most vulnerable will help us all. Then we need to work on our housing crisisâ€”affordable housing for low-wage workers hit hard by this pandemic. And broadband for families; when budgets are tight itâ€™s the first thing to be cut and yet so many schools depend on it for teaching. Then shared infrastructure and public spaces and support for small businesses.	Malvina Gregory (malvinita@gmail.com)	
62	2021-07-30T10:40:51		rpaglio1@gmail.com	
63	2021-07-30T13:29:34		Eric Twachtman	
64	2021-07-30T13:32:26		Thomas Mitchell - thomasmitch@gmail.com	
65	2021-07-31T00:21:10	Please develop small scattered shelters. A large population of 200 people in one location is not safe and will contribute to the spread of infectious disease.	cynadair.grier@gmail.com	
66	2021-08-03T20:04:10	Focusing on keeping people housed, getting people housed, and ensuring that those who own rentals don't lose their properties seem like the obvious thing to do. There is enough funds to do a large affordable housing project, like a large building with many small units, which would provide the most relief in the homeless community. Perhaps setting up a fund for temporary housing voucher would be good too. We are in desperate need of more transitional housing for individuals in recovery from mental health problems and substance abuse which bridge the gap between hospitals, jails and permanent housing. It's my opinion that nothing creates as profound an effect on individuals and communities as providing an opportunity to make a new beginning on the solid ground of safe home.	David Mackey davemack853@gmail.com	
67	2021-07-30T13:37:10	Please support Youth and Family Outreach's Expansion projects, especially critical Childcare needs!	jpscheu@jwi.net	
68	2021-07-31T00:35:28		Mary Murphy	
69	2021-07-30T13:41:10	The city needs additional turf fields for its schools and youth programs to use. The use of the existing turf fields are not equitable. At times only groups that can afford to pay get to use them.	Lance Johnson	
70	2021-08-06T18:33:09		gpasio@mac.com	
71	2021-07-31T01:09:22			
72	2021-08-03T20:08:59		bichho98@yahoo.com	
73	2021-08-10T15:42:30		William Woodson	
74	2021-08-03T20:24:43		Katie Leavitt, Kathleenmarieleavitt@gmail.com	

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75	2021-07-30T14:01:40		pamela.hawkes1@gmail.com	
76	2021-07-31T02:50:	The housing crisis needs to be addressed first and foremost. Help the most vulnerable people first along with maintaining essential infrastructure.	dbrin1984@hotmail.com	
77	2021-08-03T21:05:26		Woodmc@portlandschools.org	
79	2021-08-03T21:06:	As with any one-time source of funds, these funds should not be used to fill structural gaps, but instead should be focused on (1) capital needs and (2) temporary needs. Housing needs (new below-market affordable housing units), public health efforts, and assistance to small businesses should be top priorities.	Jeff Levine jrlevine@mit.edu	
80	2021-07-31T03:03:	Anything that will help lower our property taxes that just went up 40%!	Buxtoncomm@gmail.com	
81	2021-08-07T17:12:07			
82	2021-08-03T22:35:	Property tax relief for low income residents (funding for state program was eliminated from the budget). Home repair assistance for low income residents.	slricher66@yahoo.com	
83	2021-08-06T19:11:36			
84	2021-07-30T15:23:12			
85	2021-08-03T22:55:	Ongoing and consistent program for litter mitigation and cleanup. If Portland streets, sidewalks and roadways are kept litter free it will speak volumes about the community, as will littered and dirty streets, sidewalks, and roadways.	Dennis R. Tefft	
86	2021-07-31T12:52:19		jodyhuntington@gmail.com	
87	2021-08-12T16:57:	Portland NEEDS more childcare. I would like to see monies become available to open a new program. Also funds for families to pay for childcare.	Sasha Shunk - shunkchildcare03@gmail.com	
88	2021-08-19T20:41:	I would very emphatically encourage some of these funds to be allocated to permanent public restrooms and to provide access to water (water fountains, etc). Even as a resident and not a traveler, the lack of facilities at crucial points on the peninsula hobbles my activities. I have to plan around where I know I might be able to sneak into a friendly business to use their facilities in most cases, or simply make short forays close to home. I can't even imagine what it must be like as a visitor to the city -- the lack of facilities seems very unfriendly, which goes against everything we've built Portland to be. I think everyone would appreciate the installation of facilities at regular intervals intown! :) Thank you for your consideration of this matter.	Michelle Souliere	
89	2021-08-20T23:50:12		valnmt@gmail.com	
90	2021-08-06T19:18:36			
91	2021-08-03T22:54:10			
92	2021-07-30T15:35:12		Dave	
93	2021-08-31T14:19:	We need public restrooms downtown BADLY!	KHALED HABASH	
94	2021-08-27T15:39:	Please cut down on parking and focus on safe walking... our sidewalks are in terrible disrepair outside old port.	thesmiths@rustydogma.com	
95	2021-08-28T18:25:	I hope funds will be used to better the state of housing, recreation, Parks, and health care for THE LOW INCOME community first and for the many municipal projects (parks, sewers, roads and infrastructure needs) next.	Woody Howard, gibwoody@aol.com	
96	2021-07-30T15:40:16			

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97	2021-07-30T16:24:	The Youth and Family Outreach (YFO) plan to significantly increase the number of high quality infant and toddler spaces it provides to the city is the ideal use for ARPA funds. Not only is the provision of quality child care for this underserved population important, the project offers a number of additional benefits including additional affordable housing for families in West Bayside, training for child care providers, providing healthy meals for children in need, and demonstrating the effectiveness of constructing a building the meets the highest standards of energy efficiency and sustainability. YFO's mission and operations promote the cultural and economic equity so sorely needed in America at this time.	nrbjcw@me.com, Nancy Brain	
98	2021-07-30T16:10:28		Emily H	
99	2021-07-30T16:04:23		rebeker40@gmail.com	
100	2021-07-31T13:03:59			
101	2021-08-03T23:18:	support folks without homes, food, childcare.	Amelia Lyons	
102	2021-08-06T19:29:	Clean energy infrastructure investments: solar, building efficiency, electric vehicle charging and busses, e bikes, all to eliminate fossil fuel use, lower energy costs and carbon emissions and create a cleaner and quieter city for all. Please no more luxury condo buildings! They are ruining the soul of Portland	TL Tutor	
103	2021-07-31T13:44:	The homeless situation is absolutely out of control & needs to be addressed first & foremost. It has exacerbated hostility towards police & those of us simply driving to & from work with panhandlers approaching red-light waiting cars. Too much. The overloaded garbage cans everywhere. Our aging friends have nowhere to go anymore with school renovations---I live next to Reiche & I know the community center was very important to people wanting to exercise/meet/be with each other. Take care of the trees that remain. Make a better Portland for those of us who live here. AFFORDABLE HOUSING! for workers. The lists go on & on.	bluesmegsun@securespeed.us	
104	2021-07-30T15:44:16		dmk207@hotmail.com	
105	2021-08-03T23:46:	Please use this funding for housing. We have a crisis in Portland and it's just getting worse. Those of us that work in Portland can't afford to live there. We can't afford to live in the surrounding towns anymore. We have larger and larger numbers of unhoused neighbors who have little support and resources and years to wait for housing. Our neighbors and workers deserve so much better.	Carrieswarthout@gmail.com	
106	2021-07-30T15:53:45			
107	2021-08-06T19:38:45		Deb Shannon shannond517@gmail.com	
108	2021-08-04T00:22:50		lloyd.beckett@gmail.com	

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		Cliff Island roads are washing away. The combination of deferred maintenance, and worsening storms and rise in ocean levels are destroying our roads. The island needs the proper equipment, employee training and material to restore the roads. The maintenance that was done recently on the wharf neglected to take into account the rising sea levels. Northeast winter storms regularly flood the wharf making it's use impossible. The ferry cannot land, water taxis and the fire boat cannot land during king tides and storms.		
109	2021-07-31T14:32:	The deterioration of our critical infrastructure is dangerous. Please consider increasing the budget for the roads and wharf on Cliff Island.	Faith Rawding f.a.rawding@gmail.com	
110	2021-08-10T18:08:33			
		I am horrified by the number of families and individuals of lower-income being forced out of the city; the number of social media posts pleading for housing assistance is absolutely outrageous. Our own residents are being priced out of living in Portland and out of staters are buying up all of our real estate for exorbitant prices, driving up everyone's property costs. If we want to help small business and families thrive, we need to have people able to live in the city to work in our hospitality and retail sector. My professional and personal passion is around early childhood and providing children with the healthiest start in life. We all know that the pandemic has been devastating to families and businesses in Portland and all across Maine. It has certainly shed a bright light on the need for a child care system that keeps working parents on the job, provides children with the building blocks for healthy brain development, and ensures young people have a strong foundation to learn, grow, lead our communities, and build our economy. If parents do not have child care, they cannot go to work. We need to address the immediate child care crisis. Then we need to recover, rebuild, and restructure our child care system by 1) investing in more early care and education; 2) building our early childhood workforce; 3) supporting families in finding and navigating affordable child care and education; and 4) improving data collection, reporting, and system enhancements. Significant gaps and barriers to high quality child care and early childhood education exist in Portland and across Maine. Problems which have been severely exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. More specifically, recent data indicates that the availability of early care and education services are grossly insufficient and that children from low-income or culturally and linguistically diverse families disproportionately lack access to high quality child care compared to children from other populations.		
111	2021-08-12T17:30:		cassiecote2@gmail.com	
112	2021-08-13T18:29:12		tarbowatts@gmail.com	
113	2021-07-31T15:06:	We need affordable housing and public programs.	Suze Quackenbush	

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114	2021-07-30T16:19:16	I believe in a housing first model for helping people stay out of poverty. I recommend using the funds to keep people housed. As for municipal funds, I would like to see them used to help people access bicycle, pedestrian, and public transit options so that they don't have the expense of car ownership to get their needs met.	Jasa Porciello jasmariyporciello@gmail.com	
115	2021-08-04T01:26:46		Dylan Sherwood	
116	2021-07-30T16:15:30		Tcarusone85@gmail.com	
117	2021-07-31T17:34:16	Please allocate as TEMPORARY moneys to mitigate specific issues that have been exacerbated by covid. And consider as a hierarchy of needs (1) Any direct public health needs generated by delta surge / unvaccinated idiots, (2) Housing and Rehousing supports (and "stay housed" supports, now that evictions are un-freezing look at mortgagee as well as lessee needs) (3) possibly support service-center infrastructure if any aspects of that project are eligible, (3) Economic activity supports such as small business / "remote work" enablers like childcare + broadband, (3) Patch direct municipal losses, esp. rehiring furloughed staff, (4) Only then consider other programs such as infrastructure (unless a case can be made for infra as direct support of any prior category, e.g. if working waterfront = small biz support)	jim@modernui.com	
118	2021-08-04T01:34:04		adam1848@gmail.com	
119	2021-08-07T12:25:04		Elizabeth Leshen	
120	2021-07-30T16:27:16	Portland is in dire need of more low income and affordable housing.	Caroline Fernandes caroline2fernandes@gmail.com	
121	2021-08-04T02:22:26			
122	2021-08-04T11:19:10		vwerckle@yahoo.com	
123	2021-07-30T17:28:29			
124	2021-07-30T17:29:43			
125	2021-07-30T17:59:19	Thru community rec providing support for the location of a professional soccer stadium, this would have a positive impact on our youth and create more opportunities to engage our immigrant community. Under municipal some solutions to challenges Portland faces need a more regionalized response. This could include identifying the priorities of surrounding municipalities and supporting the appropriate infrastructure for proposed solutions.	mdonlon3@gmail.com. Martin Donlon	
126	2021-07-30T17:29:40		swbailey88@gmail.com	
127	2021-08-01T01:51:41		elin.gardinersmith@gmail.com	
128	2021-08-04T11:53:33		Chloe Gray	
129	2021-07-30T17:33:56			

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130	2021-08-04T15:48:	It seems demonstrable to me that COVID played an enormous role in the SKYROCKETING prices of homes and rentals, and we consider ourselves extraordinarily fortunate to have purchased a house one year before COVID, otherwise this town - with all our family, friends, and jobs in it - would have been totally unaffordable to us: smaller houses around the corner from us are going for \$250k more than we paid. This town needs affordable housing of all types: first-time home buyers, low income, elderly, you name it! Same for rental market.	heatergirlie@gmail.com	
131	2021-08-01T03:14:	The city needs more housing that everyday working class people who only make \$24,000/year or less can afford. NOT more community centers. what good is a community center to someone if they can't find housing and have to sleep outside? let's get folks' most basic need (housing) met before we think about community centers.	Angel Melvin angel.melvin291@gmail.com	
132	2021-07-30T17:34:	Cover medical bills that residents accrued in 2020/2021.	Ben Fox	
133	2021-07-30T17:33:16		jmartuccelli@gmail.com	
134	2021-07-30T17:39:21			
135	2021-07-30T17:39:	Property taxes s/b #1 priority	mstaples2018@gmail.com	
136	2021-08-01T13:13:04		Elaine	
137	2021-07-30T17:37:30			
138	2021-07-30T17:53:09		Mary Christie	
139	2021-07-30T17:52:51		t	
140	2021-08-01T14:00:46		sendmeyourmessage99@gmail.com	
141	2021-08-04T15:46:55		John Clark, jmclark995@gmail.com	
142	2021-07-31T17:54:22		joanhammergrant@yahoo.com	
143	2021-07-30T16:31:	Whenever I have received a windfall (tax return, inheritance, etc), I've used the principle of 1/3, 1/3, 1/3. 1/3 Investment (such as infrastructure). 1/3 operating (public health) and 1/3 "fun" (child care)	Elizabeth Miller elizabethmiller1953@hotmail.com	
144	2021-08-06T19:51:31			
145	2021-08-10T18:35:30			
146	2021-08-12T17:39:56		adalton55@aol.com	
147	2021-08-19T20:50:06			
148	2021-07-30T17:06:05			
149	2021-08-04T03:07:25		Becky	
150	2021-08-07T00:53:21			
151	2021-07-31T18:38:01		rcousins@hotmail.com	
152	2021-08-13T18:32:40		Rich@maine.edu	
153	2021-08-13T18:43:16		Khutch0509@gmail.com	
154	2021-08-13T19:59:13		liendb@gmail.com	
155	2021-08-13T22:51:26		Martina Handanos	
156	2021-08-14T10:23:	Fix our sidewalks!	Amthron@gmail.com	
157	2021-07-31T19:41:	Support public schools and students	Zeldagrizeldadog@gmail.com	
158	2021-08-04T06:37:	The Portland Police hosted a community event recently on the Fox Street basketball courts and it looked like a lot of people in Bayside attended â€” I would love it if that happened more than once a year, if possible. Thank you for asking for opinions from the community like this!	maggie.vickerson@gmail.com	

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159	2021-07-30T17:09:23			
160	2021-08-01T00:18:37		J. F. Foley III	
161	2021-07-30T17:23:42			
162	2021-08-05T03:33:55		Kathryn	
163	2021-07-23T20:55:09		j.doh@aol.com	
164	2021-07-22T21:24:34			
165	2021-07-22T21:18:50			
166	2021-07-22T17:53:24			
167	2021-07-30T19:39:50		Carolyn T.	
168	2021-08-05T13:24:	Providing internet access- wifi- for all city residents would be very beneficial for all sectors of the city. Not just public spaces as other cities have done- but wifi for our low income neighborhoods as well. Public health needs are great in the city- increasing collaboration and sub contracts with some of the non profit organizations that have community health workers would be advised. Or the city could hire full time employees who are CHW's. Educators in Portland Public Schools rose to the incredible needs of their students and families- extra hazard pay for them is warranted.	gloria aponte clarke	
169	2021-08-02T04:36:	Any remaining funds should go to seniors in the Portland community. While every group has received additional funds the seniors have gotten nothing . Choosing medical needs over food is a daily norm in the life of a senior .	joetompatrick@gmail.com	
170	2021-08-05T13:26:23			
171	2021-07-26T16:28:01		kjmsnyder@gmail.com	
172	2021-07-23T19:14:	PLease consider giving funding to YFO for their expansion!	jennifer.evans724@gmail.com	

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		effects the ARPA funding eligibility criteria of addressing negative economic impacts. As a long-standing community anchor in the densely populated West Bayside neighborhood, Youth and Family Outreach operates a full-day, year round, non- profit early care and education program serving children six weeks to five years of age and their families with the primary goals to alleviate the effects of poverty, ensure children are prepared to succeed in K-12 education, and parents complete their education and enter the workforce. We prioritize a 60-40 percent split in subsidy vs private pay tuition to not only operate sustainably, but to model diversity. Our classrooms and teachers represent a global community, and children from any background see themselves reflected in their school environment. We are nationally accredited and support teachers and community members on their path to a degree. While covid has brought national attention to a fact we in the industry know very well; that there is no workforce without childcare, YFO has been working on a solution to our waitlist and how to best support more working families. Our project directly addresses one of the approved ARPA funds categories - Negative Economic Impacts The facts remain true: - â—Cumberland County has the highest rate of all parents with young children working statewide at 76.7% - â—Portland is lacking quality childcare options for working parents - â—Increasing access to affordable childcare directly supports employers in Cumberland County and - â—Portlandâ€™s lack of affordable housing exacerbates the financial strain on low-income families raising young children. Through an innovative partnership with the Portland Housing Development Corporation, we will co-locate high-quality childcare and affordable housing. This project will host: - â—9 Infant, Toddler, Preschool and Pre-K classrooms - â— adult learning classrooms - â—a career resource space for families and will allow us to - â—employee 28 full-time staff and teachers including 11 new positions. - â—Increase our number of available childcare slots from 58 to 107 - â—Add 60 affordable housing units to Cumberland County.		
174	2021-07-23T17:44:			
175	2021-08-12T02:27:54			
176	2021-07-23T22:55:	Build an open access fiber to the home network	Will@mitchellgeo.com	
177	2021-07-30T18:04:22		jordanmccolman@hotmail.com	
		I believe that as Maine starts to rebuild that a strong emphasis on affordable housing and keeping all community housed as we go into the fall and winter will be of utmost importance, creating small jobs for landlords so that they do not have to worry about survival if a moratorium lifts; and avoiding evicting any community and growing the already large homeless population. Supplying ARPA funds to rehab historic buildings into dual use co-housing communities and creating laws that can prevent and decrease drug use and sales.		
178	2021-08-04T16:40:		Kalisto Nanen kalistoynanen@gmail.com	
179	2021-08-01T14:37:36		Joel- rochester5404@yahoo.com	
180	2021-08-04T19:13:41			
181	2021-07-30T18:30:43		r b	
182	2021-08-01T15:31:22		trahan.jennifer@gmail.com	
183	2021-08-12T01:07:05		chris canto/ canto89@hotmail.com	

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184	2021-07-30T18:52:	The pandemic drove many of us in the community to spend more time outdoors in the city of Portland, the parks, neighborhoods, trails, etc. In spending so much time outdoors in the parks, the need for access to public restrooms and water refill stations became very apparent to me, whether you are an individual or in my case a family with small children. As well as the need for more trash and recycling cans, I was surprised at how few parks even had one trash can available. Portland is a beautiful city and it's access to the outdoors in one of the reasons it is a desirable place to live. It would be wonderful if we could invest in the public infrastructure to improve our outdoor facilities, not just for families, for homeless to have a place to go to the restroom that's not in the park, for us to be able to clean up our trash so it doesn't end up as litter on our streets, and to be able to refill our water bottles to reduce plastic and we should all be able to have access to clean drinking water.	Molly Hemkens, mollyhemkens@gmail.com	
185	2021-08-04T19:31:57			
186	2021-08-01T18:24:01		reneepatn@gmail.com	
187	2021-08-01T18:36:	Not listed was "To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to such eligible workers of the recipient" which should really be an explicit option. Portland is facing a major housing crisis and homeless problem and the money should be focused on that How will be notified what the money gets put towards	Henry Geoffrion henryg2016@gmail.com	
188	2021-07-30T18:56:	Would love to see investment that would make portland more bike friendly. More bike lanes, trails, etc.	ncmildner@yahoo.com	
189	2021-07-30T19:05:33			
190	2021-08-01T18:03:28		Rid	
191	2021-08-05T00:16:09			
192	2021-07-24T16:00:	I found it impossible to change the ranking of potential uses of ARPA funds. Issues having to do with housing and childcare should get top priority.	Toby Hollander, thollander33@yahoo.com	
193	2021-08-07T01:19:57		1sallybs@gmail.com	
194	2021-08-12T20:56:37		catherinemorrill.director@gmail.com	
195	2021-07-30T19:37:30			
196	2021-08-01T20:14:57		Brian Tarpy	
197	2021-07-23T23:35:	As a Portland resident and homeowner, I recommend supporting the planned expansion of Youth and Family Outreach (YFO) at 331 Cumberland Ave. In partnership with Portland Housing Authority, YFO is expanding it's childcare facility to serve more children, and creating affordable housing in the same new building. As a parent of young children and an elementary school teacher at Reiche, I know the critical importance of quality early care and education. I have seen friends (mostly moms) leaving the workforce to care for their children, as many childcare centers in our area have had to close or reduce hours. Both of my kids are YFO alums, and it is a program that absolutely unparalleled in our area. Their commitment to serving 60% low-income families, the multilingual caring teachers, connections to the Bayside neighborhood, and quality local cooking from scratch are just a few of my favorite things! I would welcome the opportunity to talk with you about this magical place.	eliebling@gmail.com	

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198	2021-07-24T01:20:	I would like to encourage Portland to use ARPA funding to fund the Youth and Family Outreach expansion. This is a childcare program in the heart of Portland. This childcare routinely serves children in the refugee and immigrant population as well as children in foster care. They have a long history of providing high quality childcare services for children birth to 5, however, their expansion will allow for YFO to serve more infants and toddlers. The "childcare desert"for infant and toddler care exists all over the state, specifically in the city of Portland. I urge you to use ARPA funding to support YFO's expansion efforts.	Christine Wirth, cwirth34@gmail.com	
199	2021-07-24T12:34:	We would like to see funding go towards the YFO expansion project. Reliable, affordable childcare is essential to our infrastructure.	kmarshspecial@yahoo.com	
200	2021-07-24T15:26:38		Brenda Norris	
201	2021-07-26T15:05:	Focus should be on supporting families through childcare and affordable housing! Portland needs to be a city for all who live here, not just those that can afford the rising costs!	Georgia Jenkins, Portland resident	
202	2021-07-25T00:10:	I would like to support the expansion program for youth and family outreach (YFO). They provided safe, loving childcare for my son for 6 years. Last year I lost my job and was looking for work. I was able to take a new job because YFO gave my son child care.	rjmccomish@yahoo.com	
203	2021-07-30T20:02:	I think the bulk of this money should really be used to improve the health and wellbeing of Portland residents, many who have been in difficult financial straights over the past year, or who have been faced with new challenges. Broadband, safe and affordable housing, enhanced services for homeless populations--these types of services have been more important than ever for promoting a safe and equitable community. I understand that infrastructure supports and small business supports are important too, but this is the American Rescue Plan Act. The funds could do a lot to set Portland people up for success by offering the type of rescue that people really need right now: security, safety, and access to support.	Elinor Higgins, ehiggin3@wellesley.edu	
204	2021-07-26T20:11:29		Kathryncamplin@gmail.com	
205	2021-07-30T19:40:59			
206	2021-07-26T01:31:	YFO's Building a Brighter Future expansion	amygrommes@gmail.com	
207	2021-08-02T04:55:	This is a unique funding opportunity to focus on what often is not prioritized or deferred due to funding shortages. I recommend committing the funds to a few key projects that can be started and completed within 2-3 years and have a long-term positive impact for the City's residents. Spreading the funds across hundreds of small projects will diminish the improvement effect this funding can otherwise have if channeled into a few big impactful projects.	annawlodarczyk@hotmail.com	
208	2021-08-05T17:20:	We should these funds to improve the HVAC at all of our schools - have the best ventilation systems possible so we don't ever have to go hybrid or force entire grades to do completely remote learning.	Andrew Tenenbaum	
209	2021-07-27T17:15:	(please ignore these responses, as I am a journalist just looking at the survey.)	John Doe (please ignore these responses, as I am a journalist just	
210	2021-07-27T13:23:	Please use this injection of funds to transform access to affordable housing and help the homeless. My sister-in-law is a mom who works full time as a cook here and can't afford an apartment or home here.		
211	2021-07-26T21:29:27	If our city's clean healthy water infrastructure can be updated, that would be fantastic!	missjennahoward@gmail.com	
212	2021-07-27T19:14:30		jaimeethibodeau@aol.com	
213	2021-08-08T19:38:26		jlarry4070@yahoo.com	
214	2021-07-27T19:24:16		Gretch1949@gmail.com	
			aaron@flackphoto.com	

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215	2021-07-27T19:12:	This money should be used to bridge the gap between revenue and the budget. The goal should be to use this money to continue to provide services that were affected by the revenue drop. NOT used to add new services that the city would not have been able to afford prior to COVID.	daniel.peabodyharrington@gmail.com	
216	2021-07-29T13:46:29		omitoe@gmail.com	
217	2021-07-27T19:21:48		John	
218	2021-07-27T19:23:05		Beth Rovnak	
219	2021-07-27T20:37:	The city should invest money on the local workforce by providing access to trade schools. There is a high demand for trade work with few available and qualified workers.	agetroca@hotmail.com	
220	2021-07-27T23:51:	Provide relief for long term senior property owners who have affordable apartment rentals . Many are not poor enough to receive relief and not "wealthy" enough to not struggle . The city was willing to incentivize for apartments for Covid -this is an opportunity to respect /assist long term older property owners for retaining below market units , and allow them to age in place .	Dirtgirl1@aol.com	
221	2021-07-27T23:25:	Portland does not have enough affordable housing options! Gentrification is over powering Portland now and most people are moving in from large cities and turning their properties around to airbnbs it is no longer a place the average joe or jill can afford to live. Public health should be part of the homelessness issue and have more services for these people and converted old unused buildings into small shelters around portland. And finally emphasis on park maintenance there's unfortunately too much trash around most of Portland now so perhap finding a way to bring back the terracycle program for cigarette waste at parks and downtown as well! Thanks!	Alicia Tefft	
222	2021-07-28T10:06:04		ctodd2@maine.rr.com	
223	2021-07-28T10:07:09		charcoll51@gmail.com	
224	2021-07-28T10:21:	Youth and Family Outreach and Portland Housing Authority are partnering on a critically needed expansion project that will create an additional 49 subsidy-eligible childcare spots and 60 affordable FAMILY housing units in the heart of Bayside. This project is permitted and shovel-ready. This one-time investment would ensure better access to childcare and housing for one of Portland's most economically challenged neighborhoods for years to come.	Elizabeth Pope, lizziepope@gmail.com	
225	2021-07-28T10:26:18		Optout4275@gmail.com	
226	2021-07-28T13:32:	I'd like to see it go to investments in long-term solutions rather than short-term payouts related to the pandemic (especially given how long it's going to take the money to get here). Portland is in a rapid stage of growth so any investments that can be made under the eligibility guidelines in long-term problems will help, especially childcare (opening new centers, expanding public pre-K, helping eligible families get subsidies - only 6% of eligible families receive them!), infrastructure (esp. transportation), and affordable housing. Use the money to go big. What if all went toward green, affordable housing with an on-site childcare center? That could be a transformative model. Investing in families with pay dividends down the road.	Katherine Johnston, kjohnston8418@gmail.com	
227	2021-07-28T01:15:35			
228	2021-07-30T20:03:45		Dogma@maine.rr.com	
229	2021-07-28T11:24:13		Waverly Deutsch, h.w.deutsch@gmail.com	
230	2021-07-28T11:17:	Please use the funds to address housing issues (build more affordable housing, to expand assistance to lower income families buying their first home, to incentivize owner occupied multi units, etc.).	ellemorris38@gmail.com	
231	2021-07-28T11:09:35		Kriscarbhone@gmail.com	

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232	2021-07-28T11:04:	Rents have increased in Portland during the pandemic, and low income tenants have suffered the worst through COVID related economic impacts and these rent increases. I think the City should use the funds for rental assistance to provide rent to GA recipients above the GA maximums to help those low income tenants be competitive in Portland's expensive rental market. The assistance could also extend to other low income people who are not eligible for GA or cannot access ERAP the state rental assistance program.	Orianafarnham@gmail.com	
233	2021-08-05T19:59:	To the extent possible please fund capital projects identified in Parks Master Plans.	Anne Pringle, oldmayor@maine.rr.com	
234	2021-07-28T10:59:	Please, please consider how desperately our unhoused population needs assistance. This is impacting the entire city. When I chose "public health" I am hoping for more services to support addiction and mental health issues within our community.	Alice Shea, alice.shea@gmail.com	
235	2021-07-28T11:26:17		Allan Townsend	
236	2021-07-28T11:05:01		Charles	
237	2021-07-28T10:50:51		Brian W	
238	2021-08-02T14:53:33		iostrowski@preblestreet.org	
239	2021-07-28T11:16:35		roderickjon6@gmail.com	
240	2021-07-28T11:19:	Get people out of cars and onto busses and bikes. Real bike infrastructure with separate bike paths, bridges and tunnels. Bike paths should go between places where people actually need to go to perform daily tasks. Not just recreational and sport. Provide Secure bike storage. Let's put Portland on the map as America's Amsterdam.	Dfabbott@earthlink.net	
241	2021-07-28T11:46:	The arts, especially performance venues, have suffered tremendous loss and are key to Portland's economy. Help them get back on their feet and keep Portland a vibrant, dynamic and diverse city.	Lisaatid@yahoo.com	
242	2021-07-28T00:24:10		Nick	
243	2021-08-05T18:08:15			
244	2021-07-28T00:36:13		maisymf@yahoo.com	
245	2021-07-28T01:03:44		Surf89a@yahoo.com	
246	2021-07-27T21:49:10			
247	2021-07-28T01:48:59		Maeve.pistrang@gmail.com	
248	2021-08-02T12:54:	My concern is that people in Portland are having a hard time finding a place to live, medical and psychological care, and that the price of goods and everything is going through the roof!	Theo Darwin	
249	2021-07-28T04:12:	Please build the homeless shelter or shelters! Portland needs them desperately!	Amy@gothicmaine.com	
250	2021-07-30T19:45:07		julia.m.dunlavey@gmail.com	
251	2021-07-28T01:52:11		Michael P	
252	2021-08-05T19:40:	I think part of the funds should be used to establish or develop on any existing tourism commissions which will greatly generate revenue in the future. Some hotels and local businesses should be paying a portion towards the city to promote tourism which will help recoup losses	Montanagalvan@yahoo.com	
253	2021-07-28T01:47:13		Wroche@gmail.com	
254	2021-07-28T03:32:14		maine@becomeamerica.com	
255	2021-07-28T02:46:13		Kate	

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256	2021-07-28T02:14:	Covid exposed a festering problem with our unhoused and indigent population. We should have acted decades ago, but if we don't act now, I'm afraid we never will, and our very humanity is at stake.	email@robertsylvain.com	
257	2021-07-28T02:50:17		Alf512@gmail.com	
258	2021-07-28T03:20:	In addition to childcare, please invest in recreation programming, which as a childcare and youth development function.	kjdonoghue@gmail.com	
259	2021-07-28T09:00:51		Yvonne Marmet	
260	2021-07-28T09:30:36		dp1inman@gmail.com	
261	2021-07-28T10:06:59		Oliver Whitney <whitneyo@gmail.com>	
262	2021-07-28T11:30:	Use funds that benefit the majority of residents before focusing on special niche groups. Use money for expensive infrastructure that will ultimately keep taxes and/or fees down. Thank you for asking	Bearmama28@gmail.com	
263	2021-07-28T11:17:34		dan.enterline@gmail.com	
264	2021-07-28T11:46:	The city should purchase apartment buildings and rent at cost to drive rent costs down, as COVID has set back MOST renters considerably. No more predatory property management companies!!-- Portland NEEDS the Public Marketplace back. The original location is perfect. Boot those offices out and turn Portland Public Market back into itself. It was ahead of its time. The time is now. -- Citywide broadband infrastructure, to be laid out with this money. Then the city operate the service at cost. Get Spectrum out of this city. No more predatory internet service. -- Redevelop most, if not all, of the Old Port as a pedestrian only area. I want to see permanent outdoor dining. Old Port Fest all the time. Great for the locals, great for tourism. -- I can keep going, I have lots of ideas for the city. Please inquire for more -- Matt Walker -- mattw1027@gmail.com	Matt Walker -- Deering HS 2002 -- USM 2011 -- UCLA 2017 --	
265	2021-07-28T11:29:	The City of Portland has a report from UNH of a needs assessment on community centers in the city. This report has not been discussed, to my knowledge, and it highlights a significant lack of recreational opportunities for the older residents of Portland. This continued during the pandemic, again to my knowledge, no attempts were made by any municipal entities to contact and provide virtual socialization and isolation relief for this demographic. For years advocates have requested more recreational equipment and sheltered walking areas for elders, we hear lots of talk, but there's no action. Portland purports to be an Age-Friendly City, use some of these funds to prove that commitment. Property tax relief - period!	rgraef@gwi.net	
266	2021-07-28T11:37:		marksjp@hotmail.com	
267	2021-07-28T10:30:24			
268	2021-07-28T11:36:		adamcohen37@gmail.com (Adam Cohen)	
269	2021-07-28T10:35:35			
270	2021-07-29T12:48:	Former experienced city retirees have a vast knowledge of the city structure and neighborhoods and already have background checks in place and should be utilized to assist fire department, public works, parks and recreation and police by inspecting the entire city every 2 weeks and report back priority items in writing deemed immediate attention. Link it to the fix it program we presently have. Photograph urgent items that need immediate attention.	davidhcote@yahoo.com	
271	2021-07-28T11:44:13			

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272	2021-08-07T14:22:	The priority ranking screen did not work on my phone (chrome/android)! Please do not count that question on my survey! I wpuld put : public health, health care cost reduction for self-employed, and child care assistance as my top 3	BDodson@mail.com	
273	2021-07-30T20:01:	Indoor sports and athletics and recreation uses Indoor walking track and or fields for community use in winters Funding to construct and operate child care for working parents	Metonello@gmail.com	
274	2021-08-05T21:21:	I think it is crucial that these funds prioritize affordable housing access & health/housing services for those currently without homes. With the recent expiration of the eviction moratorium and the increasing severity of the COVID-19 delta variant, it is clear that the economic situation of those without wealth is going to become far worse and far more precarious before it gets better. It is the city's job to ensure all residents are safely housed in comfortable, accessible, dignified, and longterm accommodations as well as given the means to afford food and other basic necessities. Stability for the most vulnerable in our community ensures the overall stability of the Portland community at large. From a public health perspective, ensuring appropriately individual or family-sized accommodations for our community is essential to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for all of us. With this influx of funding, there is no reason why we should see people on the streets or anyone getting evicted -- especially as more and more luxury constructions pop up across the city and rents increase.	Sarah Erwin (sarah.erwin112@gmail.com)	
275	2021-07-27T19:54:12		harrison@sawyerrealty.net	
276	2021-08-02T12:27:	Bus fares went up too much.	jordanpam@rocketmail.com	
277	2021-07-27T19:45:37		jrottmann@gmail.com	
278	2021-07-27T22:26:23		E.e.lapierre@gmail.coM	
279	2021-07-27T22:53:38		rosie.lenehan@gmail.com	
280	2021-07-27T19:56:32		Elise Boyson, eboyson@gmail.com	
281	2021-07-27T19:47:53		Hrbrown978@gmail.com	
282	2021-07-27T23:08:09		Alex@alexanderwebb.com	
283	2021-07-27T22:02:59		Jared Levin; jared@mainelytubs.com	
284	2021-07-27T19:49:	Funds should be used for property tax reduction. Property tax has increased at a torrent pace over the past two years. If you put your address on Zillow, it will show how many hundreds of dollars your taxes increase each year. Incredible growth in municipal spending. It needs to be kept in check with growth in inflation or less. Your constituents are not seeking pay raises that match the increases in property tax.	DM	
285	2021-07-27T22:42:45		heather_kahn@hotmail.com	
286	2021-07-27T22:57:	Thank you for requesting our feedback. Our city is a gem. Please use this money to help the diverse people who live here year round. Tourism is important, but we're here when the bus tours stop. Let's take care of our city. Please be forward thinking about how the climate crisis will have a negative impact on downtown Portland. Let's treat that science with the same seriousness of purpose as we treat COVID-19. Thank you.	BZ	

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287	2021-07-27T22:39:	Roadway and streets projects must address the city's climate plan with designs that encourage greater bike, pedestrian, and transit travel, and reduce the city's maintenance and heat island liabilities from excessive pavement. And in general, this is a good opportunity for the city to catch up on its climate plan implementation.	Tim Asherton	
288	2021-07-30T19:42:50		Jessica Moxcey jmoxcey@gmail.com	
289	2021-07-27T22:53:19		Mary	
290	2021-07-27T22:51:	Housing and open space improvements are really important. I also prioritized roads and streets but with the caveat that we focus on making them better for people who walk, bike, and roll. The second section of this survey is not easy to use. I hope you are gathering feedback through other channels.	...	
291	2021-07-27T23:18:	Incentivize building more housing with an emphasis on density that preserves room for green spaces. Transit improvements	John.rudoy@gmail.com	
292	2021-07-28T00:21:57		kwooldrik@hotmail.com	
293	2021-07-27T23:53:36		ayslinn.afferty@gmail.com	
294	2021-07-28T00:09:40		brettfinegold@gmail.com	
295	2021-08-13T16:16:	Access and affordability of child care is a big issue not only children and families, but it effects the economic health of Portland as well. Many programs have long waiting lists. Helping child care start up businesses through grants, investing in building the quality of child care in Portland through piloting shared services and resources for child care programs, and supporting the child care workforce by supporting wages and benefits to stop the loss of the child care workforce would be beneficial to Portland.	Heather Marden, hjmard@gmail.com	
296	2021-08-09T15:56:09		bursonm4@gmail.com	
297	2021-08-13T19:01:29			
298	2021-08-24T13:40:	The downtown district is sorely lacking in public restrooms. Portland has a thriving, vital downtown, and I very much hope some of the ARPA money will be spent to remedy a glaring problem in the district.	John Sterling, jsterling207@gmail.com	
299	2021-07-28T12:02:08		leila.pike@gmail.com	
300	2021-07-28T12:04:37		Anna	
301	2021-07-28T11:51:50		Claudine Grange, NP	
302	2021-07-28T14:04:56		Carolyn Smith carolyn.fernald@gmail.com	
303	2021-07-28T14:22:43		pntdfir@gmail.com	
304	2021-07-28T14:31:	Portland has a growing problem. ARPA monies should be allocated towards improvements in roads for cars. All road work lately has included an unnecessary amount of bike and pedestrian investments. Alternative transportation investments are important but our community will always have cars. Portland should be making it easier to get around town, not more difficult. Despite having sizable island communities nearby, the public waterfront infrastructure is virtually nonexistent. One public dock with space for 2-3 boats is inadequate for a shoreline community like Portland. Finally, while I appreciate the council asking the public's opinion about how these monies are spent, I think they should be making recommendations. They are elected to represent the community and educate themselves on the relevant facts. Whenever a major decision needs to be made, it seems like they're too afraid to make it, even when the facts clearly point to a best option (i.e. the city can provide more assistance to the homeless in a large facility vs. several smaller ones). Quit playing politics and do your job which is making the tough calls and dealing with the outcomes...	amg800@gmail.com	

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305	2021-07-28T14:35:14	Assistance for low-income families, homeless individuals, and the immigrant community. Our City is only as strong as the most underserved neighborhood, meaning we need to give a helping hand to those without resources. Top Preference: Stimulus checks to eligible people. Don't design a new program that people can't access, and don't pave an extra mile of road. Give the money to those struggling with basic needs. Other priorities: increased housing voucher amounts, food assistance for fresh produce, ride share programs so that people don't have to spend hours on public transit, better public transit off the peninsula,	neal.b.goldberg@outlook.com	
306	2021-07-28T14:29:18		Meredith Giovanelli	
307	2021-07-30T20:15:15	Childcare #1 Affordable housing #2 Maintenance #3 Speak for itself. Long overdue	Jacquie Delano	
308	2021-07-28T14:56:14	a	a	
309	2021-07-30T20:33:47			
310	2021-07-28T14:51:01		Rita Knight	
311	2021-07-28T14:53:44		simon.rucker@gmail.com	
312	2021-07-28T14:59:47		Paul S.	
313	2021-07-28T15:19:19	Child care assistance is a fundamentally important way to help families and workers in portland recover from this pandemic in meaningful and sustainable ways.	tfuller2@une.edu	
314	2021-08-02T20:52:14		Stacy Mitchell	
315	2021-07-28T14:36:34			
316	2021-07-28T15:29:19	Investing in expanding the community health worker workforce would be a great use of these funds, as would investing homelessness prevention efforts	Fleur Hopper	

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		I ranked child care first, affordable housing second, and homeless services third. Child care is an issue that I care deeply about as a parent and community member. Quality, affordable, and accessible child care is essential component of our city's infrastructure and ecosystem. Without it, parents/families are unable to work and contribute to our community's economy and provide for their households. What Portland needs is MORE child care - wait lists are long, parents carry stress of finding child care from the moment that they find out that they are pregnant. By having child care options and availability in our community, families are able to plan ahead, ensure their child has a safe and nurturing place to go while they are at work, and allow them to do their jobs. Reliable child care helps to alleviate economic downturn and workforce shortages. As a parent, I signed up for at least 5 wait lists when I was only 4 months pregnant. I got one spot during my maternity leave. One place told me that the wait list was two years long. We need more high quality child care options - places where staff are highly trained professionals and have ongoing professional development opportunities to be sure that they are up to date with the latest information to build their skills and knowledge. One fantastic example of a child care center that is working is Youth and Family Outreach (YFO) in Portland. This center has done an incredible job of keeping children and families safe, informed, and cared for during the pandemic. Without such a place, I do not know what our family would have done. Work is already hard and stressful and caring for a baby who turned into toddler during the pandemic on top of that makes it almost unmanageable. To know that my child is safe and cared for during the day is an incredible offering. YFO is seeking to expand its child care capacity and is creating 49 new child care slots - going from 58 to 107. Through partnering with Portland Housing, YFO has a vision for revitalizing their corner in downtown Portland and providing much needed affordable housing and child care to people in the city. This incredible opportunity will also add 60 units of affordable housing and 11 full time employment positions. The partnership will also be able to provide wrap around services. This opportunity to co-locate child care and stable housing is the foundation all families need in order address the negative economic impacts of COVID and be able to work. YFO serves as a leader in child care, economic development, and innovative practices for building partnerships within Portland and beyond. ARP funds should go toward creative ways to collaborate and meet the needs of people in our county - YFO is this model. This model also addresses concerns two (affordable housing) as well - housing is scary in this city - there is not enough affordable housing for working families. My third concern, homelessness, relates to the affordable housing crisis in Portland and a bigger issue around supports for people who need them - we need housing first, to get people off the streets and into regular, stable, safe housing, along with supports to aid them in their transition from homelessness to housed. It is disgraceful that		
317	2021-08-06T13:40:	there are so many homeless people in our city - funds that can be used to HOUSE people should be prioritized.	Emilie Swenson, emilie.swenson@gmail.com	
318	2021-07-28T13:25:	PLEASE DEAL WITH THE UNHOUSED PROBLEM IN PORTLAND.	mshea61@yahoo.com	
319	2021-07-28T13:29:15		mhamre@maine.rr.com	
320	2021-08-08T22:14:	These funds should be aimed primarily at the systemic weaknesses revealed by the epidemic. To my mind, these primarily are child care supports, broadband accessibility, disparities in racial and ethnic impacts of the disease.	Kathy Hooke hooke23@gwi.net	
321	2021-07-28T11:57:07			
322	2021-07-28T14:00:	Portland is in an absolute crisis with affordable housing, leading to higher numbers of people experiencing homelessness or being pushed out of town. This should be the primary use of funds.	Jessica Kane; jessicakane@gmail.com	
323	2021-07-28T13:45:	Thank you for inviting the public to comment. I believe affordable housing is our number one issue. Much of the housing that has been built recently and designated affordable doesn't come close to being affordable to many service workers and low income residents that keep our city running and attracting visitors.	movingarts30@gmail.com	
324	2021-07-30T20:14:	Please focus on people first, economy second. Infrastructure bills are coming and will always be in supply. Take this funding to rescue the American people who need the most help. Provide reliable modular shelter throughout the city for people experiencing homelessness. Subsidize child care services to the low income. Invest in rehabilitation clinics for people suffering from addiction. Subsidize developers to build affordable housing.	ams7c9@gmail.com	
325	2021-07-28T13:45:36		Stephen Champagne	
326	2021-07-28T13:33:02		julierosenbach@yahoo.com	

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327	2021-07-28T15:59:	Park upgrades and funding for programming would be great	C.J. Opperthausen	
328	2021-07-28T14:23:	Provide public toilets/showers for the homeless population.	brooke.chornyak@gmail.com	
329	2021-07-28T14:41:	I'd love to see major municipal underground infrastructure needs met with ARPA funds, and progressive pedestrian / bicycle / public transit / landscape investments by the City above. This seems like a major opportunity to fund the cost of digging up the roads and dealing with pressing infrastructure needs while adding best practices when we build back (which might otherwise be seen as too costly or challenging).	Christian Roadman, cmroadman@gmail.com	
330	2021-07-28T13:33:21		Sararukeyser@gmail.com	
331	2021-07-28T13:50:37		Danielle Corciullo	
332	2021-07-28T13:35:	I'm just commenting on the makeup of this survey - the second page where you have people rank seems confusing since the items are already ranked. I have a feeling that confusion will lead it to show that more people ranked homeless #1 as a first priority since it's ranked first already. Also, people who skip that page altogether would have their survey recorded as the ranking as it was already listed/pre-filled. This might have been better if those rankings were blank and people moved them up from a word bank instead.	Debra Tenenbaum - debraltenenbaum@gmail.com	
333	2021-07-28T14:14:	- As a healthcare worker I am deeply concerned about the well being of all health care staff. I believe the pandemic exposed the gap between organizational (hospital,etc) interests and the health and well being of the workers. The burnout that existed bef	Michelle Morgan mmorgan13@msn.com	
334	2021-07-28T13:58:	Non-profits providing essential services to Cumberland County residents.	Chelsea.amaio@gmail.com	
335	2021-07-28T14:33:22		JH	
336	2021-07-28T13:59:08		Theo@theomatheson.com	
337	2021-07-30T20:09:52		Tyler	
338	2021-07-30T20:10:18			
339	2021-07-28T15:36:38		Ashley Rodick	
340	2021-08-14T00:25:	Funds should also be used to subsidize or otherwise incentivize increased access to affordable, convenient mental health services including addiction support given the increase in depression, anxiety, and suicidality during the pandemic.	rachelkrausman@gmail.com	
341	2021-07-28T14:32:	While I recognize the importance of things such as our waterfront, our parks and our recreation spaces I can not rank them nearly as high as I will the opportunity to help the unhoused and underserved. Those that can not enjoy any of the above mentioned recreation must be helped first and foremost.	Michael Michael.r.lecomte@gmail.com	
342	2021-07-28T12:34:05	'the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members'.	Luisa.deprez@maine.edu	
343	2021-07-28T12:02:	homelessness specifically and the lack of ACTUALLY affordable housing generally are absolute crises which need to be addressed if the soul of portland is to remain intact. i cannot imagine a better use of these funds than to facilitate ways for poor people to access safe housing.	Melody Brimmer	
344	2021-07-28T12:06:	Given the acuity of Portland's housing crisis, any excess funds the city has should be designated to that purpose.	benjamin.algeo@gmail.com	
345	2021-07-30T20:05:43			
346	2021-07-28T12:59:24		cwchop@gmail.com	

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347	2021-07-28T12:51:	municipal broad band! Future proofing another work from home situation and encouraging people who can work from home to move to Portland, also ending the monopoly on broadband, its unacceptable that I live downtown and have 1 option for broadband	jaredmsawyer@gmail.com	
348	2021-07-28T13:13:	Strongly support expansion of public health staff and services, affordable housing, child care services.	Kathleen Stokes	
349	2021-07-28T12:25:	All city staff should have the necessary supplies and equipment to do their jobs.	DL	
350	2021-07-28T12:21:51		victoriaj.clarke@gmail.com	
351	2021-07-28T12:10:	Upgrades on Recreational facilities and more pickleball areas with permanent nets.....more support/services for homeless individuals/families. How will people get to provide more input?	Bob Carroll, bcarroll@maine.rr.com	
352	2021-07-28T12:04:	Return State and High Streets to 2-way traffic - this was shelved due to cost. Would improve quality of life for a large swath of the city, provide jobs, complement the Congress Square redevelopment. It's infrastructure. Also - proceed with Franklin Street redesign - similar argument. Also - accelerate and expand construction of new service facilities for homeless people - current stasis on meeting this need is disgraceful	Stephen.donnernsmith1@gmail.com	
353	2021-07-28T12:36:12		Bill Kennedy	
354	2021-08-02T18:04:	RFP process for local community agencies and non-profits	kelley_walsh@hotmail.com	
355	2021-07-28T12:22:	I'd prefer to see this money go towards offsetting future property tax increases. That benefits property owners and renters.	tim.pulsoni@gmail.com	
356	2021-07-28T12:59:07		Scott	
357	2021-08-05T22:27:25		hmcintosh11@msn.com	
358	2021-07-28T12:59:	Help the city's food banks and soup kitchens. They filled a big spot for the city's needie that were overlooked at times. Homeless were visible and had lots of coverage.	Andy	
359	2021-07-28T13:22:	Also all the city's nameless essential workers that continued working and showing that they cared for the City of Portland and surrounding community.	Bertha_peaks@hotmail.com	
360	2021-07-28T13:18:00	Portland has one of the oldest populations of any city - programs to help address senior needs are needed and welcomed. Affordable senior housing!	Jessica	
361	2021-07-28T13:22:	Due to the declining housing stock in Portland, I think it is essential that is money goes to affordable housing. Providing assistance to those who are the most vulnerable will provide positive results for everyone!	aclarke1021@gmail.com	
362	2021-08-12T13:07:29		Rob Levin	
363	2021-08-02T22:11:	Perhaps areas in the five districts could have something to add character, to define the area. Maybe gardens, flags or a place outside for the community to gather. Some of the northern districts get nothing.	Absolutely Not noway@gmail.com	
364	2021-08-13T18:35:	Air purification systems in public schools to help reduce potential for covid transmission in schools		
365	2021-08-14T12:24:31	Support for students who are on covid quarantine to help them avoid falling behind in school- example 1on1 virtual or socially distanced tutoring during school hours.	jamie.a.brennan@gmail.com	
366	2021-08-15T01:25:22			

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367	2021-07-28T15:27:	reclaim portland public market for a year round farmer's market on the peninsula, new city owned housing, more pedestrian only/outdoor dining streets in old port	Victoria Van Berlo	
368	2021-07-28T15:40:	Housing is key from where I stand. If one doesnâ€™t have shelter then not much else is possible. I think we also need to continue to focus on food and beverage, delta and the current weather patterns have been brutal on business during what is mean to be our busiest time. As it stands now we will see a lot more closures over the fall and winter without supplemental funding	Mary@cocktailmary.com	
369	2021-07-28T15:30:42		Crazy old white guy in Portland	
370	2021-07-28T15:24:39		Will Lynch	
371	2021-07-30T20:19:48		sally.cody@thorntonacademy.org	
372	2021-07-28T16:19:	To advance the Portland Harbor Common project between the State Pier and the Portland Foreside, in particular Phase 1, replacing the "temporary parking lot" at the foot of India St. with a new gathering place for healthful recreation activities and civic events by the people on the Portland Harbor.	richard.barringer@maine.edu	
373	2021-07-28T15:25:	RE: Parks and maintenance - tree canopy restoration, expansion, and care should be top of the list because it aligns with Comp Plan and One Climate Future plan.	ecparsons33@hotmail.com	
374	2021-07-28T15:58:40		Jared	
375	2021-08-06T14:57:	Portland, Maine owner-occupied short-term rentals were shut down by city and state mandates. Many kept these rooms in their homes empty or rented long-term for most of 2020. This resulted in not only significant reductions to the income of these home owners but also to the local economy. One room STR with double occupancy can produce \$25-35,000 per year in local spending for dining (and drinking) out and other visitor related activities. That translates to \$6-8,000,000 yearly into the local economy from the city's registered 260 owner-occupied SRTs. The owner's of these rentals took a huge financial loss from the pandemic and then were hit with increased property taxes. This relatively small group of residential property owners is deserving of help from the ARPA recovery funds.	Jay York, jyork2@maine.rr.com	
376	2021-07-28T15:26:28		Travis	
377	2021-07-28T16:02:46		Emily	
378	2021-07-28T15:37:	Municipal broadband and debt repayment please. Enough foo foo getting tired of it and not seeing enough improvements for middle class, tax paying citizens.	jmooss1990@gmail.com	
379	2021-07-28T15:54:	None	Craig Cardamone, cacardam@syr.edu	
380	2021-07-28T16:33:	My feeling is that the city should dedicate a healthy portion of the allocated funding to support the new homeless shelter. In combination with this I would replace the funding that the city has (or would) allocate to this work that is in the municipal budget and allocate that money to Portland Public Schools. This is two fold. One, the school department has returned \$6.0M to the city via its state funding allocation to the pot allowing the city to lower the schools portion of the overall tax rate. I know this has some hurdles, but the schools could use this \$\$\$ to focus on projects that come under the bond requirement thresholds. This could also allow the school district to potentially pursue more work associated with eh Building for our Future projects such as Longfellowâ€™s cafeteria relocation/expansion which was left off the table due to unforeseen and sky rocketing construction prices. This may not be perfectly summarized, but I am sure yâ€™all get the picture. Support one opportunity by supporting one that can be supported by these funds.	mgwinch@me.com	

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381	2021-07-28T16:21:	This would be a great opprtunity to put more public bathrooms in Portland's public parks and playgrounds. The "Portland Loo" is a pre-fabricated single seat stall which is easy to clean. Its lighting discourages intravenous drug use. Installation of these facilities would meet an important public health need! www.portlandloo.com	Nan Cumming Portland Parks Conservancy, nan@portlandparksphilipmantis@gmail.com	
382	2021-07-28T16:03:08			
383	2021-07-28T16:15:	We already do more than our fair share for homeless services. The rest of the state needs to step up.		sewida@maine.rr.com
384	2021-07-28T16:14:	How about indoor walking tracks for winter recreation so we can stay healthy and not be cooped up for months? How about funding to ensure that Metro doesn't try again to take away vital bus service that serves senior residences in the West End and replaces it with a bus line that's clearly designed for the convenience of tourists instead - that gets them quickly from the PTC to the Old Port, while bus stops right in front of senior housing are taken away? The City is willing to invest endless dollars to serve the out-of-Portland homeless population, but older people - burdened by new high property taxes - lack dedicated recreational services. Stop catering to tourists and pay attention to those of us who live here.	Anonymous, eruadh@aol.com	
385	2021-07-28T16:22:55		fiercekitten@protonmail.com	
386	2021-07-28T16:06:02			
387	2021-07-28T16:31:	no additional ideas	kendallkolenik@gmail.com	
388	2021-07-28T16:19:28		Nolan Bales	
389	2021-07-28T16:26:	better integration of mass transit resources. also, how about a streetcar?	f	
390	2021-07-28T16:54:	There are probably a few hundred people living on the hill and Bayside who've worked through the pandemic and who's rent is about to be affected by the property tax increase. Doesn't seem like there's much of a plan to retain those people. Part of that increase is caused by the influx of people from bigger cities due to the pandemic. It seems like having some kind of program to subsidize a portion of those working people's rent for a few years might be a legitimate use of the money. They shouldn't be punished for working through the pandemic.	Winston Lumpkins IV winston.lumpkins@gmail.com	
391	2021-07-28T16:54:34			Ethan Guy
392	2021-07-28T16:06:17			
393	2021-07-28T17:01:	Offset the recent Residential Property Real Estate Tax increases.	Timothy Neale - T.Neale@Lanco.net	
394	2021-07-28T17:27:42		nan.heald@gmail.com	
395	2021-07-28T17:03:37		Blackcatboutiques@gmail.com	
396	2021-07-28T17:08:56		jaredmsmith589@gmail.com	
397	2021-07-28T18:00:	If we don't invest some money in our infrastructure and broadband, we will be at a loss in the near future. The same can be applied to investing in the waterfront, as this amazing area is changing due to climate change and sea level rise. Let's prepare to provide the equality we all strive for by investing in our physical foundations and innovate, resilient people. Please talk with Troy Moon about his sustainability plans -- we need his ideas!	carol@rdsarchs.com	
398	2021-07-28T17:38:07		Chris Keener	
399	2021-08-06T15:34:	Air BnB landlords continue to flout the law by running non-owner-occupied buildings. Rampant all over the city and the city needs to ramp up enforcement. The number of AirBnB's run by irresponsible landlords grows, the existing units are getting worse as we move out of COVID. Every AirBnB building needs to be owner-occupied, full stop. This isn't happening anywhere in town. Thanks for all of the work that you guys are doing!	Brad MacCachran bmaccachran@gmail.com	

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400	2021-07-28T17:06:17	Providing higher or back-wages for childcare providers and/or expansion of the great childcare centers in portland who provide infant-toddler care; providing funding for more mental health and recovery services for the homeless population as well as funding their healthcare/a free public clinic or home visits; rent relief/small grants to small businesses in the city.	Emily Hill	
401	2021-07-28T17:23:11	we need more housing and wifi that works	Eliav Ebitan@gmail.com	
402	2021-07-28T18:28:15		Patrick Volker	
403	2021-07-28T17:06:49		Sarah Sax	
404	2021-07-28T17:35:23		rschmitz26@gmail.com	
405	2021-07-28T17:11:41		josh7hale@gmail.com	
406	2021-07-28T17:17:54			
407	2021-07-28T17:11:56		Ken	
408	2021-07-28T18:11:11	In my opinion it would be very helpful to add funds for adult education/retraining for tech., trades, civics, small business and communication skills. With education and skills comes hope, a better paycheck, more taxes paid, and less need for services. There can't be too much opportunity to learn.	Mike Stephenson, stephenson_me@hotmail.com	
409	2021-07-30T20:17:50			
410	2021-07-28T17:25:05		Angelina Jean	
411	2021-07-28T18:10:10	priority use for funds which may be leveraged in any way. Too expensive to invest in affordable housing unless it may be added directly to the housing Trust fund?	sdundon1@gmail.com	
412	2021-07-28T17:40:13		nickfbriere@gmail.com	
413	2021-07-28T17:50:22		Terence Miller	
414	2021-07-28T17:19:35			
415	2021-07-28T17:22:11			
416	2021-07-28T17:45:58			
417	2021-08-06T21:02:33			
418	2021-08-02T22:35:04		Holly Kohler	
419	2021-08-08T12:21:49			
420	2021-08-09T16:17:44			
421	2021-07-28T19:38:11	Mental health services and agencies like Maine Behavioral Health Care need to be prioritized. I think that's evident after 2020 especially, with the protests and rising gun violence	Nichole D	
422	2021-07-28T18:28:45	I truly believe that if there were more services available to people of low income it would greatly impact much of the other ideas listed.	samanthakcramond@outlook.com	
423	2021-07-28T20:34:15		kyledavsmith@gmail.com	
424	2021-07-28T18:52:11	Fix the fields for the kids	Coachwinship.fhs@gmail.com	
425	2021-07-28T20:23:41		Marc Chadbourne /marcchad@gmail.com	
426	2021-07-28T20:06:17	Thank you for looking for public comment about this. I think using the funding to support the arts, who have lost funding due to the pandemic, would be exciting and beneficial to the community. Utilizing it to support arts non profits and other arts venues would help provide that programming to the community.	Julianne Shea juliannershea@gmail.com	
427	2021-07-28T19:42:11	You're taxing residents to death. Your spending is out of control. Raising taxes after a pandemic!! Shame on you worthless bastards!! We built this city with our taxes!! We need relief now !!	Tomconnolly@maine.rr.com	
428	2021-07-28T18:16:11	Any improvements that can be made to the Morrills Corner area of the city please	nicolecrobitaille@gmail.com	
429	2021-07-28T19:33:11	We already spend so much of the municipal budget on infrastructure and services predominantly enjoyed by those who have the most. With this money we could potentially eliminate homelessness - let's invest in our people!	caracookson@gmail.com	
430	2021-07-28T18:31:11	We need more trails and parks. It was too crowded and overrun during covid. Need more dog parks.	plantealexandra@gmail.com	
431	2021-07-28T19:55:11	Curb the infrastructure for cars and other polluting vehicles and develop infrastructure / urban development with pedestrian, cyclist, skaters in mind.	colin.vettier@gmail.com	
432	2021-07-28T19:13:11	Increase the amount of green spaces that can be used to grow food.		
		The visual and performing arts organizations took massive hits during the pandemic, and will struggle to return more so than other types of businesses	Corybucknam@hotmail.com	

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433	2021-07-28T20:20:	The city needs to invest in public restrooms and water dispensers in every park. This is a huge problem for residents and tourists, and the most constant source of frustration I hear from people throughout the city. The problem is compounded by the pandemic as businesses like coffee shops and restaurants that are required to let customers use their restrooms are refusing bathroom access, even to paying customers. Moreover, the lack of restroom and water access has created a public health crisis in Portland - we regularly see people relieving themselves, and find excrement on city streets and in alcoves. It also makes the city feel poorly planned and inaccessible. Bathrooms fulfill a fundamental human need; we shouldn't treat them as a privilege.	erin@portlandfleaforall.com	
434	2021-07-28T20:00:	We should really look into municipal broadband. Larger cities than Portland have done it.	Scott Molnar / swmolnar@gmail.com	
435	2021-07-28T18:33:	Urban planning by people with a proven track record for managing the kind of growth we wish to see. Portland is on the cusp right now; there's an adhoc approach right now that doesn't consider any kind of holistic view of the city and the longer it goes on, the worse it gets in terms of traffic, quality of life, and taxes. We need something more than a City Council whose default response is "Building a thing? Great! Here's my rubber stamp."	politics@crossingmidnight.net	
436	2021-07-28T19:55:	I am sick and tired of my hard earned tax dollars being unwisely. Lower our RE taxes. Fix our ridiculously poorly maintained roads. FUND THE POLICE with the \$. Get rid of BLM political agendas such as CRT. STOP GIVING \$ to illegals and homeless from other parts of the state/country. Stop using Portland, Maine as the dumping ground for people that we who live here have been forced to pay for their way. Close the General Fund immediately to all those who do not have documentation of being a US Citizen. How about those ideas?	andreacesario@msn.com	
437	2021-07-28T20:25:58		jraffety84@gmail.com	
438	2021-07-28T21:22:	Housing/shelter/services for homeless people and affordable housing for low-income people are the most pressing need for our community as a whole.	melmckean@gmail.com	
439	2021-08-07T23:58:	The city needs a more diverse business profile. Improve broadband, improve roads, make this a healthier city and a more attractive city to be in/do business in so the impact of a single issue that affects our single business (tourism) isn't so damaging.	asburt2004@yahoo.com	
440	2021-07-28T23:04:05		Christina	
441	2021-07-28T22:21:	Homeless services, particularly emergency housing via hotel rooms and housing focused program, should be prioritized.	Erin.kelly53@outlook.com	
442	2021-07-28T22:52:04		Seth Clarke	
443	2021-07-28T23:08:	Spectrum sucks. Let's invest in a portland owned high speed internet that is free for all.	Brentalder@gmail.com	
444	2021-07-28T23:20:	It would be great to help landlords whose tenants haven't paid rent, this would avoid many evictions. Helping parents with child care so they can go back to work Pay anyone who has not been vaccinated \$100 to get the vaccine	Patricia Pratt ppratt@maine.rr.com	
445	2021-07-28T23:16:23		Alexandra Hill	
446	2021-07-28T23:24:	I think some should be used for tax relief, especially for people on fixed incomes!	Celine Whitehead	

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		REDUCE property taxes/ TAX rate. INCREASE P-STEP(senior property tax relief) cap, to match state property tax fairness credit . It has been underutilized and underpublicized. Increasing municipal infrastructure / maintenance/ sewer and water should be able to reduce TAX rate . Provides housing relief /assistance for homeowners, who have not been eligible for fed , state, local " rent relief" , reduce sewer rate, again housing relief for homeowners, who have been left out of housing relief, due to covid . IF you cannot do that directly, do it indirectly. ALOT of senior and other longtime homeowners have taken a huge hit on NEW assessment/ valuation due to people MOVING IN, due to COVID and the delay in the assessment, caused by COVID. The HIT would have been less 2 years ago. Any investment you do should be able to reduce the tax rate further. INCREASE access to the dump for homeowners and Portland residents . INCREASE NO fee pickup for large item to the dump--- more items . It is a pain . I'd love to see reinstatement of large pick up at least ONCE , might reduce the growing rat problem we are hearing about thruout the CITY . Clean up vacant lots/ dumping grounds. clean up homeless camps. Probably not possible/ eligible. CITY wide FREE broadband / wifi would be a GREAT ONE time but lasting investment.(with maintainance)!!! have NO idea of the costs ,other City;s have done it . I didn't have wifi or cell phone TIL COVID. ZOOM made isolated life and school possible. Internet is very costly for low income people, especially with school age kids and seniors . TREE cutting with NEW little tree replacement planting. OUR TREES are getting old and rotten. very expensive for removal . could be a low cost/ no cost loan to homeowner's, maybe shared with CMP. Incentive for vaccines. \$100 a vaccine. Many small businesses did very well UNDER covid with PPP and being creative/ innovative/ remaking selves , with Portland's help and flexibility . Many restaurants/bars have done very well with takeout and out door dining . Customers have rewarded them . Many have had their BEST years ever!!! Make sure Businesses really NEED help. Housing affordability YES, BUT ONLY IF the people NOT developers benefit. and it is REALLY affordable. NONE of this 10% or 1 unit stuff out of 60 " aren't we a good developer " stuff . OR upper middle class ONLY stuff. LOOK at the income on these so called " affordable units" out of sight for most Portlanders. STOP falling for that stuff . homeless. yes----- SMALL SHELTERS. I always thought WE should BUY , NOT lease , 3 families and convert them . We should have put in a bid for all the PORTLAND PROPERTY that gambler / drug dealer had and LOST to DEA.. and converted them ... we would have got them as a steal , bargain basement prices. STOP leasing property, at too high a price with BED bugs. When we can OWN instead and convert ourselves. Scatter sites/ mainstreamed do NOT encourage DRUG dealers, sex traffickers , violent people. Or makes it harder for them to operate and exploit/victimize the homeless. There is a reason the government stopped putting poor people and disabled all together in "projects"/ or institutions. IT was a BAD idea, brought out the worst in people, not the best , copying BAD behavior not good behavior . The bad models came out instead of the good ones.		
447	2021-07-28T23:24:	Mainstreaming/integrating makes people behave better , more better models for GOOD behavior .	debkeen2@cs.com	
448	2021-07-29T00:08:	Recreation opportunities for seniors. Recreation and social space for neighborhoods	shuntdoherty@gwi.net	
449	2021-07-29T14:45:16		ltillotson@visitportland.com	
450	2021-07-28T20:17:10		sirmarius7@hotmail.com	
451	2021-07-28T20:11:12		jsands117@gmail.com	
452	2021-07-28T20:00:57		Cait Enz	
453	2021-07-28T20:06:56		tyler	
454	2021-07-28T20:24:02		SJ Butler	
455	2021-07-30T20:23:	Disability Caregivers	Tucker Conley	
456	2021-07-28T20:52:26		gojoelg@gmail.com	
457	2021-07-28T20:47:03		chapman.benjamin.p@gmail.com	
458	2021-07-28T20:48:45		jacquelynduval@aol.com	
459	2021-07-28T20:50:37		aklein@preblestreet.org	
460	2021-07-28T18:20:20			
461	2021-07-28T20:46:11			
462	2021-07-28T20:48:	Small, quality, low-barrier homeless shelters and affordable and low income housing	Sam Chamberlain	

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463	2021-07-28T21:09:08		Dan	
464	2021-07-30T20:29:07		Nancy	
465	2021-07-28T21:23:29		Mar	
466	2021-07-28T20:50:27		Jennifer	
467	2021-07-28T21:00:05		Emma Donnelly	
468	2021-08-02T23:02:12		finn.teach@gmail.com	
469	2021-07-28T23:01:28		lori_rg@juno.com	
470	2021-07-28T21:52:14	Offering mental health services to all those affected by the pandemic- which is just about everyone. I'd love to chat with someone directly on how I can help with this effort through 1:1 breathwork and small group breathwork for stress management and integration of trauma. Reach out if interested, I'm a resident of Portland and a Breathworker.	Jenmshumaker@gmail.com	
471	2021-07-28T20:51:56	I'd love to help with the rebuilding effort. It starts with restoring our people. Jen Shumaker. Jenmshumaker@gmail.com	Amy Holland	
472	2021-08-07T03:06:01		Amanda	
473	2021-07-28T21:32:11	Create a permanent quarantine shelter facility.	Haley Bizimana	
474	2021-07-29T00:08:16		pfuller91@gmail.com	
475	2021-08-12T13:39:58		sarah@sarahcushman.com	
476	2021-08-11T13:58:43			
477	2021-07-30T20:46:18		jkole@live.com	
478	2021-07-30T20:58:36		patrickmcgorrill@gmail.com	
479	2021-08-03T06:07:46			
480	2021-08-14T01:40:24			
481	2021-08-13T22:34:11	Would LOVE to see a citywide broadband access initiative, which will open up more opportunities for Portlanders to access jobs and health care.	Patricia Washburn, pat@patwashburn.net	
482	2021-07-29T02:33:57		sean donahue	
483	2021-07-29T00:34:26		Heather_Carl@yahoo.com	
484	2021-07-29T00:12:21		Leharris@hotmail.com	
485	2021-07-29T01:01:38		n/a	
486	2021-07-29T00:48:51		mgproia@gmail.com	
487	2021-07-29T12:03:35		jconroy4@gmail.com	
488	2021-07-29T01:38:00		Will L	
489	2021-08-03T13:05:14		Jo Coyne / jocoyne@gwi.net	
490	2021-07-29T00:46:50		Sharon	
491	2021-07-29T13:12:50		kier.mulc@gmail.com	
492	2021-07-29T00:24:15		Dnuty940@gmail.com	
493	2021-07-29T00:53:11	Over the years there has been talk of making free high-speed wi-fi available in the city's public spaces, but it's never really come to fruition. It would be a great public amenity if one could sit in any of our parks or common spaces and access free high-speed wi-fi. I would like to see some of the ARPA funds go towards this effort. It would be nice if the city could use some of the funds to do something to enforce the no-smoking policy in our parks and public spaces. There is no enforcement of this rule and so people sit and smoke in the parks all day long. Likewise if something could be done to remove some of the thousands of cigarette butts that are tossed onto city sidewalks daily I think it would be a huge public benefit.	maxrussell@yahoo.com	
494	2021-07-29T01:11:11	Complete Franklin Arterial planning documents so plan can be implemented and land freed up for redevelopment as mixed low/market rate housing and mixed use including improving bicycle and pedestrian access to the area. Thanks for asking.	hilarydbassett@gmail.com	
495	2021-07-30T20:54:32		cejinmaine@gmail.com	

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496	2021-07-29T11:32:51		cemgal53@gmail.com	
497	2021-07-29T03:17:46		emuse@preblestreet.org	
498	2021-07-29T05:25:23		Ann Marie	
499	2021-08-07T05:52:42			
500	2021-07-29T12:07:36		henrymyer@gmail.com	
501	2021-07-29T11:28:58		wil.thieme@protonmail.com	
502	2021-07-29T11:44:14	It's 2021, Portland needs a Fiber internet system.	Brad M	
503	2021-07-29T12:03:11	Prioritize bike and pedestrian infrastructure and improvements. Street trees and snow clearance are important too.	Clifford Tremblay - cliff.tremblay@gmail.com	
504	2021-07-29T12:31:11	I feel that because the City of Portland had such a solid emergency response plan, this was based on the work that the City and Preble Street work on constantly. Food services, the work to make sure that all in need of shelter overnight, Portland/Preble Street were able to expand and successfully stop a possible epidemic within a pandemic. These are services that should be supported with this money as well.	Betsy Greenlaw bgreenlaw@preblestreet.org	
505	2021-07-29T13:22:11	Outdoor spaces in the City are being used so heavily since the Covid-19 pandemic started, most are not setup for vast numbers. Using funds to improve these spaces and keep our City clean would be great! Many See Click Fix reports of overflowing trash cans, no public toilets, recycling not accessible.	juliane.mclellan@gmail.com	
506	2021-07-29T13:59:48		Tony@mainehomemortgage.com	
507	2021-07-29T13:58:43		mollyaroberts@yahoo.com	
508	2021-07-29T14:35:17		Norris Dale ndale@norrisdale.com	
509	2021-07-29T15:05:11	I am concerned about Emergency Services for homeless ending in October. With winter on the way and possible COVID wave, I want to be sure we are ready to respond to this public health emergency again.	Linda Shary	
510	2021-07-29T17:22:11	PORTLAND needs more multipurpose turf fields. In addition to improvements on current grass fields.	Joshua.wolfgram@gmail.com	
511	2021-07-29T17:15:11	WE NEED MORE MULTI PURPOSE TURF FIELDS IN PORTLAND! ASAP!!!	jameslowemaine@gmail.com	
512	2021-07-29T15:49:11	Harvest on the Harbor benefits the City and many of its businesses, from restaurants to hotels, farmers, fishermen, and food suppliers -- and traditionally raises funds for food insecurity and more. It draws people from across the country and around the world (travel permitting of course) and is part of what put Portland on the map. It is my hope that the City can support it so it may continue. We canceled it in 2020 and are returning this year, pushing it further into the off season with plans for Nov. 4-7 at O'Maine Studios. The event has already been featured on hgtv.com and Country Living, which ranked it 9 out of 29 Fall Festivals - https://www.countryliving.com/life/travel/g2588/best-fall-festivals/ I'll email some information about its impact and role. Thank you, Gillian Britt	gillian@harvestontheharbor.com	
513	2021-07-29T14:54:08		Leanne Pomeroy	
514	2021-07-29T15:24:34		tom.rothfuss@cedyankee.com	
515	2021-07-29T14:56:15		Michael Simonds	
516	2021-07-29T17:05:31			
517	2021-07-29T18:10:11	The major roads in Portland , especially Brighton and Stevens Avenues, need to be repaired and resurfaced. The constant construction for the installation of gas and water lines filled by temporary patches, have played have vehicles. This would be a wise use of these funds. Also the main hard surface roads in Evergreen Cemetery need resurfacing.	rmacdon2@maine.rr.com	
518	2021-07-29T17:07:11	In order to remain the premier city of souther Maine, Portland must offer children and the public better recreation facilities, playing fields and parks!	clicherachelle@gmail.com	
519	2021-07-29T15:59:57		maineguide04103@gmail.com	
520	2021-07-29T17:13:11	Community recreational facilities for youth and adults should be made a priority. We have been lacking in this area pre Covid and the pandemic has not helped the situation.	Jordanry9192@yahoo.com	
521	2021-07-29T17:19:11	We need new turf fields in Greater Portland	boubbin1@gmail.com	
522	2021-07-29T16:11:50		sdk2043@gmail.com	
523	2021-07-29T17:17:58		jimmcgowan78@gmail.com	
524	2021-07-29T17:34:08		Caitlin Corrigan	

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525	2021-07-29T17:57:17	As a longtime baseball coach and a father of 5 children who played sports in Portland. This city needs an artificial turf baseball/multi purpose complex! Because the Sea Dogs took over Hadlock Field in 1994...the city has one field...Deering Oaks. In the summer...2 adult leagues are there...2 high school.summer leagues...Babe Ruth baseball...and AAU teams play there. The field gets ripped up by the end of the summer! The city does a great job working on it...but this city needs an artificial baseball/softball multi purpose complex!	Mike Rutherford. Ruthem@portlandschools.org	
526	2021-08-03T13:26:10		Liz Clifford	
527	2021-07-22T11:42:29			
528	2021-07-22T21:16:05			
529	2021-07-22T21:18:18			
530	2021-07-22T23:58:52			
531	2021-07-23T17:54:17	Youth and Family Outreach and Portland Housing Authority are partnering on a very necessary expansion project to add 49 childcare spots and 60 affordable housing units right in the heart of Bayside, close to public transportation and service hubs. This environmentally sustainable construction project is shovel-ready and already at 60% of its goal. A one-time investment from the ARPA funds will allow this critical work to continue on-schedule.		
532	2021-07-29T15:47:17		bildes49@gmail.com	
533	2021-07-29T19:27:37		Julie Coticchia	
534	2021-07-30T21:36:11	Affordable housing is #1. I believe the city needs to slow down high-end development and invest in affordable housing options for low to middle socioeconomic class persons. Also better options need to be explored as related to shelters for persons experiencing homelessnessâ€” edge of town, 200 bed is not a good option. Itâ€™s a bandaid to a greater societal problem. AND invest in our children, and families needing childcare, so they can work without being required to expend a big portion of their paycheck to pay for the childcare.	1sallybs@gmail.com	
535	2021-07-30T11:42:23			
536	2021-07-31T00:19:55		ariel.linnet@gmail.com	
537	2021-08-03T15:05:15	The city needs to address the housing crisis directly, and I would prefer if it didn't try to sub contract the issue out to a third party as that has not been successful in my point of view.	Del673@gmail.com	
538	2021-08-16T11:08:47		Bri.d.eng@gmail.com	
539	2021-08-17T01:08:52		Info@chavalmaine.com	
540	2021-08-17T03:57:45		Sandra M Jones	
541	2021-08-17T16:01:42		Eric Michaud	
542	2021-08-17T17:59:47			
543	2021-08-17T19:04:28		tbouchard@memic.com	
544	2021-08-17T18:06:30		bettina@mainewine.com	
545	2021-08-17T18:04:08			
546	2021-08-17T17:17:17	Iâ€™d like to see free broadband hotspots available in different neighborhoods around the city.	Paul French paulfrench@me.com	
547	2021-08-17T17:58:44			
548	2021-08-17T18:00:36		aehotchkiss@gmail.com	
549	2021-08-17T18:02:25			
550	2021-08-17T18:01:10			
551	2021-08-17T18:02:12	Entrepreneurs, new business creation.	dsawicki@voicellc.com	
552	2021-08-17T18:03:58		jenlboggs@gmail.com	
553	2021-08-17T18:07:23		gloriagoguen@me.com	
554	2021-08-17T18:05:08			
555	2021-08-17T18:06:37			
556	2021-08-17T18:06:56		Annie	

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		What's not on here is addressing Race and Public Policy but like affordable housing zoning needs to be a state level process. We should be turning our focus to creating and fostering our communities, and building bridges between those culture divides that are systemic in nature. Rather than build a homeless shelter, lets create stairways to successes for those persons or families by creating not just a shelter but transitional housing and pathways from this type of housing for those staying here to move onto success, this varies from person to person and family to family. However, we can not just through money at a problem and think its going to be okay. We need to deal with the root cause of the issue, most of the time this is trauma, and that trauma creates barriers the most obvious is drug use, or mental illness. Or it is as simple as linking the family to childcare services, financial education and counseling services, that are maintained for a long period of time not just six months to a year. If Services are offer to the family or person they also should be subject to and required to maintain these services IE go to counseling and pass drug screenings. What we are doing now is not working, The pandemic highlighted all of the skeletons in our closet, we need to take them out and deal with them. For example, racial and economic disparities, hunger, racial inequity, child abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, all of which are and will have long lasting effects on our community that will steam and reach multiple layers of our society.		
557	2021-08-17T18:24:		Sandy Warren, sandramtracy@gmail.com	
558	2021-08-17T18:09:07		ill@maineparts.com	
559	2021-08-19T18:31:26		above207@gmail.com	
560	2021-08-17T19:07:	Mental Health initiatives	batsonb1@gmail.com	
561	2021-08-17T18:11:20			
562	2021-08-17T18:11:54			
563	2021-08-17T19:14:40			
564	2021-08-18T15:10:56			
565	2021-08-18T15:54:21		mholmesalt@gmail.com	
566	2021-08-19T19:31:31		kristinbmaine@gmail.com	
567	2021-08-19T19:30:19		Niquede9@gmail.com	
568	2021-08-19T22:52:	Food assistance programs such as SNAP and school meals. Also, thank you for this survey.	kprieto01@gmail.com	
569	2021-08-19T18:20:	Please for public restrooms - we get on average 25 requests/day for the 5-6 hrs we're open and people are really frustrated. They are not customers and we are not letting anyone use them currently as it would be overwhelming for staff to clean constantly.	ellen@dobrateame.com	
570	2021-08-16T15:31:	Prior to the COVID 19 pandemic, the nonprofit arts, and culture community was a significant industry in Portland—one that generated nearly \$75 million in total economic activity. Many of these organizations were the first to close and will be the last to fully reopen. Several of them have already had to close permanently. Please invest in them before we lose more.	Annie Leahy	
571	2021-08-16T16:40:19			
572	2021-08-16T17:01:16		josh@heritageseaweed.com	
573	2021-08-16T16:57:44		kiyalachsmith@gmail.com	
574	2021-08-16T18:40:18			
575	2021-08-17T02:13:57			
576	2021-08-18T18:43:42		mmohamed@vera.org	
577	2021-08-16T19:30:	Help the small business that fell through the loop holes, lawyers and doctors got money and the mom and pop did not.	trippinn@maine.rr.com	
578	2021-08-17T03:44:	Property tax relief to landlords who are obliged then to pass 50% of their relief onto their tenants for commercial renters.	cliftoncane@icloud.com	
579	2021-08-17T21:58:30		Tynglady@gmail.com	
580	2021-08-17T22:00:	COVID-19 expenditures or negative economic impacts of COVID-19, including assistance to small businesses, households, and hard-hit industries, and economic recovery, Premium pay for essential workers, Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.	almostdalrymple@aol.com	
581	2021-08-17T19:42:23		joseph.c.powers@gmail.com	
582	2021-08-17T19:33:53			
583	2021-08-17T20:34:	Broadband infrastructure would be so helpful to all! Spectrum has a hold on this town, their service is unreliable and expensive.	actionfigureamy@yahoo.com	
584	2021-08-17T21:58:31		russ@portpropmgt.com	

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585	2021-08-17T19:42:18	This is a unique opportunity to make hay from a dire circumstance. If Portland, as a leading community in Maine, can use these funds for long term improvements and innovative programs we'll set ourselves up for a significantly improved go-forward position. The four pillars of focus should be 1) helping homeless and indigent people find transitional and affordable long term house, jobs and services that improve their quality of life. Namely, build quality Single Room Occupancy buildings that include a social services component to help people transition from the streets to a stable living environment. 2) Provide ongoing assistance to working families for before and after care. Look at the programs developed by Breakwater School, Ripple Effect and others. These are not "day care" centers. Their enriching opportunities for young children. 3) Improve our community centers, pools, skating rinks and public facilities 4) Provide access to one of Portland's greatest attributes - Casco Bay. Continue to improve the East End facilities. Build a new public marina between Ocean Gateway and Fore Points. Support SailMaine!	Mike Carey mikebcarey@gmail.com	
586	2021-08-17T21:05:18			
587	2021-08-17T23:05:43		John Gaudet	
588	2021-08-18T13:01:29		bdietz@pfpg.com	
589	2021-08-18T11:51:02		smanley@mmc.org	
590	2021-08-18T13:27:18	Portland could use some help in making itself more presentable for the traveling public. The streets are dirty, parks full of homeless people etc. Tourism is a vital part of the city's economy but visitors are very put off by what they see in downtown Portland. So I suggest using funds to address these issues.	atolk@visitportland.com	
591	2021-08-18T16:56:42			
592	2021-08-18T16:53:04		liztrice@gmail.com	
593	2021-08-18T18:44:33			
594	2021-08-19T18:38:54		trace722holly@aol.com	
595	2021-08-19T15:46:20			
596	2021-08-19T15:56:18	The homeless crisis is very real and must be addressed. In addition, public health is part of that mandate. Cleaning up the streets of all the litter and waste would enhance visitors desire to play here.	M. Fernandez	
597	2021-08-19T13:51:18	Supporting childcare, especially for the 0-3 aged child, is extremely important. There is much research to show the importance of supportive, safe, resilient adults in the lives of 0-3 aged children. During that time period, the brain is growing the fastest that it will grow, and the experiences that a 0-3 age child has significantly impacts their brain growth and development. When parents are stressed this impacts their young child. When parents feel they are not able to provide for their families, they are stressed. When parents cannot find safe, supportive childcare, they are not able to work outside the home and this increases the stress they feel. This impacts their child and for very young children this impacts their brain growth and development. In order to have resilient communities, we need to have resilient individuals and that starts at the very young age.	Allegra Hirsh-Wright, MSW, LCSW	
598	2021-08-19T15:54:18	Please focus on affordable housing homeless care and childcare providers for working parents	Doug.babkirk@maine.edu	
599	2021-08-19T15:55:14		retoocs@gmail.com	
600	2021-08-19T16:08:42			
601	2021-08-19T18:48:18	Please try to direct the money to people and organizations on the ground actually doing the work in their respective areas.	Steve Stracqualursi	
602	2021-08-19T16:28:54		Anonymous	
603	2021-08-19T18:39:01			
604	2021-08-19T18:58:30			
605	2021-08-31T19:09:12			
606	2021-08-20T19:48:26			
607	2021-08-27T18:59:09		nedbetsy@yahoo.com	
608	2021-08-19T17:17:41		Adrienne Carmack	
609	2021-08-19T17:54:51			
610	2021-08-19T18:18:32			
611	2021-08-19T18:19:18	I think there need to be public restrooms and access to water in downtown Portland.	jaime@mainecrafts.org	
612	2021-08-19T18:16:18	Public rest rooms w. Water essential as are warm up/ cool off stations for homeless.	robertsonsonia@hotmail.com	

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613	2021-08-19T17:27:36		jelkins@gwi.net	
614	2021-08-19T17:56:14		Jonah Fertig-Burd	
615	2021-08-19T16:43:08		jbessett@gmail.com	
616	2021-08-19T16:59:33			
617	2021-08-19T17:44:45		Susan Sarvay	
618	2021-08-19T18:23:22			
619	2021-08-17T18:09:59			
620	2021-08-17T18:15:25			
621	2021-08-17T18:15:29		maineandloire@gmail.com	
622	2021-08-17T18:14:18			
623	2021-08-17T18:22:03		Robert Ruesch rob.ruesch@gmail.com	
624	2021-08-17T18:20:	Child care is a critical tool for families in realizing their children’s full potential. With access to affordable, quality child care options, families can pursue employment and educational opportunities that contribute to family stability and financial security. Communities prosper because child care promotes economic growth, racial and economic equity, and child wellbeing. Right now, we are seeing care centers close because without charging an arm and a leg, they can't offer the benefits other organizations can. The Portland area, specifically, raised wages to \$18/hr and most don't feel right taking that money away so family's costs were also increased. As a parent, the socialization, inclusion, being surrounded by diverse children and being prepared for Kindergarten is something that my children need because that is not my specialty, this is something I would like to leave to the experts and my children absolutely adore the kids and teachers they're with everyday. Our school is our second family and I don't know what I would do without them. Something needs to be done about supporting our child care givers.	Anna Blaney ablaney@gorhamsavings.bank	
625	2021-08-17T18:15:07		Alison	
626	2021-08-17T18:34:25		L	
627	2021-08-17T18:21:02			
628	2021-08-17T18:33:45			
629	2021-08-17T18:23:30		Heather@coworkHERS.com	
630	2021-08-17T18:35:16			
631	2021-08-17T18:35:46			
632	2021-08-17T18:47:	I don't know if nonprofit assistance would be included under small business assistance, but there are many nonprofits doing important work on behalf of City residents that also have struggled during this pandemic.	jmcadoo@furniturefriends.org	
633	2021-08-17T18:47:	The public health emergency and assisting the most vulnerable among us is the best use of the funds. I would love to prioritize the list based on actual projects, not just categories, as projects under some of the categories could boost their priority. For example, a broadband emergency comms system that can be used during severe weather and public health might boost broadband coverage or infrastructure. Otherwise, a key priority is small business support (Main Street, Restaurants, fast growing employers) and job training for people who lack modern skills. Thank you	Stephanie Miller, stephanieSAM.miller@gmail.com	
634	2021-08-17T19:42:57		55gigi55@gmail.com	
635	2021-08-17T19:13:06		grahamstjohn@yahoo.com	
636	2021-08-18T08:18:19		robindwoodcock@gmail.com	
637	2021-08-17T19:28:41			
638	2021-08-18T00:09:04		Christova.rojas@gmail.com	
639	2021-08-19T18:15:	permanent public restrooms	dvargo@roadrunner.com	
640	2021-08-19T18:16:49			
641	2021-08-19T18:16:16		sbunker@oldportadvisors.com	
642	2021-09-08T19:55:	Public restrooms and water fountains would be a great addition to downtown Portland and would create more equitable access to basic necessities. This has long been an issue, but after spending 1.5+ years gathering primarily outdoors, it has become apparent just how much these resources are lacking in Portland.	bailey@trails.org	

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643	2021-08-19T18:14:54		kevin@edgecombpotters.com	
644	2021-08-19T18:14:59			
645	2021-08-19T20:00:	Portland's downtown really needs public restrooms. There is a huge influx in people using the area, and there are not adequate public restrooms to serve so many people. The social service agencies, municipal buildings, and many buildings with public spaces are all closed to people who do not have anywhere to go [to the restroom].	amy@portlandmaine.com	
646	2021-08-19T18:21:	Portland's Old Port is in need of public restrooms. Current public restrooms are located in parking garages that are not easy to get to or welcoming - they are downright scary. We depend on tourists in this part of town and we need to have restroom facilities to serve them.	Alizarin Inc	
647	2021-08-19T18:18:	Public restrooms and public health programming	bobfowlerinmaine@gmail.com	
648	2021-08-19T18:21:12		HayekI@si.edu	
649	2021-08-19T18:22:	This survey did not make it clear what category the permanent public restrooms fall under. It is very important that Portland provide public restrooms in proportion to the number of visitors the city has in peak season, (keeping in mind the thousands of patrons looking for restrooms when cruise ships disembark) along with access to water. Visitors wander from hotel, to shop, to restaurant looking for a place to go to the bathroom in the Old Port and hotels, and shops have prohibited access due to COVID.	kim.strondak@hilton.com	
650	2021-08-19T18:21:11		dlshrs@maine.rr.com	
651	2021-08-19T18:25:29			
652	2021-08-19T18:26:42		barb@heartatworkassociates.com	
653	2021-08-19T18:28:	Public restrooms!!!!	atavano@gmail.com	
654	2021-08-19T19:58:29			
655	2021-08-19T18:30:12			
656	2021-08-19T18:43:00		Kim Farrar	
657	2021-08-19T18:38:51			
658	2021-08-19T18:27:07		Kate, kate@thesacredmachine.com	
659	2021-08-19T18:27:44			
660	2021-08-19T18:40:49			
661	2021-08-19T18:27:59		leighton44@yahoo.com	
662	2021-08-19T18:55:13			
663	2021-08-19T18:50:	Public restrooms!	Jaamarek@yahoo.com	
664	2021-08-19T18:31:07			
665	2021-08-19T18:47:	We need public restrooms located in the old Port and Commercial Street area and accessible along the Eastern Prom Trail as it approaches Thames St. Another near central Commmercial St and another on upper Exchange Street.	Jameshbrady@gmail.com	
666	2021-08-19T18:55:	Public restrooms and access to water. Deering Oaks Park improvements.	N/A	
667	2021-08-19T18:51:	Public restrooms would be good for Portland. Businesses shouldn't be expected to provide public restrooms. The City invites people from all over and doesn't provide what is needed for out of town guests.	nothanks@ portland.com	
668	2021-08-19T19:04:23		michael.pollastri@gmail.com	
669	2021-08-19T18:59:01			
670	2021-08-19T18:56:38		ryan.wiederkehr@gmail.com	
671	2021-08-19T18:59:27			
672	2021-08-19T19:10:13			
673	2021-08-19T19:12:	If Portland wants to welcome visitors, we must have permanent public restrooms in the city. We also need to preserve and add to green spaces as construction is taking them away.	andrew718@mac.com	
674	2021-08-19T19:12:55		charlottefullam@gmail.com	
675	2021-08-19T19:27:24		slandry@mainehistory.org	

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676	2021-08-19T19:17:17		info@portlandmaine.gov. Please use this space to provide any	
677	2021-08-19T19:15:15	Bathroom facilities should be open. People are becoming very upset about the lack of facilities	Sandra M Jones	
678	2021-08-19T19:52:52	Public restrooms and drinking water fountains are very important to have in a city like Portland.	munira_naqui@yahoo.com	
679	2021-08-19T19:39:16			
680	2021-08-19T20:59:33		No thank you	
681	2021-08-19T21:03:03	public bathrooms	rania.treehousetoys@gmail.com	
682	2021-08-19T19:39:39	1) Public Restrooms that are cleanly monitored daily throughout the city. If we want more tourism, we need the bathrooms for the bodies to safely exist! 2) More mental health support for the homeless on street level supporting the HOMETEAM payroll : more counseling-relationship builders accessing the homeless and people with lethal drug addiction on the streets to better guide them to the human resource services provided. This consistent healthy human contact = less deaths and homelessness. This support has got to be taken far more seriously than it ever has been!!!	maria@mainecrafts.org	
683	2021-08-19T19:54:54	yes, there 150% needs to be clean and safe public restrooms available downtown! having worked in the old port for more than a decade, if i had a dime for every person (tourists and people experiencing homelessness) who's expected to use our retail employee restrooms/had to direct to other accommodations (starbucks, hotels, now the ferry terminal) i'd have enough money to not need to work in the old port anymore!	courtney@sweetgrasswinery.com	
684	2021-08-19T19:27:25			
685	2021-08-19T19:21:13			
686	2021-08-19T19:39:29			
687	2021-08-19T19:45:37		saigonsmom@gmail.com	
688	2021-08-19T19:50:05		pamaz57@gmail.com	
689	2021-08-19T19:41:41	I'm crawling out of retirement for this one. I have advocated for public restrooms and affordable parking in the Old Port and Downtown for 45 years. It is beyond the pale uncivilized to base so much of our revenues on visitors and not even offer them a place to relieve themselves.	nancy@portmanteauonline.com	
690	2021-08-19T19:30:22		kathleen.treehousetoys@gmail.com	
691	2021-08-19T20:17:06			
692	2021-08-19T19:46:36			
693	2021-08-19T22:07:08		rita	
694	2021-08-19T22:05:19			
695	2021-08-19T20:13:58		jennie@arcanamaine.com	
696	2021-08-19T21:31:57		Eskymacgm@gmail.com	
697	2021-08-19T22:31:31	Investment in mass transit is my first choice, followed by public restrooms.	Tom@localeconomypayroll.com	
698	2021-08-19T22:52:06			
699	2021-08-20T16:58:31		santorodavid@hotmail.com	
700	2021-08-20T16:30:46		no thank you	
701	2021-08-20T16:39:39	The substance abuse issue is very visible and in great need of care. Creating resources to address this issue will result in many other positive changes in our state and can have an incredible ripple effect.	Caroline	
702	2021-08-20T17:38:20			
703	2021-08-20T19:40:40	Infrastructure that is not just car-centric. Paths, trails, more bicycle infrastructure. Lots of parks, open space, community gardens. Help those hit hardest by the pandemic. Let's use the opportunity to build a city where everyone can thrive.	etownsend@maine.rr.com	
704	2021-08-21T00:23:23	Please, we need affordable housing	grace.n.mueller@gmail.com	
705	2021-08-20T20:33:14		Sean Kerwin	

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706	2021-08-20T23:19:41			
707	2021-08-20T19:06:	Use funds to mitigate climate change impacts.	Olivia.saucier@gmail.com	
708	2021-08-20T20:12:24		Dave Blais no9bay@gmail.com	
709	2021-08-20T20:40:	It would be wonderful to have safe and affordable housing for all! However, please do NOT take public lands, nor private homes and grounds. A vital part of Maine is what is the woods and waterways, along with the animals and wildlife. We all should be smart enough to make housing work without destroying what is left.	Mar	
710	2021-08-20T23:10:	I believe this money should prioritize the people who have always been most vulnerable, and whose precarious position has been highlighted by the pandemic. Those without access to stable housing, childcare, food, etc. should be taken care of first. I believe that sustainable, healthy housing should be a priority, as well as access to child support and the other basic necessities that our city should hold as basic rights for its citizens.	Anna Ohara anna.ohara24@gmail.com	
711	2021-08-21T14:54:34		jwiegleb@gmail.com	
712	2021-08-22T09:54:56		N.annetteanderson@gmail.com	
713	2021-08-22T14:41:04		juliakirtland@gmail.com	
714	2021-08-22T18:55:	We desperately need restroom facilities in the old port	somethingsfishymaine@ gmail.com	
715	2021-08-23T14:24:29			
716	2021-08-22T21:04:	BETTER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ARE NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESS POPULATION. HOW WE ADDRESS THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR PROBLEMS IS A REFLECTION OF WHO WE ARE AS A PEOPLE AND A CITY.	Heather Gildea hostelheather@gmail.com	
717	2021-08-23T14:21:16			
718	2021-08-23T14:33:19			
719	2021-08-20T00:01:22			
720	2021-08-19T23:56:13		Ninaderochefort@gmail.com	
721	2021-08-20T00:38:	Bathrooms. We are a tourist town and this is an embarrassment. The official responses I've heard are to "send people to hotels" to use their lobby. That's not right. And to pop into restaurants. That's not right either. The city should provide clean, safe & convenient bathrooms. Additionally, most 1st floor businesses don't even have their own bathroom and have to share with the rest of the building, thus not their bathroom to share. The loss of the Fore St Garage bathrooms was unfortunate, but as I understand, the city knew that contract was up, yet made no reasonable replacement. I really hope this money gets spent to better serve our customers. I think the city often forgets that people love to visit our city because of all its small businesses & restaurants, don't make it hard for customers to come spend money in your city. Make them feel welcome.	anna@opcandy.com	
722	2021-08-20T01:47:	Affordable housing should be a top priority .	Meggie Harvey meggiebharvey@gmail.com	
723	2021-08-20T01:54:27		avm103@gmail.com	
724	2021-08-20T02:55:	Public restrooms for tourists	eden.millecchia@gmail.com	
725	2021-08-20T12:49:38			
726	2021-08-20T12:00:13			
727	2021-08-20T16:59:	I believe affordable housing is a huge problem in Portland (and all over Southern Maine) and that this affects our whole economy. One reason is that REAL wages have not risen in over 40 years whereas real estate and rental prices have risen dramatically because of a dearth of building particularly of workforce and other non-luxury housing. Whatever the City can do to improve private and public wages and benefits and to increase affordable housing would be beneficial for our community. If you cannot use these funds for those purposes, invest in affordable childcare and universal affordable broadband.	Christine Stenberg	
728	2021-08-20T13:11:38		Charissa Kerr; rissakerr1@gmail.com	
729	2021-08-20T03:45:	Build a new homeless shelter with on site services!	Theodore Pitas tpitas58@gmail.com	
730	2021-08-20T16:10:	Improve plantings in concrete jungle areas, and increase modes of transportation access so that more routes can be taken by pedestrians, bicyclists and public transportation. Parking improvements could also be made to transform wasteful surface lots into parking garages.	brett-jensen@utulsa.edu	
731	2021-08-20T12:25:16		Ann Dodd-Collins	
732	2021-08-31T14:19:06		steve@performancebuildingsupply.com	
733	2021-08-20T12:59:03		bluesky10@Maine.rr.com	

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734	2021-08-20T10:52:19		Dalbeach926@gmail.com	
735	2021-08-20T14:01:11	Public toilets and water foundtains	studiozas@gmail.com	
736	2021-08-20T12:39:11			
737	2021-08-20T15:09:01			
738	2021-08-20T13:15:15	Increased access to restroom facilities and water on the peninsula and elsewhere.	Aaron R. - Riverton	
739	2021-08-23T13:53:20		Monika Youells portlandlig@kittyhawk.com	
740	2021-08-22T21:33:36		Jane.p.pringle@gmail.com	
741	2021-08-23T14:21:22		Ronmarrocky@yahoo.com	
742	2021-08-23T14:19:03			
743	2021-08-23T14:36:36	public restrooms! hand washing. free drinking water. trash can covers. and fixing that boardwalk down at casco baylinesâ€¦	allisonstevens56@hotmail.com	
744	2021-08-23T14:19:12			
745	2021-08-23T14:31:31	More public restrooms in Old Port area.	CL	
746	2021-08-23T14:23:23			
747	2021-08-23T14:42:42	PLEASE ALLOCATE FUNDS TO MORE PERMANENT PUBLIC RESTROOMS, AND ACCESS TO WATER (FOUNTAINS)!	Kelly Oâ€™Connor	
748	2021-08-23T14:34:59		Jeremy Fink	
749	2021-08-23T14:52:52	Need old port public restrooms . Found when shopping during covid no retail merchants let you use bathroom, essential to spending more time there than just go somewhere this is available	Dana Staples	
750	2021-08-23T14:38:46		Neal obremski	
751	2021-08-23T14:42:42	More downtown public restrooms please!	Juliecohnngreene@gmail.com	
752	2021-08-23T14:42:47			
753	2021-08-23T14:50:14			
754	2021-08-24T13:15:15	Public restrooms downtown, increased shelter space, and increased support for individuals experiencing homelessness (needle exchange, needle drop-off sites that are convenient), public health initiatives for individuals experiencing homelessness.	martinchristinem@gmail.com	
755	2021-08-23T15:03:03	It would be very helpful to have accessible public bathrooms installed in downtown Portland	Jo Baldwin	
756	2021-08-23T14:57:47			
757	2021-08-23T14:48:48	We need public restrooms and bike lanes!!	Allison.gehnrich@gmail.com	
758	2021-08-23T14:52:52	Please allocate funds to affordable housing options! I am a City of Portland worker with 8 years in my position making less than \$33,000 a year. I can't afford the "affordable" housing units. Please use ARPA funds to make housing units more accessible for low income workers who give to the community. Services and shelters for those experiencing homelessness are also a top priority. Permanent public bathrooms and water fountains as well. Thank you!	A worker	
759	2021-08-23T15:01:02			
760	2021-08-23T14:59:09			
761	2021-08-23T14:53:34			
762	2021-08-23T15:00:15			
763	2021-08-23T14:47:47	Public Toilets! Permanent ones...	walkeraten@gmail.com	
764	2021-08-23T14:54:28		mlshark@me.com	
765	2021-08-23T15:03:53			
766	2021-08-23T15:07:40		Cheyenne Lelon	
767	2021-08-23T15:03:56			
768	2021-08-23T15:08:02			
769	2021-08-23T15:08:48			
770	2021-08-23T15:10:08			
771	2021-08-23T15:09:14			

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		-More bike lanes and bike safety outreach -Public bathrooms and water fountains -Creation and subsidization of affordable housing -Increased frequency of Metro buses		
772	2021-08-23T15:08:	Thank you!!	hdcolbert@gmail.com	
773	2021-08-23T15:12:	Please create more public bathroom and hand washing areas on the peninsula. Please keep police at the parks maybe even create a help station.	mimiolins@gmail.com	
774	2021-08-23T15:16:	I support the creation of additional public restrooms in downtown Portland, Maine.	etschoch@yahoo.com	
775	2021-08-23T15:12:08		sethlogee@hotmail.com	
776	2021-08-23T15:53:	I'm hoping public rest rooms and drinking water outlets can be made available by this funding for the following reasons: 1. Children and elders can only "hold it" for so long. 2. The city needs to accommodate the public so businesses can thrive. 3. It is neither reasonable nor appropriate to expect businesses to be assumed as the rest room that's available for all.	Steve Hoad mainefun40@gmail.com	
777	2021-08-23T15:14:52		Andrea Dudley	
778	2021-08-23T15:38:	Making all parks and playgrounds ADA accessible for wheelchair users and those with mobility challenges.	Shay Wilcox	
779	2021-08-23T15:55:	Please stop herding tourists to peaks island where the infrastructure can not accommodate them.	Rckhitt@aol.com	
780	2021-08-23T15:42:32			
781	2021-08-23T15:55:	There are no public restrooms. When we asked at the visitor center they said either all the way down by the ferry or to pretend like you are staying at one of the nearby hotels	Sue	
782	2021-08-23T16:02:11		Katie Jones	
783	2021-08-23T16:01:	Writing as a recent visitor to Portland. Enjoying the waterfront was beautiful. Finishing restrooms and water fountains was difficult. Based on location on the waterfront we were very limited in facilities. Additionally, as an outside/visitor, it is clear this is an issue for tourist and residents alike; when businesses have posted signs on their doors warning about the lack of public restroom facilities itâ€™s clear everyone see it as problem. We visited from a Minnesota town on the shores of Lake Superior. Our town has invest millions in public faculties over the last 1 years. Yes, thatâ€™s a huge chunk of money, but this issues bleeds over into other sectors; public health, small business support, family friendly visiting opportunity, etc.	Kcable02@gmail.com	
784	2021-08-23T15:46:	Public bathrooms in downtown Portland.	Amaury S.	
785	2021-08-23T16:00:21		Mel	
786	2021-08-23T16:03:16		colin.a.cundy@gmail.com	
787	2021-08-23T15:46:	Public bathrooms are needed! Weâ€™re talking about supporting basic human rights here.	Emily	
788	2021-08-23T15:45:	Public restrooms are in much need in the old port area!	Selina chan	
789	2021-08-23T16:12:	Please consider adding public toilets down town. Also please consoder adding a rail or trolley system down town and build parking garages outside of town. Too many cars, no parking. Portland needs better transportation.	Kristyb0222@gmail.com	
790	2021-08-23T16:04:38		Ginnymich@gmail.com	
791	2021-08-23T16:02:	Public restrooms and trash cans are needed in this city.	Stpierrechris4@gmail.com	
792	2021-08-23T16:07:	More bathrooms. Wayfinding signage.	Natalie@nnepra.com	
793	2021-08-23T15:49:07		Margaret Brownlee, mbrownlee@meca.edu	
794	2021-08-23T15:54:26			
795	2021-08-23T16:01:30			
796	2021-08-23T16:10:37		Kayla	
797	2021-08-23T16:11:34			
798	2021-08-23T16:15:21			
799	2021-08-23T16:16:	Public Restrooms downtown are a much needed addition	nomads@maine.rr.com	

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800	2021-08-23T16:22:21			
801	2021-08-23T16:20:46			
802	2021-08-23T16:20:33	Portland needs public restrooms. It's absurd that we don't have any to speak of. No other city anywhere is so lacking in public facilities. Don't promote tourism if you're not going to give them bathrooms!	rosafaerie@gmail.com	
803	2021-08-23T16:26:33			
804	2021-08-23T16:38:00		brydon.sarah@gmail.com	
805	2021-08-23T16:32:11	Please obtain public restrooms	Amy	
806	2021-08-23T16:33:00	Public restrooms, not port a potties, in park and trail locations throughout Portland	adrienne.fine@gmail.com	
807	2021-08-23T16:29:00	Public restrooms in downtown Portland.	katie@liftedheartcounseling.com	
808	2021-08-23T16:34:46			
809	2021-08-23T16:23:38		pbmurton@hotmail.com	
810	2021-08-23T16:28:24			
811	2021-08-23T16:50:00	Please place a bathroom at deering oaks along with a safe needle box	kmass7@yahoo.com	
812	2021-08-23T16:41:32		Kylie m	
813	2021-08-23T16:43:51			
814	2021-08-23T17:08:00	Supporting primary care for all people in the city of Portland. We need more access to Primary Care Providers in the way of creating clinic space, hiring Physician Associates and Physicians and clinics that take all insurances.	Amy Barraclough adennispac@yahoo.com	
815	2021-08-23T16:49:11			
816	2021-08-23T16:53:37			
817	2021-08-23T16:41:00	That was a Rediculous grid on the prior screen	Dpoceana@earthlink.net	
818	2021-08-23T16:41:07			
819	2021-08-23T16:34:30			
820	2021-08-23T15:26:31			
821	2021-08-23T15:24:00	I think public toilets like the ones used in San Francisco and Paris are much needed in the downtown area. They are attractive in a historic setting and could pay for themselves with the advertising on the sides.	michellepatrickmassage@yahoo.com	
822	2021-08-23T15:16:00	Public bathrooms downtown (including showers)		
823	2021-08-23T15:32:53	Public transit (hybrid/electric zip cars & electricity generating bike shares)	Julia.duffy@optimum.net	
824	2021-08-23T15:25:36		Annel@amistadmaine.org	
825	2021-08-23T16:20:54			
826	2021-08-23T15:21:19		gwlibby2@gmail.com	
827	2021-08-23T15:30:00	Permanent public restrooms and water fountains. Good for public health, small businesses, the homeless, tourists and locals alike.	M.K. Weidner	
828	2021-08-23T15:28:09		Liz Davidson	
829	2021-08-23T15:37:02			
830	2021-08-23T15:23:00	Public bathrooms are a VITAL NEED! It is insane that tourists, unsheltered, and local people have to depend on Starbucks â€” and even then it might not be available during a pandemic!! Also help the people who live here and work essential jobs (from grocery store worker to healthcare worker) continue live here!	Val Johnstone 1vjohnstone@gmail.com	
831	2021-08-23T15:44:27			
832	2021-08-23T15:33:00	Portland should be an accessible city to visit, and we NEED to invest in more free resources like restrooms and access to drinking water. People shouldnâ€™t be relying on local businesses for this.	laurenmgarrard@gmail.com	
833	2021-08-23T15:32:00	OldPort public rest rooms	Peg Anderson	
834	2021-08-23T15:40:26		MainelyRhythms@gmail.com	
835	2021-08-23T15:46:26		Rhonda Green	

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836	2021-08-23T19:57:	More public bathrooms downtown and water fountains would be appreciated.	Cynthia Davies	
837	2021-08-23T15:50:28		caroline@visitportland.com	
838	2021-08-23T15:52:33		Cynthia	
839	2021-08-23T16:54:11			
840	2021-08-23T17:10:52			
841	2021-08-23T17:21:18			
842	2021-08-23T17:19:34			
843	2021-08-23T17:04:57		roserug@yandex.com	
844	2021-08-23T17:04:29		Nathan.Kinney2012@gmail.com	
845	2021-08-23T17:11:24		lobstergang04853@gmail.com	
846	2021-08-23T17:21:11			
847	2021-08-23T17:24:44			
848	2021-08-23T17:25:	Because people have wanted to be outdoors this summer, many tourists have traveled to Peaks Island. We do not have the infrastructure to support the numbers. We need more public restrooms if the tourism is going yo continue at the present level.	Judiclancy@gmail.com	
849	2021-08-23T17:24:37			
850	2021-08-23T17:29:42			
851	2021-08-23T19:04:31			
852	2021-08-23T18:11:58		Jenn	
853	2021-08-23T17:30:28			
854	2021-08-23T17:56:	Public toilet access has always been a chronic issue; I would love to see more permanent, cared-for public toilets.	Meghan, meghan.julia.fogg@gmail.com	
855	2021-08-23T17:43:	Stop giving \$ to the Homeless and illegals that are bleeding our system dry.. Send them back to their own cities and towns. PUT A LIMIT ON HOW MANY PEOPLE WE AS TAXPAYERS have to fund.	Taxpayer	
856	2021-08-23T18:02:38			
857	2021-08-23T17:52:28		yes	
858	2021-08-23T17:35:52			
859	2021-08-23T18:02:39			
860	2021-08-23T17:37:	The public health concerns on Peaks Island are vast with the lack of public restrooms. The parks and public areas are impacted by people not having sanitary facilities and this causes a huge public health issue to all. Thank you for considering.	emurraytn@aol.com	
861	2021-08-23T18:18:	Public restrooms in the old port	Alyssar207@gmail.com	
862	2021-08-23T17:40:49			
863	2021-08-23T18:01:45		Ryan Lovering	
864	2021-08-23T17:53:	More public restrooms-visited peaks island and there was only one disgusting bathroom.	Lhild@cssd.org	
865	2021-08-23T17:51:	Permanent public restroooms	Christine	
866	2021-08-23T18:24:25			
867	2021-08-23T18:19:33			
868	2021-08-23T18:47:	The way homelessness is treated in portland is not acceptable. We need more opportunities, facilities, and amenities. Also there are literally no public restrooms in downtown and then the city wonders why there is human shit staining the sidewalk.	Allison	
869	2021-08-23T18:36:	More toilets	SECole	
870	2021-08-23T18:20:55			
871	2021-08-23T18:25:04			
872	2021-08-23T18:39:	Really gotta address the homeless population instead of continuing to ignore them. Theyâ€™re not a problem, theyâ€™re a population of this city.	Roux Kehoe	
873	2021-08-23T18:34:	Public facilities on Peaks island. Tourism is promoted on the island which have limited to no public facilities.	Info@wadsworthkamm.com	

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874	2021-08-23T18:47:21			
875	2021-08-23T18:51:07			
876	2021-08-31T23:25:24			
877	2021-08-23T19:42:23		Marjorie.a.swanson@gmail.com	
878	2021-08-23T19:11:	Public bathrooms are a real struggle in the downtown area. I work for Starbucks and the 3 stores we have in the area are the "public bathrooms" for the city. This is causing great stress on my staff when we are already so short handed.	Savvyjane1993@gmail.com	
879	2021-08-23T19:13:	Funding extra city maintenance workers so trash can be picked up more often from the cans. Maybe some extra cans that the sea gulls can not get into to help spread trash all over.	Tanya_midgit2230@yahoo.com	
880	2021-08-23T19:05:	A actual palace in the city for food trucks to park - a food truck park. Could help be funded from a permit fee for the trucks.	Maura.derrivan@gmail.com	
881	2021-08-23T19:34:27	Public restrooms		
882	2021-08-23T19:24:37			
883	2021-08-23T19:14:43			
884	2021-08-23T19:30:04			
885	2021-08-23T19:24:	I work in the old port and there is a need for PUBLIC BATHROOMS! Portland is a destination spot and we rely on tourists but give them no place to go to bathroom?? It puts strain on ALL BUSINESSES DOWN THERE because they act like it's our fault!	Ottoman2121@outlook.com	
886	2021-08-23T19:55:50			
887	2021-08-23T20:20:21			
888	2021-08-23T19:21:48			
889	2021-08-23T19:56:46		Emma Donovan	
890	2021-08-23T19:31:	More public restrooms downtown	Liza Marshall	
891	2021-08-23T19:49:59			

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		Peaks island is in dire need of infrastructure to manage the massive amount of tourism created by folks day tripping to the island. We do not have enough restrooms or city staff to clean them - DPW does an amazing job, but they do not have enough staff to manage the existing infrastructure in a way that is accountable to the existing staff. We need: Industrial composting at the Peaks Island transfer station to deal with the massive amounts of food waste created from the influx of day visitors dining at our food establishments. We DO NOT need to be transporting such a massive amount of waste back to the mainland for it to be improperly disposed of as non-recycled waste. The energy used to transport food waste across the bay, combined with the failure to properly and sustainably manage it to begin with, is a sustainability and efficiency failure on the part of the city. Food waste should be composted on the island and the composted material utilized here as free material for residents to use. More bathrooms and folks to staff them on site - genuinely they need to be attended for the entirety of the day. Theyâ€™re often an apocalyptic nightmare due to user carelessness, despite the diligence and commitment of the DPW staff to keep them clean. Folks genuinely cannot be left unattended, they do not care for or respect our resources. More trash receptacles throughout the entire island, and the staff to manage them. Public education regarding Peaks Island as a small, residential community. Basic guidelines for public health and etiquette to help preserve the island, its community, our resources and our wellbeing as an isolated ecosystem.		
892	2021-08-23T20:11:		Bethany.glatz@gmail.com Bethany Glatz	
893	2021-08-23T19:55:24			
894	2021-08-23T20:14:03		Stacey	
895	2021-08-23T19:51:23			
896	2021-08-23T20:11:43			
897	2021-08-23T20:28:39			
898	2021-08-23T20:45:59			
899	2021-08-23T20:54:	We need more public restrooms downtown! We also need better streets and major sidewalk improvements.	Ian Jacob	
900	2021-08-23T21:07:48		Eliza Burwell	
901	2021-08-23T20:59:38			
902	2021-08-23T21:20:47			
903	2021-08-23T21:45:03			
904	2021-08-23T22:35:55			
905	2021-08-23T22:06:08		Nope@nope.com	
906	2021-08-23T21:01:	From previous page, website wouldn't allow me to listost important (1) to least, just an fyi	lauriemacdonald23@gmail.com	
907	2021-08-23T21:02:27			
908	2021-08-23T22:26:	Please add many more trash receptacles.	Rolandenp@gmail.com	
909	2021-08-23T21:31:34		Jmkjsl@gmail.com	

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910	2021-08-23T21:03:10		Marna Miller	
911	2021-08-23T21:46:10	public bathrooms downtown!!!	shelby cobb	
912	2021-08-23T22:18:32			
913	2021-08-23T23:13:45		Andre1@mac.com	
914	2021-08-23T22:51:40			
915	2021-08-23T22:28:03			
916	2021-08-23T22:41:10	Public Bathrooms	beckymarietowle@icloud.com	
917	2021-08-23T22:31:39			
918	2021-08-23T23:09:21			
919	2021-08-24T02:40:32		saguptill@gmail.com	
920	2021-08-24T02:33:10	Public restrooms	emriouxx@gmail.com	
921	2021-08-24T01:11:27			
922	2021-08-24T02:35:30		Kathrynelizabethhoneil@gmail.com	
923	2021-08-24T01:43:12		Dwillette221@gmail.com	
924	2021-08-24T01:25:11			
925	2021-08-24T01:36:56			
926	2021-08-24T01:32:33			
927	2021-08-24T01:49:14		bride123105@gmail.com	
928	2021-08-24T01:15:44		Halo2jenny@hotmail.com	
929	2021-08-24T01:37:24		jtrussell13@gmail.com	
930	2021-08-24T02:20:10	Public restrooms downtown would help not only unhorsed but tourists and shoppers	Nm@nmontgomerydesign.com	
931	2021-08-24T02:01:10	Public restrooms	Jeff gould	
932	2021-08-24T01:49:10	The largest contributor to our labor shortage is the 2.1M workers who cannot access child care in any shape or form. The ECE market in Maine has collapsed; there are several reasons for this including the pandemic. The economic development crisis we have is in lock step with the loss of 70 child care providers and 25% of all child care centers in Cumberland County.	Dr. Steven R Brier, Executive Director, The Little Dolphin School	
933	2021-08-24T03:07:15		Alanap Paige207@gmail.com	
934	2021-08-24T03:59:51			
935	2021-08-24T08:15:27		EricaKaufman.art@gmail.com	
936	2021-08-24T09:21:46			
937	2021-08-24T05:10:32		Heather	
938	2021-08-24T11:25:30			
939	2021-08-23T23:02:29			
940	2021-08-23T23:20:10	All of the essential employees that worked through the pandemic and had furlough days should be reimbursed for their losses. They didn't just lose pay, but also lost substantial retirement contributions and subsequent lost gains on those funds.	Davidonos21@gmail.com	
941	2021-08-23T23:23:10	Public bathrooms	Jeremy	
942	2021-08-23T23:25:46			
943	2021-08-23T23:36:48			
944	2021-08-24T00:27:26		kerrinicholas@yahoo.com	
945	2021-08-23T23:38:59			
946	2021-08-24T00:22:49			
947	2021-08-23T23:40:10			
948	2021-08-23T23:42:58			

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949	2021-08-23T23:47:	More resources and accommodations for homeless community in Portland	Citizen	
950	2021-08-24T01:04:04		Madeleine.paradis@maine.edu	
951	2021-08-24T00:15:	We need public access to bathrooms	Nmdumais@aol.com	
952	2021-08-24T00:21:43			
953	2021-08-24T00:33:47		Simonnefeeney@gmail.com	
954	2021-08-24T00:43:04		Amanda Fisher	
955	2021-08-24T00:56:	Please Consider adding public bathrooms to downtown Portland.	Jessica Lawrence jjlslawrence@yahoo.com	
956	2021-08-24T01:33:	Public restrooms!	Haley	
957	2021-08-24T01:18:	Installing permanent Public Bathrooms and Water Stations on Peaks Island, which is part of Portland, Maine. We are overloaded with tourists and visitors daily with no public bathrooms or water fountains to use. Even Businesses have closed their open doors to tourists because there is such a demand for use. Want water? Buy it! This is not a good policy for people that live and pay tax here... Visitors and tourists are using bushes and trails to relieve themselves.	Martha Morris-Gibson megellynn@aol.com	
958	2021-08-24T01:08:37		janicebailey100@gmail.com	
959	2021-08-24T13:10:49			
960	2021-08-24T13:27:29		ldhammva@gmail.com	
961	2021-08-24T12:57:	Please invest in areas that are called "social determinants of health" that have significant impact on health outcomes. These include housing, education, childcare, accessible and quality healthcare, and more. Please do not make investments in car dependent infrastructure. Consider how you can make Portland more family friendly including bike/pedestrian streets, public bathrooms, kid friendly public spaces, clean drinking water, etc.		
962	2021-08-24T13:25:59	Lastly, please investigate guaranteed basic income programs and how this funding could be part of bringing that to Portland.	Adam Burk, adam.burk.me@gmail.com	
963	2021-08-24T13:18:00		Sophia	
964	2021-08-24T13:43:26			
965	2021-08-24T13:09:43		Dsfmilan@yahoo.com	
966	2021-08-24T13:14:14		tac21109@gmail.com	
967	2021-08-24T13:12:14		Austen Blass	
968	2021-08-24T13:26:20		Jesse Sawyer	
969	2021-08-24T13:51:	Trash cans and public bathrooms	Johnnasky20@gmail.com	
970	2021-08-24T13:28:58			
971	2021-08-24T13:41:40			
972	2021-08-24T13:52:	Public recreation space in each neighborhood is important. I'd love to see a spot created for outdoor roller skating, another larger skatepark. The area where the current skatepark is being cleaned up. The bridge you need to walk under to get there is frightening and dirty, with a permanently parked old car with a homeless person living in it.	Victoria	
973	2021-08-24T13:55:42			
974	2021-08-24T13:59:	Please use any monies available for capital projects and NOT operating projects - which includes replacing lost municipal revenues.	Richard Silkman - rsilkman@competitive-energy.com	
975	2021-08-24T13:58:	Public bathrooms!	Catwoodperry@gmail.com	
976	2021-08-24T13:59:48		Wstankis1@gmailcom	

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977	2021-08-24T15:09:	Payson park lacks sidewalks in half the park, it should be accessible to all residents, not just those who can walk. The Eastern Promenade is being used more fully again, which is great. There should be a dedicated spot for the food trucks to park, so that it doesn't narrow the street. The land that used to be the YWCA is a waste of space, and honestly an embarrassment. When we have people desperate for housing some moron went and made an ugly little park that no one accesses. I am all for green space, but not at the expense of people having an affordable place to live	releigh252@yahoo.com	
978	2021-08-24T14:37:	Public bathrooms and water fountains downtown. I've seen spiral walk-in urinals in Amsterdam that are great for men. Free standing self cleaning toilet with sink in France and some other European countries, but often times they are out of order! Maybe a public bathroom with an attendant would be best in Portland, open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.	lorryschwell@gmail.com	
979	2021-08-24T05:18:38			
980	2021-08-24T10:40:29		Sydney	
981	2021-08-24T10:05:42		Wendy Morse, windymoors523@gmail.com	
982	2021-08-24T11:10:	Public restrooms, bike infrastructure, childcare assistance, affordable housing are all great ideas.	Julia Brown julmehr@gmail.com	
983	2021-08-24T11:15:	More public restrooms being available is important!	Anna Eaves	
984	2021-08-24T10:50:32			
985	2021-08-24T11:17:34			
986	2021-08-24T11:55:18			
987	2021-08-24T12:12:	More public restrooms.	Tyke Frost	
988	2021-08-24T11:56:	I am supportive of publication c restroom facilities and public access to drinking water.	leeauch@gmail.com	
989	2021-08-24T12:10:47		Janna Vesey	
990	2021-08-24T12:22:26			
991	2021-08-24T12:27:	Public restrooms such as the Portland Loo, water access such as water fountains (with bowls at the bottom for pets) Additional trash & recycling (infrastructure) Commercial recycling Workforce training Solar green roofs Median improvement, including raised planters, native flowers, etc. Issues with the electric grid on peninsula	cary@portlandmaine.com	
992	2021-08-24T12:23:	Public restrooms in downtown Portland!!	Hunter Cropsey	
993	2021-08-24T15:56:	Honestly portland being such a great city needs a better recreation center and outdoor swimming options. A large pool with slides for kids would be amazing. Indoor would be even better.	James Lehr	
994	2021-08-24T13:06:	Public bathrooms, ESPECIALLY along the Eastern Promenade!	Megan Murrow	
995	2021-08-24T13:15:	Make our outdoor public areas more comfortable and hospitable	CaseyElizabeth@gmail.com	
996	2021-08-24T13:10:07		Ragan	
997	2021-08-24T12:33:	Better/more public restrooms downtown & in parks (like Deering Oaks & Eastern Prom)	Atrober@yahoo.com	
998	2021-08-24T13:03:	I'm in support of additional access to permanent public restrooms and access to safe drinking water in the downtown district.	Peter Busque	
999	2021-08-24T14:45:20		lippaletters@gmail.com	
1000	2021-08-24T14:24:36		Bee Daniel	

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1001	2021-08-24T14:08:37			
1002	2021-08-24T14:57:41			
1003	2021-08-24T14:41:17			
1004	2021-08-24T14:18:52	Public bathrooms, kept clean, would be a huge improvement to downtown Portland. Living near where services for the homeless population are located, it is sad to see our land being used for outdoor latrines. I walk by an alleyway every day, and have named it "the pissoire" because that is just what it has become. It's certainly not sanitary, and for an eighty year old woman to have to see it in action every day, it is brutal. I think it is probably a reason why Portland doesn't meet expectations as a thoroughly welcoming destination. We could do so much better as a city by meeting the needs of the homeless people at a very basic level. Our first priority should be actions for residents, not for the tourist trade, but somehow that is what seems to move the needle.	prudencebbarry@gmail.com	
1005	2021-08-24T14:25:52	Public restrooms, safe injection sites, educational resources, water fountains, washing stations to serve the homeless communities. Draw the problem away from the Portland High School â€” children should not have to learn surrounded by trash and discarded needles. More mental health resources. More housing resources. It has become clear that the unhoused and mental health and substance abuse issues in this city has become untenable, and something must be done.		
1006	2021-08-24T15:18:52	Would also like to see the removal of open trash cans in lieu of covered trash cans. The seagulls trash Portland every morning. It's pretty gross.	Keith Tiszenkel	
1007	2021-08-24T15:18:52		Michie	
1007	2021-08-24T14:50:15	More public restrooms!	Ambw	
1008	2021-08-24T14:45:15	more public bathrooms !	livivail311@gmail.com	
1009	2021-08-24T15:07:15	"Safer at Home" underscored how much access to housing (and temporary shelter) is a public health issue. We need better broadband infrastructure and access, so this being an acceptable use is a wonderful opportunity.	conservatory.dvds@gmail.com	
1010	2021-08-24T15:04:13		aliciadharding@gmail.com	
1011	2021-08-24T15:12:15	Please consider using funds to increase parking opportunities downtown and provide more bathroom/water drinking facilities on the waterfront and Peaks Island.	Emmalee Tracy	
1012	2021-08-24T15:02:37		Sam	
1013	2021-08-24T15:48:15	Please contribute to public restrooms available to the homeless.	Liz	
1014	2021-08-24T15:16:15	As a resident of the old port, I would like to see more public restrooms/showers accessible for the homeless. As they use our private property as their restroom daily. Thank you!	dntbailey@gmail.com	
1015	2021-08-24T15:45:15	BATHROOMS IN THE OLD PORT	peggygreenhut@gmail.com	
1016	2021-08-24T15:40:57		Joshua clukey	
1017	2021-08-24T15:49:15	Public restrooms	John Gutwin	
1018	2021-08-24T15:55:15	Additional public restrooms downtown. There is an urgent need for visitors to have easy access to clean facilities.	Sara Brown	
1019	2021-08-24T17:47:05		drmayaramirez@gmail.com	
1020	2021-08-24T17:54:45			
1021	2021-08-24T17:23:15	Hello Survey Readers and Policy Makers! I want to shout out my support for Prioritizing Childcare in Portland with ARPA funds . I am a staff member at Youth & Family Outreach and understand how important years Zero to Five are for our youth: they need good quality care to best prepare them to become outstanding citizens. I also urge the city to consider allocating some of these funds to the Youth and Family Outreach Building a Brighter Future campaign. This will double our current number of high quality child care slots and round out wrap around services for families.	fred.dobson@gmail.com	
1022	2021-08-24T16:27:23		avner eisenberg avnerecc@gmail.com	
1023	2021-08-24T16:05:58		Kristina	
1024	2021-08-24T18:37:42		Courtney	
1025	2021-08-24T16:10:55		eliotbvanetten@gmail.com	
1026	2021-08-24T20:12:49			

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1027	2021-08-24T17:37:17	My child attends Youth and Family Outreach and I think the city could contribute to the Building a Brighter Future campaign. This will double their current number of child care slots and round out wraparound services for families with a new housing project. Both my husband and I grew up in Portland and YFO embodies the spirit of the town we have always loved: diverse, accessible, friendly and fun!	mollyelena@gamil.com, Molly Adams	
1028	2021-08-24T16:40:16	I urge the city to consider allocating some of these funds to the Youth and Family Outreach Building a Brighter Future campaign. This will double their current number of high quality child care slots and round out wrap around services for families.	Anna Leclerc	
1029	2021-08-24T18:09:18	clean, permanent public bathrooms! clean permanent safe injection sites!	jawhyel@gmail.com	
1030	2021-08-24T20:12:50			
1031	2021-08-24T20:49:19	There are just 20,000 units of affordable housing needed to house every homeless person in the Portland Area. While it may be tempting to take money from developers for yet another high priced gentrified condo, I implore you to think of the most marginalized members of the Portland community and to have compassion. Homeless services and affordable housing should be your highest priorities. With the COVID pandemic costing many people already in precarious situations their jobs or their lives, it is imperative to care for the people who would otherwise fall through the cracks. I drive rhroughr Deering Oaks every day and my heart goes out to the people who have no choice but to call that park home. I think about how easy it would be to house them rather than leave them to withstand heat and wind and rain with no support besides what they can give each other. I have been consistently disappointed with the city's attitude towards the unhoused community and this money is an opportunity for you to do better.	maxwell.lisanti@gmail.com	
1032	2021-08-24T19:59:59	The survey format is VERY difficult to maneuver with the instructions on ordering the priorities. In my view, the entire question should be DISCARDED. I am quite sure that my choices for priorities were NOT recorded properly.	William Harding whardingmd@gmail.com	
1033	2021-08-24T20:19:35			
1034	2021-08-24T19:40:40	public restrooms and access to water	marketing@westinportlandharborview.com	
1035	2021-08-24T20:52:17			
1036	2021-08-24T20:16:16	Mental health and homeless services and Public bathrooms are very much needed. I also think property taxes increases only have really hurt Maine peopleâ€¦ too bad. A rebate would be nice. Park maintenance would be great.	antonina_berube@yahoo.com	
1037	2021-08-24T20:45:45	Please provide safe, permanent public restrooms throughout the city	Harpandvoice@gmail.com	
1038	2021-08-24T21:09:09	Public bathrooms on Peaks island!	Sarah	
1039	2021-08-24T22:05:05	I urge the city to consider allocating some of these funds to the Youth and Family Outreach Building a Brighter Future campaign. This will double their current number of high quality child care slots and round out wrap around services for families. (for Portland residents only)	impursel@eckerd.edu	
1040	2021-08-24T22:35:01		davidleblancmtl@gmail.com	
1041	2021-08-24T23:02:02	Please more bike lanes! With physical barriers or separate from road whenever possible!	Elizabeth	
1042	2021-08-25T00:33:30			
1043	2021-08-25T11:41:41	Public bathrooms downtown that are maintained and cleaned.	Jim Schwellenbach	
1044	2021-08-25T01:41:58		hkrasnowanp@gmail.com	
1045	2021-08-25T02:12:38			
1046	2021-08-25T03:33:59		ncmajor@gmail.com	
1047	2021-08-25T01:01:01	I urge the city to consider allocating some of these funds to the Youth and Family Outreach Building a Brighter Future campaign. This will double their current number of high quality child care slots and round out wrap around services for families.	samuel.rich@gmail.com	
1048	2021-08-25T01:20:19		maddiejm1@gmail.com	
1049	2021-09-01T02:42:42	Today a woman took a crap in my alleyway off Congress Street, while her boyfriend stood guard. They were apologetic, but there was no alternative available to them. This needs to be addressed.	ajdoukas@gmail.com	
1050	2021-08-25T01:14:52			
1051	2021-08-25T05:09:12			
1052	2021-08-25T01:16:48		Laze888@gmail.com	
1053	2021-08-25T13:10:35			

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1054	2021-08-25T10:50:	Lack of Suitable restrooms has been an ongoing issue in Portland for many years.	Ariana	
1055	2021-08-25T11:04:	More public restrooms in downtown Portland please, especially by the waterfront.	Judy Urbach	
1056	2021-08-25T10:55:57			
1057	2021-08-25T13:06:	Portland NEEDS public restrooms. Not only for all the well-to-do folks enjoying tourism but also for Portland's own. And I mean all of Portland's own. People need access to water, to wash, and to use a restroom. People are still relieving themselves mind you, it's just on the sidewalk or tucked behind a building. I've seen it A LOT. I've also had to relieve myself outside because of this lack of bathrooms. This is not a good look for our city. The people deserve access to water and restrooms. Especially those of us who are currently unhoused. These people deserve the dignity of having somewhere to GO.	Bryan Hansen	
1058	2021-08-25T12:27:	We need more public restroom and safe needle exchanges. We also need to take care of our house less neighbors instead of watching more condos get built.	Hayley Cummings	
1059	2021-08-25T12:53:57		Katesullivanjones@gmail.com	
1060	2021-08-25T13:24:53		Nathan Locklin	
1061	2021-08-25T13:29:22		Peter	
1062	2021-08-25T13:40:43			
1063	2021-08-25T17:03:	Please help the house less community and stop helping the tourists.	Valerie.goergen@gmail.com	
1064	2021-08-25T14:16:37			
1065	2021-08-25T15:46:23			
1066	2021-08-25T13:43:30		Mia	
1067	2021-08-25T16:19:15		Kelsey Smith	
1068	2021-08-25T14:58:59		Doctor101112@gmail.com	
1069	2021-08-25T14:31:14		Darlene wood	
1070	2021-08-25T14:12:45		Sarah	
1071	2021-08-25T14:44:10			
1072	2021-08-25T22:31:02			
1073	2021-08-26T10:53:05		mrrieders@gmail.com	
1074	2021-08-26T01:32:28			
1075	2021-08-25T20:30:	Anything that helps Portland citizens improve quality of life, ie health, welfare, affordable housing, reasonable property taxes	sferrante26@yahoo.com	
1076	2021-08-25T22:00:	Sidewalks are extremely dangerous and ugly. Every day someone trips and falls. My mother spilled out of her wheelchair and smashed her face on the pavement ! This happened when the wheelchair got stuck between a "decorative" cobblestone and cement pavement that had eroded a hole in between. Peaks Island sidewalks are DANGEROUS !	susane.ashley@gmail.com	
1077	2021-08-26T16:51:	I urge the city to consider allocating some of these funds to the Youth and Family Outreach (YFO, 331 Cumberland Ave) Building a Brighter Future campaign. This will double their current number of high quality child care slots and round out wrap around services for families.	lachard07@gmail.com	
1078	2021-08-25T22:00:28		peakscmh@hotmail.com	
1079	2021-08-25T20:46:45		schnpmus1@gmail.com	
1080	2021-08-26T14:42:15			
1081	2021-08-25T22:25:17			
1082	2021-08-27T19:05:50		Kasey, kaseyivan@gmail.com	
1083	2021-08-26T13:47:26		Carmen Baldwin	
1084	2021-08-26T20:19:15			
1085	2021-08-27T19:04:	Please reinstate the COVID testing center at the Jetport. So convenient, I got tested both ways everytime I flew in or out. Many of us have to visit Florida (!) on a regular basis to care for elder loved ones there. It's such a risk to the community to not have testing at the Jetport. Thank you for listening.	sosimpletoreachme@gmail.com	
1086	2021-08-27T19:07:28		Jodie Lapchick	
1087	2021-08-28T00:37:	To the extent that infrastructure is allowed, please focus on climate resilience and sustainable transportation options (bicycling, public transit, pedestrian).	Alexander Bohn	

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1088	2021-08-27T21:44:21		jn606181@gmail.com	
1089	2021-08-27T19:36:	Letâ€™s use this money for affordable housing and city infrastructure which will support sustainability such as solar panel installation, retiring fossil fuel vehicles from the city fleet and increasing our tree canopy. Please do not spend any of this money on the proposed waterfront park which will serve tourists more than residents.	mwnola@gmail.com	
1090	2021-08-27T22:14:	The second part of the survey is confusing to figure out how to work. I hope it doesn't have a negative effect on the results. If you are many in the initial order you'll probably know.	growsk8life@gmail.com	
1091	2021-08-28T20:13:41			
1092	2021-08-28T21:18:59			
1093	2021-08-30T01:28:12			
1094	2021-08-29T01:46:	Public restrooms please!	Lisatwombly@yahoo.com	
1095	2021-08-29T11:19:01			
1096	2021-08-29T17:50:	As a tour operator, Thereâ€™s a substantial need for public restrooms on the waterfront.	Kris@maineducks.coM	
1097	2021-08-29T14:03:25			
1098	2021-08-29T12:37:31		jeavignon@gmail.com	
1099	2021-08-29T21:02:48			
1100	2021-08-31T12:45:05			
1101	2021-08-31T11:22:44		Cwilkins@maine.rr.com	
1102	2021-08-31T12:07:47		Amy Dultz afigureskater@gmail.com	
1103	2021-08-31T12:14:55			
1104	2021-08-31T11:28:35			
1105	2021-08-31T12:16:36			
1106	2021-08-31T11:29:26		gary w. libby gwlibby2@gmail.com	
1107	2021-08-31T10:58:	We support building/maintaining more permanent restrooms downtown. Sorely needed by ALL including business & property owners, visitors, residents, and unhoused individuals.	H. Grover	
1108	2021-08-31T13:57:40			
1109	2021-08-31T14:04:37		director@space538.org	
1110	2021-08-31T13:58:55			
1111	2021-08-31T13:24:38		Manuela Arundel	
1112	2021-08-31T12:41:42		Sean Miller	
1113	2021-08-31T14:00:	Public restrooms downtown Portland	Nancy Noble	
1114	2021-08-31T13:32:05			
1115	2021-08-31T13:58:07			
1116	2021-08-31T13:57:15			
1117	2021-08-31T13:59:28			
1118	2021-08-31T14:00:20			
1119	2021-08-31T14:01:	We need more public restrooms available downtown. Businesses should not have to turn people away or handle the flow of public using their restrooms.	c.anniedoucette@gmail.com	
1120	2021-08-31T14:03:	Any kind of infrastructural improvements should be with an eye toward adapting to climate change (warmer, wetter, more violent weather patterns). Please don't just use the money to do the same old, same old. This is an opportunity for fundamental change when there's money at hand. Also, people come here because we're unique, different from other places. Keep the City walkable, historic, and clean. Provide restrooms and water fountains.	whitecapconsulting@gmail.com	
1121	2021-08-31T14:00:49		Sarah , southboundsarah@yahoo.com	
1122	2021-08-31T13:58:31		Hilary	
1123	2021-08-31T14:00:58		anonymous	

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1124	2021-08-31T14:00:06		shamusalley@yahoo.com	
1125	2021-08-31T14:07:20			
1126	2021-08-31T13:57:53			
1127	2021-08-31T14:00:12		kfminervino@yahoo.com	
1128	2021-08-31T13:59:05			
1129	2021-08-31T13:59:13			
1130	2021-08-31T14:00:29		Christina Porter	
1131	2021-09-01T12:22:40		taffye10@gmail.com	
1132	2021-08-31T14:00:08			
1133	2021-08-31T14:00:43			
1134	2021-08-31T14:09:26		deb webster	
1135	2021-08-31T14:01:33			
1136	2021-08-31T14:00:	Please consider adding public bathrooms.	amcquarrie@cascobayeye.com	
1137	2021-08-31T14:01:46			
1138	2021-09-07T16:31:	public bathrooms and shower for the homeless	marcymakinen@yahoo.com	
1139	2021-08-31T14:16:	Bathrooms! Bathrooms! Water! Also, why are so many people sleeping in doorways in the downtown areas? Portland is looking like one of those large cities you don't want to live in.	Erica Plourde tictacomaine@msn.com	
1140	2021-08-31T14:01:	Portland has terrific geometry to become a car-light city progressively over the next decade or two. There are a few key steps that would become self-sustaining in time.	jvw@vanwestco.com	
1141	2021-08-31T13:59:07			
1142	2021-08-31T13:59:34			
1143	2021-08-31T14:01:08		ctodd@foreside.com	
1144	2021-08-31T14:01:	Portland! Add some public restrooms downtown! The city isn't very walkable if there's nowhere to stop to pee!	Hollie Pryor	
1145	2021-08-31T14:01:02			
1146	2021-08-31T13:59:00			
1147	2021-08-31T13:59:05			
1148	2021-08-31T14:02:00		MW	
1149	2021-08-31T13:59:16		Tracy Bissonnette	
1150	2021-08-31T14:04:	The homeless issue is affecting small businesses and the cleanliness of our parks. So, while these items might be considered separate issues they are all inter-related. By not dealing with the homeless issue (housing, sober centers, etc) it is hurting small businesses by scaring away customers and it is making our City parks look dirty and unapproachable.	Bill Stauffer	
1151	2021-08-31T14:13:	I work at a hotel. Since COVID we lock our outer doors and restroom doors, so that the general public are unable to access our bathrooms. Understandably the public is NOT happy with this, and are not happy to be told they can access toilets at Casco Bay Lines. We however do not have the staff to service our restrooms adequately, and as often as it would take if we allowed general/public access. Even with the doors locked, before COVID, when the cruise ships dock, we would have a line of women waiting to access our restrooms at any given time. The city is woefully underserved with public facilities for the number of tourists the city serves in the summer.	Kim Strondak	
1152	2021-08-31T14:01:26			
1153	2021-08-31T14:01:46			
1154	2021-08-31T14:01:50			
1155	2021-08-31T14:25:37			

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1156	2021-08-31T14:09:14	Artists in Maine have been disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. The creative economy in Maine has been negatively impacted more than any other industry in the state, with limited support from relief programs. We need to focus significant resources in order to assist creative economy businesses and the employees who service these sectors.	Oliver Watson Oliver@hawkindynamics.com	
1157	2021-08-31T14:05:14	Public restrooms.	Liz Woodbury	
1158	2021-08-31T14:06:04			
1159	2021-08-31T14:03:13	My first priority would be additional public restrooms that can be accessed by anyone, at any time.	ewynnshirk2@gmail.com	
1160	2021-08-31T14:03:43			
1161	2021-08-31T14:05:29			
1162	2021-08-31T14:10:50			
1163	2021-08-31T14:05:36		Russ Sprague	
1164	2021-08-31T14:08:14	I think municipal toilet facilities are critical!! the ranking system is difficult to navigate.	teb@mainemechanics.org	
1165	2021-08-31T14:05:14	public toilets like in europe, can be self cleaning. also on commercial st for tourists	susanaa@gwi.net	
1166	2021-08-31T14:05:53			
1167	2021-08-31T14:05:04		Ellie Cania	
1168	2021-08-31T14:04:14	Please more public toilets in downtown Portland!	info@homeremediesmaine.com	
1169	2021-08-31T14:04:53			
1170	2021-08-31T14:04:54		Paige	
1171	2021-08-31T14:09:14	Public restrooms.	bridget.rauscher@gmail.com	
1172	2021-08-31T14:13:13	Public restroom facilities	winslowsocial1@gmail.com	
1173	2021-08-31T14:05:14	just have to help those that need it most	gmccready@optonline.net	
1174	2021-08-31T14:10:03		Pass	
1175	2021-08-31T14:06:56		Chris	
1176	2021-08-31T14:06:14	More public rest rooms should be highest priority!	chris@odysseywhalewatch.com	
1177	2021-08-31T14:08:14	More public restrooms are needed in downtown Portland. This would ease the need for small businesses to provide restrooms and help keep the city cleaner.	sarahdmcnamara@gmail.com	
1178	2021-08-31T14:07:10		boyle366@hotmail.com	
1179	2021-08-31T14:07:17			
1180	2021-08-31T14:07:40		nathan.tinsley@newscentermaine.com	
1181	2021-08-31T14:07:55		biggarfish@roadrunner.com	
1182	2021-08-31T14:09:42			
1183	2021-08-31T14:13:41		Kim	
1184	2021-08-31T14:13:42		Bethany	
1185	2021-08-31T14:12:13			
1186	2021-08-31T14:13:13	Permanent public restrooms are desperately needed	liahorton@gmail.com	
1187	2021-08-31T14:14:16		cconroy@cascobayeye.com	
1188	2021-08-31T14:10:10			
1189	2021-08-31T14:10:13			
1190	2021-08-31T14:13:51			
1191	2021-08-31T14:11:04			
1192	2021-08-31T14:13:35			
1193	2021-08-31T14:08:14	THOMAS1@alumni.montclair.edu	THOMAS1@alumni.montclair.edu	
1194	2021-08-31T14:08:14	Public restrooms in the Old Port	Michelle Bolduc	
1195	2021-08-31T14:11:38			

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1196	2021-08-31T14:15:37		Chris	
1197	2021-08-31T14:16:14	Please add permanent public restrooms at convenient spots throughout the city and, especially in the parks.	margaret.innes@gmail.com	
1198	2021-08-31T14:14:38			
1199	2021-08-31T14:12:49		Atyree984@gmail.com	
1200	2021-08-31T14:11:54			
1201	2021-08-31T14:12:12		Claire	
1202	2021-08-31T14:11:56			
1203	2021-08-31T14:13:49			
1204	2021-08-31T14:12:19			
1205	2021-08-31T14:18:14	More permanent public restrooms in the Old Port. At least 2 locations.	brigid@abacusgallery.com	
1206	2021-08-31T14:13:14	Public restrooms	info@amazon.com	
1207	2021-08-31T14:17:14	More public restrooms, more trash cans, sound barriers for 295 corridor through Portland, fewer hotels more low income housing!	Kbwilkinson@gmail.com	
1208	2021-08-31T14:19:33			
1209	2021-08-31T14:15:40			
1210	2021-08-31T14:16:26			
1211	2021-08-31T14:21:14	ELDERLY SERVICES - transport to med appts, food shopping, home maintenance etc	mumopeg@gmail.com	
1212	2021-08-31T14:14:31			
1213	2021-08-31T14:17:25			
1214	2021-08-31T14:19:14	I am a senior citizen living in Portland and we need public toilets for people like me, the homeless and the tourists. It is a humane thing. To make people defecate in the streets is not only unhealthy, but in humane.	Jacqui Deveneau jacquie50@yahoo.com	
1215	2021-08-31T14:14:12		hihcatering@comcast.net	
1216	2021-08-31T14:16:57		sgsiegel14@gmail.com	
1217	2021-08-31T14:17:26		Wveronica.alexander@gmail.com	
1218	2021-08-31T14:20:10		eroscia@gmail.com	
1219	2021-08-31T14:18:58			
1220	2021-08-31T14:17:34			
1221	2021-08-31T14:18:05			
1222	2021-08-31T14:21:02			
1223	2021-08-31T14:21:14	Public restrooms are a necessity. A human right especially if the city is going to criminally charge people that don't have access. You can't complain about urine and feces in public if you choose not to provide public restrooms.	Jennymccarthy311@gmail.com	
1224	2021-08-31T14:19:21		aimeeknits@yahoo.com	
1225	2021-08-31T14:20:48			
1226	2021-08-31T14:23:31			
1227	2021-08-31T14:20:49			
1228	2021-08-31T14:21:11			
1229	2021-08-31T14:21:14	more public toilets	Lauren Thomas	
1230	2021-08-31T14:23:49		L K	
1231	2021-08-31T14:23:14	Public bathrooms please!!!	D73p68mail@gmail.com	
1232	2021-08-31T14:22:29			
1233	2021-08-31T14:22:42			
1234	2021-08-31T14:22:46			
1235	2021-08-31T14:22:46		cgrossmanrun@gmail.com	

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1236	2021-08-31T14:24:14			
1237	2021-08-31T14:23:07	More public restrooms	chelscd@gmail.com	
1238	2021-08-31T14:23:07			
1239	2021-08-31T14:15:28	Need more public bathrooms in Portland	Bphilbrook@yahoo.com	
1240	2021-08-31T14:15:28			
1241	2021-08-31T14:16:09		Margaret	
1242	2021-08-31T14:16:46			
1243	2021-08-31T14:16:46			
1244	2021-08-31T14:21:12	Downtown Portland is sorely lacking in public restrooms. During the pandemic many businesses closed their bathrooms to the public increasing the demand for public restrooms.	kwoodsum@yahoo.com	
1245	2021-08-31T14:19:12		coreytempleton@gmail.com	
1246	2021-08-31T14:22:15	We need public toilet facilities in Portland. There are none to my knowledge.	lesleymac@portlandmedia.org	
1247	2021-08-31T14:19:15		Kelly Ferguson	
1248	2021-08-31T14:19:46		scottay1@hotmail.com	
1249	2021-08-31T14:16:01			
1250	2021-08-31T14:21:33		triciatoms@gmail.com	
1251	2021-08-31T14:23:31		Bo@gmail.com	
1252	2021-08-31T14:16:25			
1253	2021-08-31T14:28:38			
1254	2021-08-31T14:22:08		Abel	
1255	2021-08-31T14:25:58			
1256	2021-08-31T14:20:57			
1257	2021-08-31T14:21:12	More public restrooms downtown	rebecca.george86@gmail.com	
1258	2021-08-31T14:17:22			
1259	2021-08-31T14:23:45			
1260	2021-08-31T14:26:15		tkcoffee@gmail.com	
1261	2021-08-31T14:24:01			
1262	2021-08-31T14:30:50			
1263	2021-08-31T14:27:13			
1264	2021-08-31T14:24:50		k.e.somerville@gmail.com	
1265	2021-08-31T14:30:02			
1266	2021-08-31T14:33:04	I do feel the old port needs public toilets. Was just there and struggled with finding anywhere to go and makes it hard for local businesses to accommodate everyone! Thanks for asking	Dghammond@roadrunner.com	
1267	2021-08-31T14:25:04		alanmmcclellan@gmail.com	
1268	2021-08-31T14:27:50	More public bathrooms please!	ssdeaguilar@gmail.com	
1269	2021-08-31T14:27:50			
1270	2021-08-31T14:29:20		luckyd2000@yahoo.com	
1271	2021-08-31T14:30:29			
1272	2021-08-31T14:32:31	Public restroom access is a right. Not only is it good for tourism and hospitality; it's good for the people who live here, too.	Ophelia	
1273	2021-08-31T14:31:31			
1274	2021-08-31T14:30:02	Keep Portland affordable for Maine people and don't just pander to the tourists.	meris@msspa.org	

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1275	2021-08-31T14:34:13		judith.webster544@gmail.com	
1276	2021-08-31T14:30:47			
1277	2021-08-31T14:28:56	More permanent, handicapped accessible public restrooms	terri1101@roadrunner.com	
1278	2021-08-31T14:26:44		No@no.com	
1279	2021-08-31T14:35:08			
1280	2021-08-31T14:35:34			
1281	2021-08-31T14:35:23		ashley.j.beaudoin@gmail.com	
1282	2021-08-31T14:38:56	We need better public transportation in Portland. We need public restrooms, we need to support small businesses, parking,and we need affordable housing. \$350 for a 1 bedroom condo is NOT affordable!	danistpierre@gmail.com	
1283	2021-08-31T14:35:36			
1284	2021-08-31T14:47:09		dhembre@aol.com	
1285	2021-08-31T14:38:56		H	
1286	2021-08-31T14:40:23			
1287	2021-08-31T14:41:29			
1288	2021-08-31T14:36:56	Public restrooms please	malonebalone@gmail.com	
1289	2021-08-31T14:43:56	public restrooms	anonymous	
1290	2021-08-31T14:42:14			
1291	2021-08-31T14:41:56	Public Restrooms are desperately needed around the city for people to use. Some ARPA should go towards having more public restrooms.	Eleanor Nazar	
1292	2021-08-31T14:38:41			
1293	2021-08-31T14:38:54			
1294	2021-08-31T14:39:00			
1295	2021-08-31T14:42:35			
1296	2021-08-31T14:45:53		Brigham	
1297	2021-08-31T14:41:53		Susan williams	
1298	2021-08-31T14:39:21		L Webster	
1299	2021-08-31T14:26:45		Morgan	
1300	2021-08-31T14:31:56	Public Bathrooms	cbartmarketing@gmail.com	
1301	2021-08-31T14:32:31			
1302	2021-08-31T14:25:48		Zara Bohan	
1303	2021-08-31T14:30:56	I think more public restrooms will bring in more homeless, and general public will not want to use them (as at Deering Oaks), due to loitering, garbage and needles.	Lerobeck@gmail.com	
1304	2021-08-31T14:31:00		wickets@me.com	
1305	2021-08-31T14:30:56	Public Restrooms Downtown	oldhamseg@gmail.com	
1306	2021-08-31T14:32:43		janegreer1234@gmail.com	
1307	2021-08-31T14:29:56	More public restrooms, please!	Larissa	
1308	2021-08-31T14:27:51			
1309	2021-08-31T14:39:01		mcyr@portlandmaine.gov	
1310	2021-08-31T14:31:03		cegbysea@comcast.net	
1311	2021-08-31T14:32:50			
1312	2021-08-31T14:31:46		Kevin O'Brien	
1313	2021-08-31T14:29:52			
1314	2021-08-31T14:30:56	Public restrooms	Jgill622@gmail.com	

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1315	2021-08-31T14:34:12		brady.hecht@gmail.com	
1316	2021-08-31T14:34:10		Kayla	
1317	2021-08-31T14:38:23		A. McKenna	
1318	2021-08-31T14:37:	please fund the construction/implementation of free public toilets in downtown portland. the pandemic has exacerbated the need as businesses close access to toilets.	K Andrei	
1319	2021-08-31T15:04:32			
1320	2021-08-31T15:06:	More public restrooms would be great as well as bike/scooter rentals to get around city would be awesome	alexisworn@gmail.com	
1321	2021-08-31T15:15:22		Tmg0930@icloud.com	
1322	2021-08-31T15:16:	Public toilets open to everyone and the infrastructure to keep them in clean, working order. Place Nalox boxes near them.	Kris Hall, chall4@une.edu	
1323	2021-08-31T15:05:27		cliftravers@gmail.com	
1324	2021-08-31T15:10:08			
1325	2021-08-31T15:16:	I already did this, but I went back because Portland Downtown said it's an opportunity to advocate for public toilets. And, wow, yea, public toilets are very important. Please, can we have more locations for peeing?	patrickmcgorrill@gmail.com	
1326	2021-08-31T15:22:	Portland is in desperate need of more public restrooms, especially in the arts district. It should not fall on non-restaurant businesses to provide public restrooms. It would make everyone's experience of downtown portland much more positive.	Nathaniel Baldwin/baldwindia@gmail.com	
1327	2021-08-31T15:14:	more public restrooms in both Portland and on Peaks!	sspector123@gmail.com	
1328	2021-08-31T15:19:02			
1329	2021-08-31T15:20:21			
1330	2021-08-31T15:19:20			
1331	2021-08-31T15:19:	It is so uncomfortable to tell customers there are no bathroom It puts us in an uncomfortable position. Customers get upset with us and leave to find a bathroom somewhere instead of Looking around and buying! Shameful for all of us!	Michael Jones	
1332	2021-08-31T15:19:16		Jay Butcher butcherj93@gmail.com	
1333	2021-08-31T15:50:39		autumnceleste@gmail.com	
1334	2021-08-31T15:28:37			
1335	2021-08-31T15:37:11		M	
1336	2021-08-31T15:33:45			
1337	2021-08-31T15:29:	As a business owner on commercial street, our bathroom is essentially a public bathroom. The city needs to make more options available for visitors and stop burdening the businesses.	Donnacaronpm@hotmail.com	
1338	2021-08-31T15:24:27		seteaford@gmail.com	
1339	2021-08-31T14:50:59			
1340	2021-08-31T15:00:41		Rocket_wong@hotmail.com	
1341	2021-08-31T14:53:31		leahpillsbury@gmail.com	
1342	2021-08-31T14:55:47			
1343	2021-08-31T15:02:	Would like to see funding used to support public restrooms in downtown Portland, ME.	Mark Stelmack	
1344	2021-08-31T15:00:36		Dhoch50@gmail.com	
1345	2021-08-31T15:03:31		no thank you	
1346	2021-08-31T15:06:46			
1347	2021-08-31T15:09:	We have no mental health services other than crisis support in this city. I work in this field. We need it and basic ammenities like bathrooms for homeless	Theo Darwin	
1348	2021-08-31T15:06:23			
1349	2021-08-31T15:04:04			
1350	2021-08-31T15:02:36			

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1351	2021-08-31T15:16:	More well maintained public restrooms are needed in the Old Port and downtown. We are asked serval times per day where the nearest public restroom is and our answer is the Ferry Terminal, which is quite a walk from Exchange/Fore Street.	shana@coolasamoose.com	
1352	2021-08-31T15:08:	More bathroom facilities	brownkinney@icloud.com	
1353	2021-08-31T15:09:58			
1354	2021-08-31T15:04:13			
1355	2021-08-31T15:05:03		Christina W. Richardson	
1356	2021-08-31T15:05:47		Stephanie.hampton2@gmail.com	
1357	2021-08-31T15:05:11		Tbakke@maine.Rr.com	
1358	2021-08-31T15:05:57			
1359	2021-08-31T14:49:41			
1360	2021-08-31T14:52:47		rita	
1361	2021-08-31T14:45:26		nbarnett@mdiic.com	
1362	2021-08-31T14:43:26		Kelly	
1363	2021-08-31T14:41:59			
1364	2021-08-31T14:42:06		Sara	
1365	2021-08-31T14:45:	I would create a public bathroom facility near the Peaks Island transfer station. I would not bother the islanders abut would prevent people from using public and private land to pee+ in the woods.	Anne Dennison adennison@meca.edu	
1366	2021-08-31T14:44:	It seems there is constant construction/new builds happening in downtown but helping build out the infrastructure and human services needs to come with that as well. Homeless services, public health, childcare, and affordable housing are all things that have been strained under COVID even more.	cmarecchi@gmail.com	
1367	2021-08-31T14:58:	Additional public toilets	patcharvey@sbcglobal.net	
1368	2021-08-31T14:53:41			
1369	2021-08-31T14:53:20			
1370	2021-08-31T14:51:	make permanent public restrooms downtown and more trashcans as well	barry@barrynolette.com	
1371	2021-08-31T14:51:	Public toilets, bike lanes on outer Congress	vapoole@hotmail.com	
1372	2021-08-31T14:56:31			
1373	2021-08-31T14:54:	Public restrooms Old Port stinks in warmer months	Melinda@tessyarns.com	
1374	2021-08-31T14:57:08			
1375	2021-08-31T14:59:27			
1376	2021-08-31T14:44:	PORTLAND NEEDS MORE PUBLIC RESTROOMS. AS SOMEONE WHO DOES A LOT OF RUNNING IN THE CITY, IT'S NO FUN HAVING THE NEED TO GO, AND NOT HAVING A RESTROOM NEAR YOU.	turtlerunner72@gmail.com	
1377	2021-08-31T14:58:39			
1378	2021-08-31T14:49:57			
1379	2021-08-31T15:49:21			
1380	2021-08-31T16:18:	Public Toilets are necessary, as many establishments closed their public restrooms since the pandemic began. This has become problematic, especially as consumers wish to patronize/frequent the various downtown businesses. It is essential that public restrooms/toilets are available/properly maintained to ensure comfort and cleanliness, both health issues.	mary.naturegirl@gmail.com	
1381	2021-08-31T16:10:59			
1382	2021-08-31T15:57:00			
1383	2021-08-31T15:57:45			
1384	2021-08-31T16:03:49			

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1385	2021-08-31T16:05:20		Patrick	
1386	2021-08-31T15:52:59		Pkustner@aol.com	
1387	2021-08-31T15:58:59			
1388	2021-08-31T16:03:14			
1389	2021-08-31T15:53:13		S. Manning	
1390	2021-08-31T15:59:55			
1391	2021-08-31T16:01:10			
1392	2021-08-31T16:06:45			
1393	2021-08-31T16:04:42			
1394	2021-08-31T16:10:29		jsobol@ibgcf.org	
1395	2021-08-31T16:08:27			
1396	2021-08-31T16:15:15	This town attracts hundreds of thousands tourist yearly and we can't provide a toilet for ANY of them. Elderly person, pregnant, child, homeless, or Commuter everyone has to piss in the street? Civilize this the town and bring indoor plumbing to the people.	Caleb Violette	
1397	2021-08-31T16:10:40			
1398	2021-08-31T16:16:21			
1399	2021-08-31T15:42:28			
1400	2021-08-31T15:29:15	public restroom facilities and encouraging green space development, not paving over the city to make it a heat desert	bajmagda@juno.com	
1401	2021-08-31T15:34:33		Julia Calder	
1402	2021-08-31T15:35:08		mainiac@mac.com	
1403	2021-08-31T15:30:15	Access to Public Restrooms is an essential health service that should be provided so that residents and visitors alike have a safe, clean, equitable, and private place to use a water closet.	Tom Gaudet	
1404	2021-08-31T15:30:20			
1405	2021-08-31T15:26:12		fayedibella@gmail.com	
1406	2021-08-31T15:47:15	More public restrooms in downtown Portland.	krisk12@hotmail.com	
1407	2021-08-31T15:28:20		Allie Gill	
1408	2021-08-31T15:43:01		KC53@MAINE.RR.COM	
1409	2021-08-31T15:32:50			
1410	2021-08-31T15:43:15			
1411	2021-08-31T15:46:15	We need more public restrooms in town- people often use alleys, sidewalks, and streets when there are no other options. They can't stop going to the bathroom! And I would hate to be homeless and menstruate.	Sally Struever portcitysally@gmail.com	
1412	2021-08-31T15:57:24			
1413	2021-08-31T15:47:17			
1414	2021-08-31T15:54:15	More public restrooms, please!!! Iâ€™m very tired of stepping around human excrement at the downtown parking garage for which I pay a monthly fee! With no where for houseless individuals to be, it is a further indecency for there to be no accessible public restrooms. Take care of your people!!	Alicia	
1415	2021-08-31T16:10:10	I love the Old Port, but all too frequently, I need to go the bathroom and there are limited or no public options. I come from Australia where public bathrooms are common and it is so much more convenient to stay out (which ultimately is good for local businesses)	anthony.lucas@dechra.com	
1416	2021-08-31T15:56:03			
1417	2021-08-31T16:06:15	more permanent public restrooms in downtown Portland	MaryAnn Fortunato	
1418	2021-08-31T16:03:15	Adding public restrooms downtown!	stanzilittlefield@gmail.com	
1419	2021-08-31T16:16:55			
1420	2021-08-31T16:17:31			
1421	2021-08-31T16:17:17			

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1423	2021-08-31T16:34:28			
1424	2021-08-31T16:26:39		Chris	
1425	2021-08-31T16:19:29			
1426	2021-08-31T16:37:41		jasonrojas127@gmail.com	
1427	2021-08-31T16:42:51			
1428	2021-08-31T16:20:45		Alex Eddy	
1429	2021-08-31T16:21:23		gusta.johnson@gmail.com	
1430	2021-08-31T16:27:13	Permanent, always open public restrooms in the walkable downtown area (perhaps in/near Congress Square Park?) that are not portable units. The city also needs to dedicate funds for the staff (preferably new jobs) and supplies needed to maintain the restrooms as clean facilities that are open to everyone and allow folks to relieve themselves and wash thoroughly in a setting that honors the safety and dignity of every individual.	spurcell.maine@gmail.com	
1431	2021-08-31T16:33:28			
1432	2021-08-31T16:22:13	build more permanent public restroom facilities.	Caitlin Hopkins - caitlinvhopkins@gmail.com	
1433	2021-08-31T16:35:55			
1434	2021-08-31T16:53:13	provision of public restroom facilities - COVID protocols made many customary options for public restrooms (restaurants, grocery stores, public buildings) unavailable. At the same time, people were encouraged to spend time outdoors and people need to get out of their homes when living and working there. Both ends of the age spectrum require access to restrooms.	cferd@comcast.com	
1435	2021-08-31T16:25:07		Kathrynhenson1961@gmail.com	
1436	2021-08-31T16:48:55			
1437	2021-08-31T16:44:13	Please provide more public restrooms!	samantha simonds	
1438	2021-08-31T16:45:56			
1439	2021-08-31T16:34:13	Our family has regularly used the Portland Public Library's facilities for bathrooms downtown - but those hours are limited to daytime during non-pandemic times, and much more limited now during the pandemic. And there are many people who are visiting downtown or are in need of public services or experiencing homelessness who should be able to have access to clean and safe bathroom facilities. It's a matter of public health and care for our entire community. It's also of benefit for our tourism industry and economic development. Thank you!	sarah@sarahcushman.com	
1440	2021-08-31T16:46:06			
1441	2021-08-31T16:51:47		Pam	
1442	2021-08-31T16:35:35		MJ Emerson, majeem@hotmail.com	
1443	2021-08-31T16:35:46			
1444	2021-08-31T16:49:50		Melanie	
1445	2021-08-31T16:53:16		jtmable_sr@yahoo.com	
1446	2021-08-31T16:39:47			
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1448	2021-08-31T16:48:17			
1449	2021-08-31T17:02:43			
1450	2021-08-31T17:18:13	I DO NOT vote for a public restroom in Portland. May paying customers/visitors have tons of options to use a restroom in the restaurant they dine in, hotel they stay in and many stores they shop in. A public restroom would just be a breeding ground to the homeless and people intoxicated on the streets. There are already a plethora of outlets for those paying money to enjoy our city.	n/a	
1451	2021-08-31T17:35:13	Public restrooms please	andre334umn.edu	
1452	2021-08-31T17:04:15		Acekatie@aol.com	
1453	2021-08-31T16:53:13	More Public Restrooms would benefit the city immensely.	Anna Schwarz	

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1454	2021-08-31T17:15:31			
1455	2021-08-31T17:15:46			
1456	2021-08-31T17:43:44			
1457	2021-08-31T17:57:57	I was shopping in the Old Port last week and had a hard time finding a toilet. Clean public toilets help not just the homeless---they make the city welcoming to tourists and those of us lucky enough to live here. Thanks!	Suzanne Roberts	
1458	2021-08-31T16:57:57	Downtown restroom facilities (and upkeep) - for locals, visitors & homeless people. Using private business bathrooms or outdoor spaces is not a good solution.	Sadie Bliss sadie@mainecrafts.org	
1459	2021-08-31T18:05:57	Portland needs permanent public bathrooms in different parts of town. People come in to our business in the Arts District looking for a bathroom all the time and I have no where really to direct them.	The Merchant Company - themerchantcompany@gmail.com	
1460	2021-08-31T18:07:08			
1461	2021-08-31T18:33:28			
1462	2021-08-31T18:29:23		Michelle Fasano	
1463	2021-08-31T18:18:33		packardd@gmail.com	
1464	2021-08-31T18:19:59			
1465	2021-08-31T18:14:59		damonsfan@gmail.com	
1466	2021-08-31T18:33:33	Some of Portland's parks have been in pretty rough shape throughout the pandemic (the amount of trash and debris around the Back Cove parking lot is unbelievable). I'd like parks to be prioritized, for instance, by keeping them cleaner and also by extending bathhouse times at the Eastern Prom, which does not seem to have operating hours equivalent to the heavy use of that area by the community. I also think you could consider requiring proof of vaccination at busy venues that already have controlled access for adults (such as dance clubs, theatres, and gyms), and use some of the money for small grants to help offset some of the minor costs that affected businesses might take on by doing this (such as a fitness center re-programming their registration form to include uploading a picture of the vaccine card). This might also have a business development advantage since people would know that it's relatively safe to go out on the town in Portland.	Robert	
1467	2021-08-31T18:40:40	More handicapped parking spaces. It is so hard to find parking and when you do, it's blocks from where you want to be. Did you ever try pushing or using a wheelchair for several blocks? Not fun.	pattifurman@msn.com	
1468	2021-08-31T18:46:21			
1469	2021-08-31T18:31:49		heather_gordon@stores.gap.com	
1470	2021-08-31T18:45:09			
1471	2021-08-31T18:45:24		Tara Jackson	
1472	2021-08-31T18:52:25		Jane Davis	
1473	2021-08-31T18:48:44		Fcminden@gmail.com	
1474	2021-08-31T18:53:07			
1475	2021-08-31T19:13:29			
1476	2021-08-31T19:06:08		Kauri	
1477	2021-08-31T19:17:17	Public Restrooms, Public Transportation	msecskas@gmail.com	
1478	2021-08-31T20:11:25		Rachel Stella soulsuite86@gmail.com	
1479	2021-08-31T17:11:50		JW	
1480	2021-08-31T17:38:45			
1481	2021-08-31T17:34:34	Create more public restrooms on the waterfront. I am someone who has to use them often, and it's frustrating when I have to go home early for this reason. Thank you	Kris Lape	
1482	2021-08-31T17:17:28		shultziefay@gmail.com	
1483	2021-08-31T17:21:21	Please, public restrooms in the city.	Gina Sterling	
1484	2021-08-31T17:49:50		rachelpmaine@gmail.com	

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1485	2021-08-31T17:44:44	Portland has needed a day-center for the homeless for many years. Now, it's urgent. Why not use the former Gannett printing plant building (380 Congress Street) for that? It could be supervised and provisioned, and that would be a relief to the entire city.	aschecht@gwi.net	
1486	2021-08-31T17:41:31	Affordable housing is another way-overdue glaring problem, as longtime citizens/workers are gentrified out. I'm among the many that are teetering on the brink.	Avery W	
1487	2021-08-31T17:42:07			
1488	2021-08-31T17:47:29			
1489	2021-08-31T17:53:58			
1490	2021-08-31T17:56:41		Helene Michalski	
1491	2021-08-31T17:53:31	Ports pottyâ€™s	glclark06@outlook.com	
1492	2021-08-31T17:56:21			
1493	2021-08-31T17:54:44	Public restrooms in downtown Portland	Laura B	
1494	2021-08-31T18:05:44	Addressing exacerbated disparities and inequities should be the lens setting priorities; we should acknowledge and address those who have suffered most. I would also love to see \$\$ for domestic violence and sexual violence services as there is high demand but no additional funding to meet it.	kcs@maine.rr.com	
1495	2021-08-31T18:16:16	public restrooms	tara.schwenzfeier@gmail.com	
1496	2021-08-31T18:32:43			
1497	2021-08-31T18:25:46			
1498	2021-08-31T18:24:36		Cc@shopdesignsbycc.com	
1499	2021-08-31T19:24:44			
1500	2021-08-31T19:51:11	More permanent public restrooms in downtown Portland, Maine.	Michelle Small	
1501	2021-08-31T19:49:40		Bethany.c.campbell2@gmail.com	
1502	2021-08-31T19:41:11	Public toilets	joewinschel@gmail.com	
1503	2021-08-31T19:53:33	I live & work in the downtown area. More public toilets would be a huge help. All other cities I travel to have multiple locations for public toilets..... Not all of them have to be in the Old Port either..... spread them out.	Ross Maniaci - rossmaniaci@gmail.com	
1504	2021-08-31T19:34:37		Jlgrover9@gmail.com	
1505	2021-09-01T15:24:24	THE PRIOR SECTION WAS "VERY HARD" TO USE.	GENE WIGGINS	
1506	2021-08-31T19:36:36	restrooms that get maintained ,not just built.		
1507	2021-08-31T20:16:35	creative solutions around homelessness	nothanks@gmail.com	
1508	2021-08-31T20:41:48		Janice.siegle@gmail.com	
1509	2021-08-31T19:51:11	With bathrooms being closed at many coffee shops still due to the pandemic and the garage bathrooms on Free Street closing to the public in December I think it is important to have more access to public bathrooms. I had an unhoused person behind my apartment going to the bathroom outside because they had no where else to go. That is embarrassing for them but also unsanitary for me and my family. I think it is important and know that having an ongoing budget to support it could be a problem once the initial funds run out but hope it is considered.	stephd1185@gmail.com	
1510	2021-08-31T20:13:13	Well maintained public restrooms	Pam	
1511	2021-08-31T20:44:11		smitti79@gmail.com	
1512	2021-08-31T20:23:32			
1513	2021-08-31T20:25:04			
1514	2021-08-31T20:54:54	As mentioned in #1, public restrooms in Downtown Portland need to be improved and more added.	hankdewey2@roadrunner.com	
1515	2021-08-31T20:34:34	As a manager of a small business in the Old Port, we desperately need public restrooms for people downtown. During COVID most restrooms in stores have been closed, leaving tourists wandering and upset that there's nowhere to go. It's been embarrassing to tell them to go to a parking garage to walk 4 blocks to a porta-potty. We don't have the staff or desire to open restrooms right now either.	Ali Hunsberger	

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1516	2021-08-31T21:05:05	As someone who works downtown, the problem of not having more public restrooms in Portland is something I deal with everyday. There just needs to be something more than the portapotties that are in place around town.	Lauren Grant	
1517	2021-08-31T20:47:27			
1518	2021-08-31T20:59:05		Tess Tacka	
1519	2021-08-31T21:19:19	Please add more permanent Public Restrooms in downtown Portland. I would also like to see more parking.	jacquidemeter@gmail.com	
1520	2021-08-31T21:20:20	More public restrooms around town.	Info@knitwitportland.com	
1521	2021-09-03T17:25:04		sljw48@gmail.com	
1522	2021-08-31T21:22:12			
1523	2021-08-31T21:49:21		eskymacgm@gmail.com	
1524	2021-08-31T22:25:35			
1525	2021-08-31T21:28:14		davisr10@hotmail.com	
1526	2021-08-31T21:28:14		celeste.marie12345@gmail.com	
1527	2021-08-31T21:46:10		sfiles59@yahoo.com	
1528	2021-08-31T22:06:06		christina.roberts@gmail.com	
1529	2021-08-31T21:46:48		colleenshopping@yahoo.com	
1530	2021-08-31T21:29:51		mbirlem@gmail.com	
1531	2021-08-31T22:26:21		Jennee	
1532	2021-08-31T21:35:52			
1533	2021-08-31T22:13:07		jhtarbox@gwi.net	
1534	2021-09-01T00:26:26	I cannot use your terrible rating instructions on the previous page. I want to see clean, free toilet facilities in Portland, better clean up of trash, service for the unhoused and friendly streets where pedestrians and bikers are safe. The city is swarming with tourists and we are not looking as good as we could.	Pamela Murton	
1535	2021-09-01T00:34:56			
1536	2021-08-31T23:29:37			
1537	2021-08-31T22:56:30			
1538	2021-08-31T22:56:39			
1539	2021-08-31T23:03:41			
1540	2021-09-01T00:24:17			
1541	2021-09-01T01:19:19	We need public restrooms. We also need to utilize the Canadian & European way of trash/recycling public bins.	fishnwater2@gmail.com	
1542	2021-09-01T01:05:05	it's tourist town. no public toilets downtown. would benefit homeless and public health as well. have seen some awful desperate stuff.	ross little	
1543	2021-08-31T23:45:37		sam.christen@gmail.com	
1544	2021-08-31T23:14:24		watersedgeme@gmail.com	
1545	2021-09-01T00:06:15			
1546	2021-09-01T00:44:51			
1547	2021-09-01T00:20:33			
1548	2021-09-01T00:27:57		Mickey	
1549	2021-09-01T01:32:32	I strongly support the use of funds to help build the alternate transit solutions the city needsâ€¦ buses, bike infrastructure, etc.	Kmspahn@gmail.com	
1550	2021-09-01T02:07:17			
1551	2021-09-01T00:29:29	Public Restrooms in downtown & maintenance of them	perkinssk@hotmail.com	
1552	2021-09-01T01:58:25			
1553	2021-09-01T01:38:52			
1554	2021-09-01T02:06:34			
1555	2021-09-01T02:11:56		gwen.mcinnnes@gmail.com	

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1556	2021-09-01T02:20:31			
1557	2021-09-01T02:14:04			
1558	2021-09-01T02:13:49		ndemerritt@gmail.com	
1559	2021-09-01T12:10:18		Bo Stevens	
1560	2021-09-01T12:34:51		Brandy Lapointe	
1561	2021-09-01T12:27:31	Affordable housing and transportation are the two biggest issues facing Portland - party because of how they are key to other issues (such as climate change, revenue, and homelessness). I would like to see the city take big steps on providing affordable housing at multiples levels and to tie that in with improvements in transportation infrastructure. When I say "transportation", I do not mean cars. We need to improve bus transit so that it goes all over the city at very close intervals. We need to deemphasize cars and parking. We need to connect new clustered developments with improved public transit. For Portland to meet its carbon reduction goals and to be a vibrant place in the future, it needs to be a place where residents can get around safely and quickly by bus and bicycle.	Craig Bramley - cbramley@maine.rr.com	
1562	2021-09-01T12:10:26			
1563	2021-09-01T12:20:31	Addition of permanent public restrooms downtown	Kristen Hoffman	
1564	2021-09-01T12:31:56		Kathleenbredeau@gmail.com	
1565	2021-09-01T12:46:39			
1566	2021-09-01T12:44:16		kurt.d.winkelmann@gmail.com	
1567	2021-09-01T12:59:01			
1568	2021-09-01T12:59:25		hayleydidriksen@gmail.com	
1569	2021-09-01T14:18:32			
1570	2021-09-01T13:50:31	Hi, I'm co-founder of PHLUSH (Public Hygiene Lets Us Stay Human). We help local governments and citizen groups make sound decisions about public toilets. Please visit our website https://www.phlush.org/ , have a look at our Public Toilet Advocacy Toolkit. https://toolkit.phlush.org/ and follow @PortlandPHLUSH on Twitter. Best wishes and let us know if we can assist in any way.	Carol McCreary carol@plash.org 503.984.4081	
1571	2021-09-01T13:02:36		Jame Leo jameleo@hotmail.com	
1572	2021-09-01T13:04:52			
1573	2021-09-01T13:15:55			
1574	2021-09-01T13:46:31	Portland is falling short on two major issues: 1. Climate catastrophe preparedness: Food security is a big, underfunded, underdeveloped issue in Portland. Climate crisis isn't going away. Similarly, we need local energy sources - solar panels should be all over the city, as well as wind and geo-thermal. 2. Also, Portland needs to be a trauma-informed city. Currently, our schools, public health and police services have no trauma training, yet so many in our community have suffered major traumas, systemically and culturally. ARPA funds would be helpful in solving these two issue.	strawberrysusannah@gmail.com	
1575	2021-09-01T13:44:42			
1576	2021-09-01T14:02:31	We need to prioritize spending related to improving quality of life and public health for RESIDENTS and this means taking into account the rapidly changing climate. We need to slow and reduce stormwater runoff. We need to lower the heat island effect in downtown neighborhoods. We need to improve air quality (by enforcing the idling ban, creating more shore power hookups for tour buses/cruise ships/food trucks, regulating VOC releases, and planting more trees). If money is spent to improve roads/streets, for instance, it should ONLY be used for measures meant to reduce traffic (which contributes to climate change and worsens public health because of emissions), encourages the conversion to electric vehicles, or makes streets better able to handle stormwater runoff). The city has an ambitious climate plan, but it hasn't been integrated into the Planning Department, the Planning Board or the zoning ordinances. Updating all three to confront the rapidly changing climate would be a sound investment. This money should NOT be spent to offset municipal revenue losses or to fund the homeless services, since homelessness is a state-wide problem not a Portland specific problem.	Avery Yale Kamila, avery.kamila@gmail.com	

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1577	2021-09-01T13:47:	Please include more access to public restrooms. Provide safe dry areas for homeless to access night and day. Provide better child care pay to workers to keep them working.	J	
1578	2021-09-01T13:45:03		rnmassen@ncsu.edu	
1579	2021-09-01T02:27:14			
1580	2021-09-01T02:39:37		Margbraun@aol.com	
1581	2021-09-01T05:30:27			
1582	2021-09-01T02:45:43			
1583	2021-09-01T09:52:41			
1584	2021-09-01T03:34:52			
1585	2021-09-01T10:52:58		no	
1586	2021-09-01T10:19:19			
1587	2021-09-01T04:00:41			
1588	2021-09-01T12:07:	Portland really needs a public restroom facility in the old port area. More and more businesses are locking the restrooms due to the homeless and drug use issues. Since covid, many restaurants have stopped inside seating therefore are no longer required to provide a restroom for their customers. Fewer restrooms means the ones the are open get a lot more use causing that business to close the restroom, only compounding the issue.	tw@portlandmaine.gov	
1589	2021-09-01T12:08:54		Eleanor Prior	
1590	2021-09-01T11:25:07		shelbyjmcdonnell@gmail.com	
1591	2021-09-01T04:30:48		battoo@roadrunner.com	
1592	2021-09-01T10:49:30			
1593	2021-09-01T11:18:12			
1594	2021-09-01T11:56:32			
1595	2021-09-01T12:00:	The Old Port needs public restrooms.	Tammy Merrill	
1596	2021-09-01T11:18:	Very interested in seeing permanent public toilets offered in spaces like the Eastern Prom and Back Cove as well as downtown Portland. Thank you!	Susa Talan	
1597	2021-09-01T11:32:05		lisas_iphone@yahoo.com	
1598	2021-09-01T12:15:52			
1599	2021-09-01T15:09:12		wagnerlk@gmail.com	
1600	2021-09-01T15:26:		jdufresne7575@gmail.com	
1601	2021-09-01T13:48:05		andreduchette@yahoo.com	
1602	2021-09-01T14:33:19			
1603	2021-09-06T18:38:52			
1604	2021-09-01T14:53:31			
1605	2021-09-01T15:24:37			
1606	2021-09-01T15:23:	Rather than build high cost/high maintenance restrooms, why not contract with restaurants and see retailers who already have them. It's a win win...how much has to the City invested in a failed public be restroom project under Jan Neither and Cy Hagge in Old Port Garage...typical beareaucratic thinking.	Notmeitsreally@gmail.com	
1607	2021-09-01T15:09:31		tracyh3@yahoo.com	
1608	2021-09-01T15:22:	Infrastructure:roads, lighting. Afordable housing for low income workers, help small business the back bone of employing low income workers.	Andrew Forgit aforgit@maine.rr.com	
1609	2021-09-01T15:29:	Public toilets	Susannecornelia@yahoo.com	
1610	2021-09-01T16:04:32			
1611	2021-09-01T15:48:	More public restrooms and the funding to maintain them, please. Broadband infrastructure so that people have a way to communicate - internet should be available to everyone; it's where everything else starts. Basic needs over amenities.	lorimshelton@hotmail.com	

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1612	2021-09-01T15:44:38		Jkjordan054@gmail.com	
1613	2021-09-02T22:02:55		giermo420207@tutanota.com	
1614	2021-09-01T17:17:26		Amelia Ring	
1615	2021-09-01T16:19:53		jhuegi@gmail.com	
1616	2021-09-01T18:40:	The city of Portland needs more public restrooms. The lack of public facilities puts undo stress on small businesses and the paying customers who should not have to cater to tourists not spending money in the business they want to use the facilities of. It gives businesses with a "no public restroom" policy a bad name, the city of Portland a bad name, and frankly for a city so dependant on tourist income it creates an unwelcoming environment for foot traffic.	Chloe K.	
1617	2021-09-01T18:13:	Clean and safe Public Restrooms	julia.tate@gmail.com	
1618	2021-09-01T15:57:	Need new restaurants please	Kingfoxy@gmail.com.com	
1619	2021-09-01T16:50:21			
1620	2021-09-01T17:49:56			
1621	2021-09-01T18:49:31			
1622	2021-09-01T19:09:	Public restrooms are critically needed, especially on Peaks Island where we get 4,000+ tourists a day in the summer months and we have 3 permanent & 2 temporary (summer season) restrooms. Help! Road infrastructure is a critical need in many neighborhoods. Lack of properly engineered drainage on Peaks Island contributes to degradation of already inadequate roads, both paved and gravel.	Fred Somers, fred_somers1@hotmail.com	
1623	2021-09-01T18:57:	please make rent affordable. I don't care what you do at this point rent is out of control. this is Maine and rent prices are about the same as California this is ridiculous. \$1200 for a one bedroom apartment?! in a city where nothing is open past 11:00 what?! half of these apartments are run down and not even worth the prices they're going for. please take a serious look into this or you're going to end up with more homeless people than you know what to do with.	scarboroughswimmer@gmail.com	
1624	2021-09-01T18:35:	So where's the toilet question? There is no question that Portland is lacking toilets. Ask anyone who visits the city!	lauriej49@yahoo.com	
1625	2021-09-01T18:57:42			
1626	2021-09-01T18:49:	Portland has the potential to be a beautiful city, but for the presence of WEEDS growing along streets and sidewalks and vacant lots. Also, our parks are a wonderful asset, and could use more attention.	J9Gleason@aol.com	
1627	2021-09-01T19:30:31		Holly D. hollyjdoggett@gmail.com	
1628	2021-09-01T18:54:	I think Portland needs to bring back public phones Not everyone has the money to get cellphones especially are children	ziperhead0612@yahoo.com	
1629	2021-09-01T19:38:37			
1630	2021-09-01T19:47:35		Bianca Pastrana	
1631	2021-09-01T22:02:33		lnicolof1@gmail.com	
1632	2021-09-01T22:55:37		Darryl.seamans@gmail.com	
1633	2021-09-01T19:49:40		wwendylee@aol.com	
1634	2021-09-01T19:55:41			
1635	2021-09-01T19:50:52		wwendylee@aol.com	
1636	2021-09-01T21:55:34		Christine	
1637	2021-09-01T23:03:55			
1638	2021-09-01T22:16:29		Debbie	
1639	2021-09-01T20:00:	I support the development of more downtown rest rooms. When one needs to use the facilities there are very few available in the downtown area!	DWM	
1640	2021-09-01T20:33:23			
1641	2021-09-01T23:57:14			
1642	2021-09-02T00:02:20			

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1643	2021-09-02T00:34:	Whatevercategory more public restromms would fall into, letâ€™s do that.	Sfekety@gwi.net	
1644	2021-09-02T00:08:29		Brian Richardson, brianc_richardson@outlook.com	
1645	2021-09-01T23:37:48		Laurensilverson@gmail.com	
1646	2021-09-02T01:25:31		Greg wilson thecornerroom@gmail.com	
1647	2021-09-02T01:57:02		Courtneymtrue@gmail.com	
1648	2021-09-02T04:07:00		esnyder1999@gmail.com	
1649	2021-09-02T07:50:16			
1650	2021-09-02T11:11:	Public Restrooms downtown!	lucas.good@mail.com	
1651	2021-09-02T11:14:54		areesehoffman@gmail.com	
1652	2021-09-02T14:17:47		sarah shahzad	
1653	2021-09-02T12:58:	Public Toilets in the downtown area more than one location. These exist state wide on smaller communities and if Portland is in the top 8 Cities nation wide I think it's time we start looking like we are.	Kevin Thomas email: Helmet1@me.com	
1654	2021-09-02T16:58:36			
1655	2021-09-02T14:18:	Permanent, year-round, public toilets would make downtown much friendlier to both locals and tourists alike.	events@longfellowbooks.com	
1656	2021-09-02T14:18:07		matt@longfellowbooks.com	
1657	2021-09-02T13:19:	More public bathrooms	Linda Burns	
1658	2021-09-02T19:41:14			
1659	2021-09-02T20:23:39			
1660	2021-09-02T21:11:	The money should be used to help those who were most affected, and to keep people who are low income able to live in their own city. Mental health help associated with COVID should also be a priority considering how underfunded mental health already is.	Kaylie	
1661	2021-09-03T10:03:09			
1662	2021-09-02T20:50:08		Elizabeth.gross09@gmail.com	
1663	2021-09-02T21:36:22		Marco desalle	
1664	2021-09-03T01:09:14		e_s_lowell@yahoo.com	
1665	2021-09-03T15:56:50			
1666	2021-09-03T12:31:02			
1667	2021-09-03T13:57:26			
1668	2021-09-03T14:25:	I support all of these initiatives. Public toilets / showers for the homeless would be a very humane thing to provide due to the closure of local shelters.	aseikonia@gmail.com	
1669	2021-09-03T16:27:30			
1670	2021-09-03T16:23:39		naturallymended@gmail.com	
1671	2021-09-03T17:33:52			
1672	2021-09-03T17:21:22			
1673	2021-09-03T17:23:58		Amy Pulaski 68 Winter	
1674	2021-09-04T23:14:	We need more public restrooms in the downtown and Old Port area.	Rick Lowell	
1675	2021-09-03T20:50:30		Emily Bruce, emilydbuce@gmail.com	
1676	2021-09-04T11:49:	More public restrooms downtown. More public spaces. Overnight RV/van parking.	cplumer@maine.rr.com	

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1677	2021-09-06T11:27:	It's a disgrace, that homes going for \$600K are 100 feet from homeless people sleeping on the streets. With such expensive real estate in a city, why don't you put more money toward homeless shelters, group homes for those in substance abuse programs, drug rehabs, and programs to help these people get back on their feet??	Nan Dunn jibahoy@gmail.com	
1678	2021-09-03T21:41:55		mike bailey	
1679	2021-09-02T16:09:	PUBLIC BATHROOMS PLEASE!!!!!!	ari@longfellowbooks.com	
1680	2021-09-02T14:30:50			
1681	2021-09-02T13:37:10		tessarmstrong@hotmail.com	
1682	2021-09-02T16:40:13			
1683	2021-09-02T18:27:16		A	
1684	2021-09-02T14:33:	Public restrooms downtown are essential. If we want to continue to have tourism (and retail downtown in general) as revenue, we have to have more public restrooms. Even ones where you have to pay a quarter would be helpful. The responsibility can not be on the shop owners to pay for insurance for, maintain & clean bathrooms for the general public. And during these unprecedented times, it is simply not safe for us to do so. And those of us in retail/customer service have had enough struggles over the past year and a half to have to also deal with customers being angry about the lack of bathrooms, and taking it out on us. Thank you.	meg@longfellowbooks.com	
1685	2021-09-02T18:18:55			
1686	2021-09-02T18:00:	Portland desperately needs to address climate change!	clare.lavergne@gmail.com	
1687	2021-09-02T18:19:27			
1688	2021-09-02T18:22:	There are NO public restrooms available anywhere in downtown Portland or the Arts District - businesses do not count and many have locked, inaccessible restrooms. I live in the West End, & have a medical condition that may require use of a restroom. None are available if I choose to shop or go to an event downtown - so I avoid shopping local & avoid downtown & the Old Port as much as possible.	tigerschild12@yahoo.com	
1689	2021-09-02T18:34:54		sambien@gmail.com	
1690	2021-09-02T19:45:	In terms of city land address encroaching invasive species, could be a works project	aligulmer@gmail.com	
1691	2021-09-02T20:08:43		elizafmccoy@gmail.com	
1692	2021-09-02T20:28:	public toilets in the downtown area	laurie@maine.rr.com	
1693	2021-09-02T20:15:17		jlarry4070@yahoo.com	
1694	2021-09-03T14:33:51			
1695	2021-09-03T11:37:	Rehabilitation programs for the homeless including job training and psychological support.	Wayne Valzania / Wayne@RedHookDesignAlliance.com	
1696	2021-09-02T20:21:57		Jessica	
1697	2021-09-03T09:01:	Initiative for public toilet facilities with soap and water sinks and disposal needle boxes with supoort for long term cleaning and maintenance.	Orsmondella7@gmail.com	
1698	2021-09-02T23:48:24		Beverly Werber beverly.werber@gmail.com	
1699	2021-09-04T00:36:18			
1700	2021-09-04T17:46:52			
1701	2021-09-04T21:20:48		ninimaine@aol.com	
1702	2021-09-06T10:19:41			
1703	2021-09-05T17:39:	Let's use some of the funds to make active transportation much more viable in Portland. Making biking/walking/transit more accessible and safer will help to solve some of our other needs/problems, e.g., public health, economic development and hardships by small businesses.		
1704	2021-09-04T01:15:04	As we make improvements to water and sewer, let's think ahead of how construction for bike/ped infrastructure could be done at the same time and save money. Let's be creative as we address the "eligible uses" to see if we can feed 2 birds with one seed.	Nancy Grant	
1705	2021-09-04T12:12:	Please reinstall the COVID testing center at the Jetport. It is critical for public health!	Dulcemyers@gmail.com	
			sosimpletoreachme@gmail.com	

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1706	2021-09-05T13:07:57			
1707	2021-09-06T12:04:48	Please look at ways to encourage people to rejoin the work force. So many small businesses are so stretched despite offering livable wages . Our longstanding businesses are in crisis and are not being given the priority they should.	Nancy Machesney	
1708	2021-09-04T18:03:33	Number one question this WHOLE YEAR "where can I find public restrooms?" Please, please consider investing in a new public facility within the Old Port area for our visitors.	barb@lisamariesmadeinmaine.com	
1709	2021-09-06T01:48:30	We would like the City to invest in more public trash cans and good public bathroom facilities. Our hope is for the City to expand the areas that have on-street trash service beyond the Arts District. All bus stations should have trashcans.	Claire Stretch, elevate@allkind.buzz	
1710	2021-09-06T15:01:24			
1711	2021-09-06T23:29:10		Abbi	
1712	2021-09-06T15:33:22			
1713	2021-09-06T21:37:10	Would like to see a portion of ARPA funds dedicated to public water fountain and restroom facilities for Portland residents and visitors alike	circuitouss@gmail.com	
1714	2021-09-06T12:50:30	Prefer that the money be spent on necessary infrastructure projects that aren't flashy or attention grabbers - but nevertheless must be completed with taxpayer money, such as sewer infrastructure, drainage systems, bridges (if allowed) and similar infrastructure needs.	rwaeldner@gmail.com	
1715	2021-09-06T19:37:10	Public bathrooms please!	Kate	
1716	2021-09-06T22:38:10	Bike infrastructure. Transition to a more walkable and people friendly city, reduction of street parking, expansion of restaurant outdoor space.	kmsimp1@gmail.com	
1717	2021-09-06T18:28:14		beccaober@gmail.com	
1718	2021-09-06T15:50:39		info@portlandmaine.gov	
1719	2021-09-06T19:27:49			
1720	2021-09-06T22:35:39			
1721	2021-09-06T14:34:30	Safer and better marked bike lanes with physical barriers between cars and bikes on busier streets, more bike racks, better winter maintenance to encourage biking – great for exercise, environment, and building community! City is too dependent on cars – move parking to common entry points, then preserve more pedestrian/bike streets and public transportation on the peninsula. Thanks!	tom.bander@gmail.com	
1722	2021-09-06T17:29:36			
1723	2021-09-06T18:24:16			
1724	2021-09-07T00:14:36			
1725	2021-09-06T23:06:30	Public restrooms are REALLY NEEDED in the Old Port and downtown area. I work at the info kiosk in Tommy's Park in the summer and we get MANY MANY visitors asking where the nearest public restrooms are. It's embarrassing to have to tell them to go to either the Casco Bay ferry terminal or Ocean Gateway which are quite a walk from Tommy's Park. Please consider putting public restrooms in those areas	Lois Lefebvre. lal312@hotmail.com	
1726	2021-09-06T22:26:30	I would like to see more public restrooms and trash receptacles throughout the city	Laura Simocko	
1727	2021-09-07T00:16:30	Public restrooms in downtown portland	Andrew.John.maher@gmail.com	
1728	2021-09-07T00:45:23			
1729	2021-09-07T00:57:22			
1730	2021-09-07T02:38:54			
1731	2021-09-07T02:40:18		Constantino.kerry@gmail.com	
1732	2021-09-07T10:53:51		Catqun@aol.com	
1733	2021-09-07T12:41:10	Would like to see more public bathroom options and public scooters. Also saw the article about turning the run down not utilized part of commercial street (pas WEX) into a park and I love that idea	Mr.drewhamlin@gmail.com	
1734	2021-09-07T13:26:00		S	
1735	2021-09-07T04:43:19		Shaunamfraser@gmail.com	
1736	2021-09-07T11:31:10	public restrooms and water fountains	elizabeth@cradock.com	
1737	2021-09-07T11:31:42			
1738	2021-09-07T10:49:20			

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1739	2021-09-07T10:58:	Public restrooms and trash / recycling containers increased with additional pick ups of both.	Katie Lamb	
1740	2021-09-07T12:30:27			
1741	2021-09-07T11:23:42			
1742	2021-09-07T12:48:03			
1743	2021-09-07T12:55:16		Rnicolay84@gmail.com	
1744	2021-09-07T13:00:52			
1745	2021-09-07T12:54:16		Madeline.Eisenhart@gmail.com	
1746	2021-09-07T15:31:	public restrooms	Charlotte Cutshall cutshallc8@gmail.com	
1747	2021-09-07T14:34:	accesible public restrooms would actually check multiple boxes such as homeless services and small business help (I have literally had to take the bus home when I would have preferred to keep shopping, only because there were no facilities	jenjoaquin@ymail.com	
1748	2021-09-07T12:54:20			
1749	2021-09-07T14:23:43			
1750	2021-09-07T13:12:	Please take care of the people of the city of Portland. The unhoused. The children. Everyone. Focus our efforts inward first, so that we are able to welcome others genuinely after.	aes.adams@gmail.com	
1751	2021-09-07T17:54:26			
1752	2021-09-07T16:33:	Thank you, from your neighbor on Cumberland Ave :)	amandabdaly@gmail.com	
1753	2021-09-07T16:53:	Housing facilities and mental health services for homeless individuals.	Paula Junkins	
1754	2021-09-07T17:33:	Covid has pushed the wealth inequality problem in Portland into warp speed. So many New Yorkers (specifically, from Brooklyn) have moved into my neighborhood. I have nothing against them, except perhaps that they are all sending their kids to private school but that's not really relevant to this survey as I don't see anything about schools on here. But they have thrown the housing market even more out of whack and Mainers need help buying homes and renting. There needs to be more housing for the very low income, and assistance for the elderly in staying in their homes if they want to and are capable. Childcare is and remains a huge problem for families and keeps adults out of the work force. If it is possible to use the funding for the schools that would be great too. The schools with higher needs populations (East End, Talbot for example) need smaller class sizes.	emily.lesher@gmail.com	
1755	2021-09-07T17:37:	Public restrooms	Sophie H	
1756	2021-09-08T13:43:02		Kayan Freeman	
1757	2021-09-07T17:38:47			
1758	2021-09-07T21:44:20			
1759	2021-09-08T01:55:35		Rose	
1760	2021-09-08T01:33:27			
1761	2021-09-07T19:10:05		Elizabeth Libby	
1762	2021-09-07T17:52:	Portland needs public restrooms. Not just because we have a massive houseless community, but TOURISTS NEED THEM TOO. Nobody is letting anyone into their restrooms. This is not great for keeping people hanging out and spending money in your town.	Tristan Gallagher (Coast City Comics) funboxmonster@icloud.cc	
1763	2021-09-07T19:54:07			
1764	2021-09-07T21:36:42			
1765	2021-09-07T18:12:34		myredtj@yahoo.com	
1766	2021-09-08T02:25:56		calexander@unum.com	
1767	2021-09-07T23:07:	Homeless apartments not shelters	joantoyota@aol.com	
1768	2021-09-07T21:49:	Public restrooms for Downtown Portland Maine!	Alex Morganstern	
1769	2021-09-07T21:49:32			
1770	2021-09-07T18:53:38		Dawn Homa	
1771	2021-09-08T04:46:59		Deena Weinstein	

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		For a state that says vacationland on its license plate- and spends lots of money promoting people to come to visit - it is ridiculous that the only place people can find a public toilet is the maine ferry terminal. There needs to be more than one facility available in Portland, and - it needs to be well maintained. The burden canâ€™t be on the small restaurants. There are many hotels and that is where I send anyone that asks, and that isnâ€™t fair to them either. Where I work, we had great bathrooms (for our guests/retail) but we had to stop providing this because all of portland came in to use them.. so the people that travel to our store from afar, and spend a good bit of time there - have to be sent to hotels. Usually a big name convenience store/gas station will have a bathroom. But in the old port where there are swarms of people, those places donâ€™t exist. The parking is a nightmare as well. And now the city is riddled with ugly concrete barriers everywhere. Lovely. Canâ€™t wait to tell folks to come and visit. Iâ€™m sure theyâ€™ll figure it out though. Build it and they will come? Or build it, donâ€™t support it with what it needs, and they will run away. Check out Prescott Park in Portsmouth. Clean big public bathrooms. And Iâ€™ll bet they have others. Call that small city, they might enlighten our small city on how they accomplish these sorts of issues. And lack of facilities for masses of people supporting our city is an issue.		
1772	2021-09-08T07:23:		Hamren@maine.rr.com	
1773	2021-09-08T10:47:48			
1774	2021-09-08T09:52:14		monicacharek@hotmail.com	
1775	2021-09-08T12:27:15		Liztrice@gmail.com	
1776	2021-09-08T13:20:55		mfalpha1@gmail.com	
1777	2021-09-08T13:53:25		Jan Tocci	
1778	2021-09-08T14:12:02		Jeangulliver1@gmail.com	
1779	2021-09-08T14:42:28		Kim Peaslee	
1780	2021-09-08T14:10:02		cyndep@maine.rr.com	
1781	2021-09-08T14:12:	Peaks ISland needs an indoor 4-season public restroom facility near teh ferry dock, built and maintained. It could easily and neatly be part of the Waterworks building which already looks like a welcoming public facility	Sarah Cuetara	
1782	2021-09-08T14:32:45		figg11@msn.com	
1783	2021-09-08T14:13:01			
1784	2021-09-08T14:01:	Public facilities (toilets and info) on Peaks Island Web cam for CBL ferry lines	alicia.kershaw.kerrose@gmail.com	
1785	2021-09-08T14:08:	Extend sewer services to all houses on Peaks Island	franpeaks13@gmail.com	
1786	2021-09-08T14:02:28			
1787	2021-09-08T14:21:05			
1788	2021-09-08T14:02:	More public restrooms in Portland and Peaks Island	Linda.Holtslander@gmail.com	
1789	2021-09-08T14:22:	Extra bathroom facilities for Peaks along with bigger community spaces for islanders to gather together.	patcr1@aol.com	
1790	2021-09-08T14:21:18			
1791	2021-09-08T14:30:14			
1792	2021-09-08T14:26:	Peaks Island needs public toilets not just porta potties; especially back shore. As part of Portland, this public health issue has long been overlooked. With increasingly more visitors, having just two toilets by the ferry dock is inadequate.	amjastarita@gmail.com	
1793	2021-09-08T14:18:39			
1794	2021-09-08T14:26:36			
1795	2021-09-08T14:21:	We need additional public restrooms. The only 2 restrooms do not accommodate increasing number of day trippers. Public often relieves themselves on public and private property especially on the back shore.	avivamgolan@gmail.com	

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1796	2021-09-08T16:26:	I've spent over 10 years working in developing countries throughout Africa and Asia, and sometimes the road conditions in Portland are worse. It's hard to imagine Portland continuing to grow as a city without improving road conditions, as well as modernizing our transportation infrastructure to meet goals of walkability, bike-ability, and public transit options. Secondly, I know many who have been unable to return to work due to lack of childcare. I also know many who are delaying having a family in general because they don't know where they'll find childcare if they have a baby. (My husband and I myself are on a multi-year waitlist and we don't even have children yet). I think it's critical infrastructure to be considered in helping people safely take care of their families and resume going back to work.	Sarah Cooper	
1797	2021-09-08T15:59:31		donnanewma@yahoo.com	
1798	2021-09-08T17:55:	Public restrooms on Peaks Island.	Maryann.robinson@comcast.net	
1799	2021-09-08T16:09:36			
1800	2021-09-08T18:01:28			
1801	2021-09-08T17:01:	Peaks Island is in desperate need of public bathroom facilities. The island has been promoted as a tourist destination and the number of visitors has increased in recent years, but there has been no corresponding addition to the facilities to accommodate them.	mchall1986@yahoo.com	
1802	2021-09-08T19:03:19			
1803	2021-09-08T17:53:48		Heather	
1804	2021-09-08T19:46:	Monies should be used for those who live in Portland and will benefit from the funds. Not to help visitors, vacationers and tourist who come into Portland. Affordable housing and homelessness in the city is of great importance. The state can take care of the tourist and Portland should take care of their residents. Looking at what worked, what didn't work and where people needed help during the pandemic would be helpful in using these funds.	rwalsh1@maine.rr.com	
1805	2021-09-08T19:42:	Investing in public land for more community gardens and farming space. Job training for people new to this country.	Jgeckel1@gmail.com	
1806	2021-09-08T19:52:46			
1807	2021-09-08T20:23:15			
1808	2021-09-08T20:37:56		Sharoan Cohen	
1809	2021-09-08T20:45:43			
1810	2021-09-08T21:26:02			
1811	2021-09-08T14:43:06		Steve Anderson	
1812	2021-09-08T14:24:	I am a year-round Peaks Island resident. The sidewalks on both sides of Welch Street leading down to the ferry dock, are in severe disrepair. They are uneven and have ruts in them, making it nearly impossible to use them when pushing a cart full of groceries, etc. Therefore we are often traveling on the street with our carts and being yelled at by CBL crew to get out of the street and use the sidewalk. There was talk a few years back by an engineer for the city of Portland, about doing away with curbs and replacing the sidewalks on Welch Street with different materials to show the difference between the road and the pedestrian way. I thought that was a great idea and fully support this happening soon.	barbcarter19@gmail.com	
1813	2021-09-08T14:40:	Re: municipal infrastructure - parking is a nightmare in Portland and there doesn't seem to be a plan to address it even as more condos go up, businesses are built and tourists are flocking to the islands. Also, please do a better job planning road work so that all aren't done at the same time! Detours have detours and have for months - it's poor planning and doesn't have to be this way or even during peak season. Or during the day. Please seek alternatives - the work is needed, it's the implementation that is the problem.	Guidob663a@yahoo.com	

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		Restrooms on peaks		
1814	2021-09-08T14:48:	Finish the sewers	sspector123@gmail.com	
1815	2021-09-08T15:02:03		janyceb9@gmail.com	
1816	2021-09-08T15:36:53		Caronchess2327@gmail.com	
1817	2021-09-08T15:18:	Childcare is shown to be critical to people getting back to work and to women participating in the labor force and supporting themselves. Recreation facilities similarly support children and families. Parks also and are important to all citizens of Portland	jean.hoffman@jeanhoffman.com	
1818	2021-09-08T16:33:02			
1819	2021-09-08T16:35:	I would like to see the city taking care of Peaks Island! The city has neglected to keep up with the wear and tear of increased traffic and erosion issues. We need road repair and erosion control , particularly on the North side at Evergreen. There is a pond draining straight down Brook Lane into Casco bay. The Roads are collapsing at the end of Pleasant and new culverts need to be built. This poor drainage is eating away at the shoreline. The piping does not extend far enough from the land ,causing drastic erosion. As the year round residents continue to increase and new homes continue to be built in this neighborhood, extending the public water (fire hydrants) to this year round community is a must as well.	Kathleenbritos@gmail.com	
1820	2021-09-08T15:29:55			
1821	2021-09-08T16:35:52			
1822	2021-09-08T18:54:09		demos.steve@gmail.com	
1823	2021-09-08T16:39:05			
1824	2021-09-08T18:15:	More public restrooms on Peaks Island	Leslie Davis	
1825	2021-09-08T15:49:	The roads and sidewalks are terrible. Add sidewalks so you donâ€™t need to walk in streets and fix the roads. Bike lanes would be useful.	rji0902@aol.com	
1826	2021-09-08T17:30:46		tuff.enough9@gmail.com	
1827	2021-09-08T22:12:	If infrastructure is a priority:Public restrooms in high tourist use areas including Peaks Island	Annecoughlin@gmail.com	
1828	2021-09-09T06:07:29			
1829	2021-09-09T00:40:55			
1830	2021-09-08T23:47:49			
1831	2021-09-08T23:54:29			
1832	2021-09-09T02:02:	Family friendly bathrooms desperately needed downtown!	Brendfromme@gmail.co	
1833	2021-09-09T01:24:59			
1834	2021-09-08T23:59:57		Peaks28@aol.com	
1835	2021-09-09T10:55:	A comprehensive plan for the neighborhood of Peaks Island is needed.	angela@mapadventures.com	
1836	2021-09-09T12:32:47			
1837	2021-09-09T11:51:	More public toilets on Peaks Island	Jody Halliday	
1838	2021-09-09T07:12:43		sapier1@yahoo.com	
1839	2021-09-09T04:12:35		sue@kregli.com	
1840	2021-09-09T12:20:12			

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		I'm a full-time resident of Peaks Island. The number of visitors coming to Peaks has increased dramatically, and I suspect this may well be the "new normal". They clearly enjoy their visit and for the most part behave responsibly. This is good for the businesses on Peaks as well as the entire city of Portland as it continues to emerge as a major tourist destination. We here on the island are in desperate need of additional public rest rooms strategically located "Down Front" and/or along the most frequently traveled areas. There is no doubt that the thousands of daily summer visitors want and ask about these basic public health accommodations. If needed, they will find creative ways to meet their natural elimination needs. This is a current public health problem for us that only threatens to worsen. Peaks Island joins other incredible Portland treasures that visitors clearly enjoy. Convenient, clean and easily accessible public rest rooms will make their island visit even more enjoyable, while at the same time keeping my island home healthy and safe for all of us. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you.		
1841	2021-09-09T10:38:		George "Bud" Higgins higgig@outlook.com	
1842	2021-09-09T11:22:31		lmott@madriver.com	
1843	2021-09-09T11:58:	With thousands of people visiting Peaks Island daily during the summer, more public restrooms are desperately needed. Using a tree in the woods is a public health issue.	M. L. MacIsaac	
1844	2021-09-09T12:49:	Please, please, please invest in facilities for those experiencing homelessness. The streets (especially upper Preble) have become dumping grounds literally and figuratively for people and everyone deserves the right to basic bathroom facilities.	Amanda, aepersi@gmail.com	
1845	2021-09-09T12:46:25		David Zempter	
		The lack of public restrooms in downtown Portland is a huge issue for visitors and residents alike. As an employee in a local business, we do not have restrooms that are easily accessible while keeping the rest of our business community safe amidst Covid concerns (the restrooms are located far back in our building, so allowing visitors to use them risks exposure to non-public facing community members).		
1846	2021-09-09T13:00:	Please consider using these funds to create more options for public restrooms.	nikki.rybrn@gmail.com	
1847	2021-09-09T12:59:42			
1848	2021-09-09T13:28:	More public restrooms year round	Lisa sims/ simslisa.me@gmail.com	
1849	2021-09-09T13:46:11			
1850	2021-09-09T14:31:20			
1851	2021-09-09T13:04:32		onbradstreet@gmail.com	
1852	2021-09-09T14:38:52			
1853	2021-09-09T14:39:01			
1854	2021-09-09T14:39:59			
1855	2021-09-09T13:17:45		Dorothy Provenzano	
1856	2021-09-09T14:41:05			
1857	2021-09-09T14:18:15		Cbymaine@icloud.com	
1858	2021-09-09T14:55:00			
1859	2021-09-09T15:41:45			
1860	2021-09-09T14:19:25		suerobins@twc.com	
1861	2021-09-09T14:30:52			
1862	2021-09-09T15:46:52			
1863	2021-09-10T00:21:	We desperately need more public toilet facilities on our streets and on Peaks Island!	Timmi Sellers	
1864	2021-09-10T11:39:37			

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1865	2021-09-09T20:06:	Portland and its tourism related groups have been promoting day-trip/tourist travel to Peaks Island without providing any facilities or services to accommodate the (literally) thousands of people who come to the island over a summer weekend. Tourists urinate and defecate in our public private spaces (at the community garden plots in the shrubbery between the road and the shingle beaches on the Backshore, in people's backyards....). It's not only disgusting and profoundly disturbing, it's also a public health issue. In addition, there are not enough trash receptacles around the island roadways and trash just gets blown into or washes into the ocean. Tourists arrive on the island thinking they're visiting Nantucket or Martha's Vineyard. That's not what we've got over here and the island is completely and chaotically overrun during the summer. If you're going to promote travel to the island, please provide the infrastructure necessary to support that travel, and more complete information about what people can expect when they arrive.	ak@annkearsley.com	
1866	2021-09-09T21:44:31		scottturner37@gmail.com	
1867	2021-09-09T20:07:10		Nathan	
1868	2021-09-10T04:15:56			
1869	2021-09-10T15:03:22		rdienel13@gmail.com	
1870	2021-09-10T15:02:	Please provide more facilities for visitors to Peaks Island. More public restrooms are an immediate need with close to 400 people coming of most boats this past summer.	Jill KeefeJkeefe@maine.rr.com	
1871	2021-09-09T14:56:	Restrooms in downtown Portland	Andrea Davis skipandy@gmail.comR	
1872	2021-09-09T17:12:	Peaks Island has seen a huge influx of day trippers and there are few restroom facilities available. Ditto is true for Old Town. Something needs to be done to address this. Also with increased day trippers comes a need for taxi service on the island later than 7 PM. People need to return to the ferry after 7 PM!	nsampson617@gmail.com	
1873	2021-09-09T16:47:55		mosbypeaks@yahoo.com	
1874	2021-09-09T15:36:	Add Portable Toilets to island for tourists and visitors!!!! We are finding human waste on the back shore and random people walking to our homes to use our bathrooms!!! We are already on OVERLOAD!!!	pgustin@maine.rr.com	
1875	2021-09-09T16:24:32			
1876	2021-09-09T16:31:40			
1877	2021-09-09T15:41:	Public toilets on Peaks Island.	pikefambily@aol.com	
1878	2021-09-09T18:42:38			
1879	2021-09-09T17:29:42		sharon l mckenna	
1880	2021-09-09T19:42:	During COVID, progress halted on implementing One Climate Future, in which Portland had invested over \$200,000, and which found that we are almost out of time to take actions that mitigate climate change. To make up for this lost time, we need an enhanced effort, which will require significant funding. One possible way to do that would be to use ARPA funds to capitalize a quasi-governmental organization focused on the actions outlined in the OCF plan. Such an organization would secure its own funding in the out years in the manner of Greater Portland Landmarks.	Allen Armstrong, armstrong105@gmail.com	
1881	2021-09-09T18:14:12			
1882	2021-09-09T19:32:06		jrbarowitz@gmail.com	
1883	2021-09-09T19:30:	Please make the Sandy Beach ramp and the landing zone accessible to those with mobility issues need improved ramp, railing and safe rock formation at the end in order to safely access the beach.	danlynch44@gmail.com	
1884	2021-09-09T20:19:	Peaks Island has become a key destination for both tourists and City residents. It's a popular day-trip as the Casco Bay Ferry provides frequent and regular transportation to the island. Other than the island's "down front" public bathroom, and that in the nearby Community Center, there are NO PUBLIC BATHROOMS. Visitors who rent a golf-cart, walk or bike around the island literally find no bathroom facilities as they circumnavigate the island. We need the city to install more public bathrooms as guests have been seen using bushes and natural settings to relieve themselves. This is a health hazard.	Schuitstephen33@gmail.com	
1885	2021-09-09T23:57:56			
1886	2021-09-10T12:23:	Hi, I live on Peaks Island. We have a significant problem with human waste on the backshore of the island. There are no bathrooms at all on the backshore. We get a large number of tourists who either walk, bike, or golf cart around the island. They often stop islanders to ask to use their personal bathrooms. I walk my dog on the shore road and on the beaches. Almost every week, my dog finds human fecal material. It is quite disturbing and easily preventable with the installation of public toilets on the backshore.	Dr. Jennifer Bragdon. jennifersquare40@gmail.com	
1887	2021-09-09T19:48:	Please provide more public restrooms and on Peaks Island. These are NECESSARY for the increase in tourism to the island and Old Port.	JC	

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1888	2021-09-10T15:00:	Fiber optic internet!	Claire Cox (52 Ashmont Street) - claire0789@gmail.com	
1889	2021-09-10T11:38:	would like to have more public docking in Portland	bklosteridis@aol.com	
1890	2021-09-09T20:31:	Peaks Island's fire safety infrastructure is completely inadequate. A fire in May destroyed a home in the center of the island and the nearest hydrant was 1/4 mile away. A brief look at the hydrant map on the island shows only 2 or 3 hydrants along the Backshore (Seashore Avenue) and numerous other areas of the island that are underserved by fire fighting infrastructure. We are part of Portland and we should have an infrastructure that reflects our fiscal (taxes) contribution to the city.	contact@annkearsley.com	

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September, 2021

Dear Mayor Synder -

On behalf of the Center for Grieving Children's (the Center) board, volunteers, and children and families from your community, I am writing to request utilizing American Rescue Plan funds to support the Center's efforts helping families process their grief, which has only been magnified by the pandemic. The Center's mission is to provide a safe space, loving peer support, outreach, and education to grieving children, teens, families and the community. Offering services for free, for as long as needed, **\$223,000 will provide one year of peer support groups for 223 individuals, equivalent to the number of children and families from your community who have benefited from Center peer support groups in recent years.**

Since their beginning in 1987, the Center has grown from serving four families with twelve volunteers, to becoming a trusted resource in Maine, and a national leader in the field of children's grief support. The Center is the ONLY Maine organization providing year-round peer support in a family model, as studies show that the better parents cope, the more successful children are. Last fiscal year, 621 individuals benefited from Center peer support groups. One participant describes the "magic" that Center peer support groups create below:

"There's no place that I'd rather cry than in my group with these people that surround me, and the facilitators that are there with me. In any of those really hard moments, they, and the other people in my group, just listen and give me comfort. Sometimes they don't have to say anything, and other times, they give ideas on how to deal with what I'm feeling, or a way to help me navigate something that maybe doesn't even have to do with the passing of my daughter. There are things that would add stress to my life, on top of this enormous grief. At times it feels like it starts to pile on, so they really help me in all aspects of my life and I never really expected that. It surprised me."

Covid-19 has impacted how families grieve, what they are grieving, and how the Center meets their needs. While there are certainly families coping with the loss of loved ones due to Covid-19, during this past year, traumatic events seemingly unrelated to the virus also occurred, if not increased, wreaking havoc on families in our community. Maine's Attorney General's Office reported a 33% increase in deaths caused by overdose compared to 2019. Rates of anxiety and depression have tripled, increasing death by suicide events. Grief did not take a hiatus during the pandemic. In fact, it was magnified in ways we have never seen.

American Rescue Plan funds are intended to help all of us recover from COVID-19's impact and my hope is that you recognize that ensuring your community properly processes grief is a way to prevent future societal costs that we will all incur. I invite you to continue reading to learn more about the Center's history, transition to continue serving families during COVID-19, future plans, and their financial stability that makes this organization a truly impactful avenue to funnel a small portion of American Relief Funds into. The need for Center services will only continue to grow in the upcoming years for Maine families and communities struggling with the long-term impact of their grief frozen in time as a result of Covid-19.

I look forward to the opportunity to connect with you, and am grateful for your consideration in supporting the Center's critical work to hold a safe place for your grieving families.

Sincerely,

Mark Pettingill

President of the Center for Grieving Children's Board of Directors

Organizational Background

Since our beginning in 1987 as the third children's grief support program in the country, the Center for Grieving Children (the Center) has grown from serving four families, with twelve volunteers, to becoming a trusted community resource throughout Maine, as well as a national leader in the field of children's grief support. Offering our services for free, for as long as people need them, the Center's mission is to provide loving support that encourages the safe expression of grief and loss, and fosters each individual's resilience and emotional well-being. The Center is the ONLY one of its kind in southern Maine providing year-round peer support in a family model, because studies show that the better parents cope, the more successful children are.

Typically working out of our Portland and Sanford locations, we offer three peer support programs:

Bereavement—providing grief support for children, teens, their parents and caregivers, young adults, bereaved parents, and widows/widowers/partners

Tender Living Care (TLC)—providing support for children, teens, young adults, parents, and caregivers through the changes that come with a family member's diagnosis of serious illness

Intercultural—creating healing communities for children and teens resettled in Maine from countries that have experienced war, violent conflict, and natural disaster, offered in collaboration with Portland Public Schools and others

Last year, the Center served:

- **621 participants in Peer Support Groups**
- **788 via phone and email and our social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram).** This past year, the average call increased in duration from more than 20 minutes to 30 minutes. Calls are predominantly bereavement-related questions from those directly impacted or family members, friends and neighbors, allied professionals working in school and nonprofit settings, therapists and practitioners, or employers. This past year, we also handled many calls related to concerns around Covid-19.
- **1,430 individuals via our community education and outreach efforts** delivered at schools, workplaces, nonprofit organizations, and other youth serving organizations—wherever there are grieving children and families. This includes those reached through webinars that the Center has prioritized holding in collaboration with grief and loss experts. Webinar topics relevant to the community and school educators have included:
 - "Growing Through Grief, Loss and Trauma: How Grieving Families and Children Can Find Healing, Hope, and Resiliency". 178 registered.
 - "How to Navigate Stress in Isolation". 162 registered.
 - "Facing Stigma: Restorative interventions for fostering resilience in children, teens, and families after suicide or overdose loss". 164 registered.
 - "Intercultural Perspectives: Supporting resilience with intercultural youth experiencing loss". 91 registered. (223 views since the recording was uploaded)
 - "Burying a Loved One During a Pandemic". 40 registered.
 - "Children & Grief – Beyond the Basics". 309 registered

- "Autism 101 and Grief." 267 registered
- "Supporting Grieving Children at Home and School." 120 registered
- Benefited from over **250 volunteers donating more than 18,000 hour of time** in the last fiscal year.

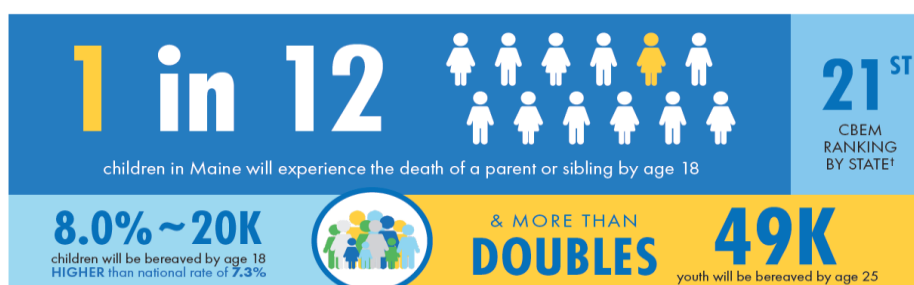
Transition in Response to Covid-19 and Current Efforts

The Center's ability to adapt to continue providing peer support groups for families has never been more important as it has been during this past year. To respond to the safety concerns related to COVID-19, Center staff began working from home in mid-March of 2020 and continued to respond to phone and email requests for information and grief related support. By early April, we transitioned our in-person peer support services to HIPAA compliant virtual services to continue providing year-round peer support groups in a family model for no cost during this incredible time of need. Our main goal was to remain a beacon of hope for Maine children and families who are lacking now, more than ever, the typical channels of support during times of grief.

At a high level, Covid-19 has impacted how families grieve, what they are grieving, and how the Center meets their needs. Families grieving the death of a family member due to cancer, unexpected and traumatic deaths related to overdose, suicide, and accidental causes, and now COVID-19, are the primary reasons families reach out to the Center. Many grieving may be experiencing "prolonged grief", or their grief "frozen" in time, as this past year prevented so many from visiting family members and/or friends in hospitals, or holding funerals in ways many are accustomed to. Continued care of children in our Intercultural Program is especially important due to the disproportionate impact COVID-19 has had on communities of color within Maine and nationally. We are helping directly address all of these realities by providing a safe space and support for all of Maine's children to begin processing their grief.

Our bereavement peer support services take place virtually three evenings/week with our Portland staff and volunteers, and one evening/week with Sanford staff and volunteers. Our TLC groups meet once/week with Portland staff and volunteers. Our Intercultural Peer Support Program, in collaboration with Portland Public schools, completed a year of virtual programming as part of the classroom schedule, and wrapped up a July summer session in-person. We plan to resume in November.

Future Plans



2021 Childhood Bereavement Estimation Model (CBEM)

Since our founding, the scale and scope of our programs and services have evolved with every passing year, this next year being no exception. Community support continues to be critical. According to the *Childhood Bereavement Estimation Models (CBEM)* 2021 data, by 18, one in 12 children in Maine will experience the death of a parent or sibling, resulting in approximately 20,000 bereaved children in Maine. The Center is the only organization in Maine that families can turn to when in crisis to receive immediate support to help their child.

While we currently remain virtual due to the uncertainty of the Delta variant, we have plans to return in-person when it's safe to do so. We expect to start the Intercultural Program in-person in November, pending Portland Public Schools still holding school in-person. That said, an added silver lining, if there ever could be one during the COVID-19 pandemic, is our virtual services brought more people to the Center than we could have ever reached if only in-person. For example, we've welcomed families into groups who are located in rural parts of Maine and would typically be unable to attend Portland or Sanford on-site services. From these families, program staff learned that no organizations existed in their communities that came close to the Center in addressing the mental health needs of bereaved children and families.

Doing a deeper analysis into the *CBEM 2021* data, Maine's rural children are most likely to experience the death of a parent or sibling. Across Maine, Washington, Piscataquis and Aroostook counties have the largest anticipated need of bereavement services when looking at "*% of Children Projected to be Bereaved Due to the Death of a Parent by 18.*" (7.7%, 7.4%, and 6.6% respectively.) If looking at the absolute "*# of children*" impacted, our county focus would change slightly but still rural, with the focus on Kennebec, Penobscot, and Androscoggin counties, as they have 1,850, 1,490, and 1,370 children impacted respectively. To give perspective, Cumberland County and York County, the locations the Center has physical sites in, has projections of 5.8%, or 2,290 bereaved children, while York county has 5.7%, or 3,260 children projected to be bereaved. We provide a visual map incorporating this CBEM data as an attachment.

Clearly, as a result of these statistics, combined with our program team's anecdotal experience working with rural families in virtual programming this past year, there is an immense need for grief and loss services across the entire state of Maine. As a result, ***in addition to returning our programming back in-person, we plan to expand our reach by continuing a component of our Bereavement peer support groups virtually indefinitely to serve as a resource for grieving families in rural Maine unable to access our Portland and Sanford locations.***

Financial Plans

The Center has a 30+ year history successfully securing community support to maintain and grow our programs. Since our fiscal year just wrapped up on June 30th, we are still awaiting our most recent financial audit results. However, in the 19/20 fiscal year, the Center's revenue was comprised of 45% from individuals, 33% from events, 20% from grants and 2% from "other" which includes fees from Facilitator trainings. In the past year, in addition to our long-time supporters showing up at a time we needed it most, we are so grateful to the many that made their first gift towards the Center's mission.

Such support keeps services free of charge for children and families. Below we describe how we've adapted during this tumultuous time for all businesses to ensure we will be supporting grieving families for the next 30 years.

In light of the ongoing pandemic, we continue to develop our calendar of virtual events. In preparation for our annual *TD Bank Beach to Beacon* "fundracer" this summer, we solicited feedback from our running participants who overwhelmingly shared they still felt comfortable holding virtual events over in-person. So, to replace it, both last summer and this summer, we organized two successful virtual 10k that raised over \$12,400 for the Center. We also held a Drive-In movie night for Center families, Board members and Corporate Partner employees that proved a success both from a safe, and fun event perspective, and funding raised for the Center. Last February, we held a virtual rendition of our typically sell-out *Love Really Counts Auction and Dinner Gala*. It included a week-long online auction and wrapped up with our main event on the evening of February 5th, broadcasted live to our guests at home. A benefit of this event being held virtually was that the night served as an educational opportunity for individuals interested in learning more about the Center, in addition to a fundraising opportunity as it brought down barriers of access by being available online free to everyone. We are underway planning for next year's for February 4th.

We have also redesigned our Corporate Partner Program to still offer great visibility and volunteer opportunities for supporting businesses, despite the socially distant, virtual world we're in currently. Depending on the level of giving, year-round partnership includes recognition at our virtual events, webinars, and conferences, as well as tailored communications. Beloved business supporters can also donate a percentage of sales or work with the Center to create their own customized fundraiser. Our new approach has allowed engagement of partnerships that are mutually beneficial as they allow brand recognition for our sponsors, and continued much-needed support for our mission.

Finally, we were fortunate to receive what we anticipate to be a one-time Maine Economic Recovery Grant. Looking ahead, the Center applied for federal Congressionally Directed Spending. While there are still numerous approval phases that need to be passed, we are thrilled that both Senator King's and Senator Collins' office selected our application to move to the next stage of review by the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

We continue to innovate to ensure we remain financially sound so your funding will create years of positive impact for Maine's grieving children and families.

Thank You

The work of our small but mighty team is foundational for building healthy communities across our state. We are so incredibly grateful for your time reviewing our proposal and your consideration in supporting us achieve our mission, and the mission of the American Rescue Plan funds.



Brendan O'Connell <boconnell@portlandmaine.gov>

Fwd: ARPA funds suggestion

3 messages

Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 9:45 AM

To: Brendan O'Connell <boconnell@portlandmaine.gov>, Caity Hager <chager@portlandmaine.gov>

For backup regarding ARPA funds.

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From: **Kate Snyder** <ksnyder@portlandmaine.gov>

Date: Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 9:37 AM

Subject: Fwd: ARPA funds suggestion

To: Nick Mavodones <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>, Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

Sharing this, as rec'd re: ARPA

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From: **Stephen Smith** <stephen.donnsmith1@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 9:32 PM

Subject: ARPA funds suggestion

To: <ksnyder@portlandmaine.gov>

Dear Ms Snyder -

This note is to urge you to consider the following suggestions for use of ARPA funds -

1. Return State and Congress Streets to two-way traffic. This plan was shelved a while back for lack of funding but it's perfect for the ARPA program: it will significantly improve quality of life for a large swath of Portland and it will create construction jobs while being implemented; it will complement and strengthen the Congress Square Redevelopment project. This is a "traditional" infrastructure project so eligible to be funded from ARPA.
2. Implement the planned and shelved reconstruction of Franklin Street. This would knit the city back together across a 40 year old scar and create new development opportunities; it would create jobs while being implemented. It's also "traditional" infrastructure.
3. Expedite and expand replacement/creation of improved services and facilities for homeless Portland residents and guests. The current condition of facilities, and the delay in dealing with their improvement or replacement, is a shameful page in Portland's history. This is a critical need for Portland's most vulnerable residents and certainly should be funded ahead of other less pressing matters.

Thank you for your attention to this and any efforts you can make towards moving these projects along.

best, Stephen Smith

5 Sherman St
Portland

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Kate Merchant Snyder, Mayor
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To: Caity Hager <chager@portlandmaine.gov>
Cc: Brendan O'Connell <boconnell@portlandmaine.gov>

Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 10:01 AM

I think the person meant State and High Street. Thank you.

On Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 9:58 AM Caity Hager <chager@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

Got it. I will create a document to track public comment via email and put this in it. Is it correct in #1 about two-way traffic on Congress St (most of it is 2 way, so just double checking)?

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Caity Hager, MPH
Emergency Management Coordinator
[City of Portland](#)

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Caity Hager <chager@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>
Cc: Brendan O'Connell <boconnell@portlandmaine.gov>

Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 10:04 AM

That is what I thought, I will change it to High St in the document.

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Brendan O'Connell <boconnell@portlandmaine.gov>

Fwd: request to City Council for ARPA funding from Portland Pilots, Inc.

Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 7:25 AM

To: Brendan O'Connell <boconnell@portlandmaine.gov>, Caity Hager <chager@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: **Twain Braden** <tbraden@thompsonbowie.com>

Date: Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 3:21 PM

Subject: request to City Council for ARPA funding from Portland Pilots, Inc.

To: Kate Snyder <ksnyder@portlandmaine.gov>, Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

Kate and Jon:

See attached letter from Portland Pilots, Inc., regarding its ARPA funding request. We also received the attached from Tom Meyers, which you'll get a copy of (eventually) in the mail. We still expect one more letter from Maine DOT, either Bruce van Note or Matt Burns. We will send it along if it comes in to us for some reason.

Also, we will follow up with County Council, since they're still planning their process; and South Portland's Scott Morelli said theirs isn't planned until December. We won't let them off the hook; this harbor is half theirs, and they know it.

We really appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing you on Sept. 13th at the Workshop.

Best regards,

Twain

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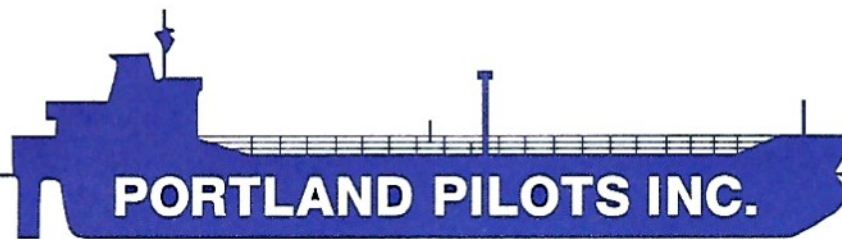
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September 2, 2021

Mayor Kate Snyder and Members of the Portland City Council
Portland City Hall
389 Congress St.
Portland, Maine 04101

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that City Council consider appropriating \$900,000 of discretionary funding to Portland Pilots, Inc., from the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") for the significant losses in the Port of Portland over the past two years. The situation at Portland Pilots has become dire, and we cannot confidently say that the business can continue to offer pilotage without assistance in the near future. We offer the following information for your consideration as to this request.

Since the Maine Legislature tasked the Portland Harbor Commission with licensing pilots in 1917, Portland Pilots, Inc., has been responsible for the safe transit of large, commercial vessels in Portland Harbor. Even though Portland Pilots is a private business, the pilotage rates that are charged to the ships' owners are set by the Harbor Commission. These rates are based on an in-depth study of comparable ports, industry average rates, and vessel traffic and trends.

A bit of history on the current crisis may be helpful. In 2017 the Harbor Commission studied over 1,000 pages of Portland Pilots' audited financial statements. The Harbor Commission determined that, given the recent change in vessel traffic calling upon the Port of Portland, the existing rate was antiquated and would not maintain a soluble pilot service. The Harbor Commission worked tirelessly to design a rate structure that would gradually rebuild and sustain the feasibility of pilotage service in Portland Harbor. The Harbor Commissions set what the law required: a "fair and reasonable" rate that would be implemented over a three-year period beginning July 29, 2019. The two subsequent increases would be effective on May 1, 2020, and May 1, 2021. In its 2019 Decision, the Harbor Commission cited the significant safety concerns that Pilots face working long hours and being on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and the extensive and ongoing training required for serving as a Portland Pilot.



In early 2020, however, the COVID-19 pandemic drastically changed commercial vessel traffic in Portland Harbor and upended the Harbor Commission's pilotage rate-setting paradigm. By early spring, the Governor shut down schools, businesses operated remotely, and out-of-state travel was prohibited. This action, combined with the end of heating fuel season, reduced the demand for product (fuel oil) vessels calling on the Port of Portland. The cruise ship industry was in a negative spotlight from the onset of the virus and a worldwide cease in cruise ship activity began. The U.S. C.D.C. set a "No Sail Order" and prohibited cruise ship operations in U.S. waters.

The vessel traffic projection component of the Harbor Commission's formula to set a "fair and reasonable" rate was shattered because it envisioned a rate that was based in part on the income Pilots could anticipate from cruise ships. It was immediately clear Portland Harbor would have no cruise ship visits for 2020 and fewer fuel oil vessels given the travel ban, but the need for emergency and household supplies arriving by ship continued to necessitate the need for ongoing pilotage operations. In other words, the ongoing expenses remained, but the lion's share of the income evaporated overnight. The Harbor Commission set an emergency rate hearing, and unanimously voted to implement the previously approved 2021 rate, effective May 1, 2020. In addition to the rate change, the Harbor Commission recognized a severe decrease in vessel numbers warranted an increase in the capital construction fund fee. As a result, the Port of Portland did not shut down during the pandemic.

COVID-19 recovery assistance:

Nonetheless, in 2020, Portland Pilots, Inc., struggled to meet basic monthly expenses to remain in operation given that 60% of its typical income comes from cruise ships. Regardless of the loss of ship traffic, pilots must maintain two pilot vessels, two full-time boat operators, three full-time pilots, and an operations manager, in order to service the remaining ship traffic. During the pandemic, the company retained all employees and continued to pay employee salaries, full medical premiums, and retirement expenses. The principals took deep salary cuts, received no return on investment, put company loans on the vessels' mortgages in forbearance for the maximum time allowed by our lender, took out additional lines of credit, and utilized PPP monies and a GPCOG grant to continue operations. These emergency measures, while helpful in the short-term, have now lapsed, and bills are again due.

The CERTS act was finally put in place, over 18 months after the start of pandemic. The wording and guidelines do not adequately address or remedy the loss of cruise ship traffic, which accounts for nearly 60 percent of Portland Pilots, Inc.'s annual revenues. Maine recently released Charter Transportation & Border Business Assistance Grant Program, which, like the CERTS Act does not begin to accurately or adequately address the colossal loss of cruise ship revenues.



As stated in the letter to the City Council by the Harbor Commission Chair Daniel Haley, no cruise ships called in 2020, and none called in 2021. What happens in 2022 is unknown, of course, but it's a reasonable inference that cruise ship traffic will not come roaring back to pre-pandemic levels next summer. Portland Pilots, Inc. has not recovered and is now faced with a second consecutive year with no cruise ship traffic. There are myriad COVID relief funds for businesses affected by the pandemic, but Portland Pilots, Inc., notwithstanding its commitment to keeping Maine's largest Port open, has been, and continues to be, significantly financially damaged by the effect COVID-19. Our search for funds to keep our vessels operating and our pilots and crews employed has been unavailing. We have been aggressively cutting and borrowing to keep the Port open, but time is running out. Pilots play a vital role in maritime transportation; the loss of pilot service is a critical point of failure to the safety of the Port and the State of Maine's commercial needs.

For the reasons outlined above and below, Portland Pilots, Inc. respectfully asks City Council for \$900,000 in ARPA discretionary funds to allow for a recovery from the devastating effect of the pandemic caused by the loss of over 200 scheduled cruise ship visits to the Port of Portland over the past two years. You should know that Portland Pilots is also requesting emergency (ARPA) funding from the Cumberland County Council (\$350,000) and the City of South Portland (\$450,000), whose deadlines for application are later in 2021, to spread out the impact of this loss to several government entities receiving ARPA funds.

Below is an overview comparison that clearly shows the trajectory and steady increase in cruise ship visits prior to the pandemic. The years 2017, 2018, and 2019 numbers are actual visits by cruise ships calling on the Port of Portland. The years 2020 and 2021 reflect the visits that were scheduled but then canceled due to COVID 19. The numbers for 2022 reflect very early bookings and expected to either increase (if the pandemic suddenly clears) or be canceled once again due to COVID variants.

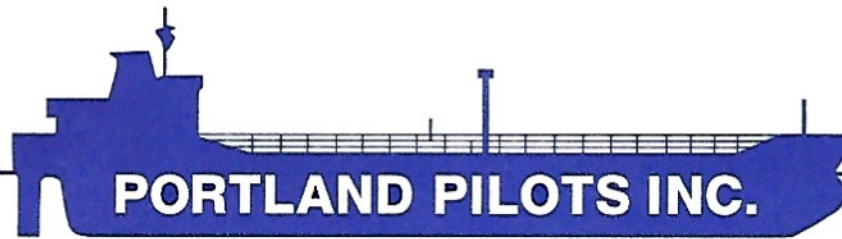
Summary of cruise ship income prior to COVID-19:

2017: 61 cruise ship calls to Portland

2018: 72 cruise ship calls to Portland

2019: 73 cruise ship calls to Portland

2019 Actual Cruise Ship Revenue: \$612,018.59, plus \$14,600 in Capital Construction Fees ("CCF") = \$626,618.59



2020 Cruise ships visits CANCELED as result of CDC "NO SAIL ORDER" / COVID-19:

2020: 99 scheduled / canceled cruise ship calls to Portland

Losses based on scheduled visits that did not occur: \$942,846 plus \$29,700 CCF = \$972,546.00

2021: 126 scheduled / canceled cruise ship calls to Portland

Losses based on scheduled visits that did not occur: \$1,043,130 plus \$37,800 CCF = \$1,080,930

2022 (projected): 121 scheduled cruise ship calls to Portland (early estimate reflects smaller ships with less revenue)

Scheduled revenue / losses (currently unknown): \$1,435,259 plus \$36,300 CCF = \$1,471,559

Conclusion:

As described above, Portland Pilots has suffered losses in excess of \$2 million as a direct result of the loss of cruise ship and other commercial ship traffic in the Port of Portland thus far, yet the Port has stayed open, there have been no ships delayed, and none of its boat crews have been laid off. Notwithstanding these losses and the ongoing expenses of running a safe pilotage operation, the recent rate increase by the Harbor Commission would allow Portland Pilots to recover its financial footing but only if City Council (and its sister councils in the County and across the harbor) chooses to fund this request of \$900,000. City Council has an opportunity to build a bridge to a sustainable pilotage service.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to seeing you at the Workshop on September 13 so that we can answer any questions you may have as to our operation or the present challenges facing Portland Pilots and the Port of Portland.

Sincerely,

Capt. Mark Klopp
President

cc: Governor Janet Mills / Joseph Marro (Governor's Senior Policy Analyst)
Bruce Van Note (Commissioner, Maine Dept. of Transportation)
Matthew Burns (Interim Director, Maine Port Authority)
Daniel T. Haley (Chair, Portland Harbor Commission)
James Gailey (County Manager, Cumberland County)
Jon Jennings (City Manager, City of Portland)
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September 1, 2021

Mayor Kate Snyder and other members of the City Council
City of Portland
389 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04101

Re: Letter of support for Portland Pilots - ARPA funding

Dear Mayor Snyder and councilors:

I am writing in strong support of the Portland Pilots, Inc. application to receive funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. This personal endorsement is based on 28 years of experience in the Coast Guard – the last three as Commander, Coast Guard Group Portland - as well 13 years as the director of Transportation and Waterfront for the City of South Portland. A majority of my career assignments were directly related to navigation safety and waterways management. While quick to remind everyone that “I’m nobody’s Captain anymore,” I remain active in the Propeller Club and other organizations with a focus on the working waterfront. My experience with the marine transportation system is none-the-less relevant today as in the past.

There are navigation risks associated with every port and the vessels that call upon them. Port partners work together to mitigate the risk by providing or requiring systems of communication, navigational aids, training, and safety and security. When vessels of a certain size enter port, integration of all these systems into the safe movement of the vessel rests in the hands of one person: the pilot.

In the Port of Portland, the Board of Harbor Commissioners oversees the pilots’ licensing process. Over time, the Commission has crafted stringent qualifications that expand upon the Coast Guard’s mandatory licensing process. The regulations require hands on experience under the tutelage of other pilots, plus practical testing. This initial qualification process is reinforced with a re-licensing process with mandatory continuing professional training.

The Harbor Commission is best positioned to describe the negative impact the coronavirus has had on the port, in general, and the Portland Pilots specifically. It is not a stretch to offer that the pilot is the critical human element in the safe transit of vessels into the Port of Portland – now and in the future. I encourage your thoughtful consideration in providing them with emergency ARPA funds to ensure they can continue to provide the level of safety and experience the port demands.

Sincerely,





September 9, 2020

Dear Mayor Snyder and City Council Members,

This letter serves to express my support for the Portland Pilots Inc. in their pursuit to obtain American Rescue Plan (ARPA) emergency funding from the Portland City Council. The Portland Pilots are experiencing a significant financial shortfall due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing cancellation of virtually all commercial cruise vessels at the Port of Portland since 2020. The loss of revenue from piloting cruise vessels is also coupled with the decline of Portland Pipeline tankers that has occurred over the last several years.

Harbor Pilots are a critical link in the statewide and regional marine transportation system. Maritime transportation is often an "unseen and unheard-of" driver for commerce in coastal states. In Maine, many residents are oblivious to the fact that a tremendous amount of goods are shipped by sea and millions of tons of freight come across piers and wharves on an annual basis to supply the state with everything from petroleum products, road salt, household goods, containerized cargo, and many other daily use items. Harbor Pilots are responsible for safely bringing in the vessels carrying those goods. Pilot duties are essential to Maine's marine transportation system, but pilots also act as stewards of the environment by ensuring their duties are handled in a professional, safe, and conscientious manner.

Cognizance of the plight of the Portland Pilots is not just an awareness of one business' financial hardship due to the pandemic. State and local governments should also be aware that without a functional pilotage service in the Port of Portland, the people of Maine stand to lose a crucial link in the statewide chain of freight transportation. Funding from the City Council of Portland with ARPA funds to support this important business and service will allow the Portland Pilots to continue to operate while Maine and the country at large are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I have personally spoken with the owners of Portland Pilots Inc. and understand their predicament very well. The Maine Port Authority is working closely with the pilots to help in our area of expertise, infrastructure development, and we are currently considering a study to explore the feasibility of a pilot berthing area and operating station at the International Marine Terminal. I ask you to support the Portland Pilots in their request for emergency funding to keep the Port of Portland viable throughout this difficult time in our country.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew B. Burns", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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Mayor Kate Snyder and other Members of the City Council
City of Portland
389 Congress Street
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September 8, 2021

Re: Letter of Support for Portland Pilots - ARPA funding

Dear Mayor Snyder and Councilors:

Friends of Casco Bay writes in support of the Portland Pilots' request for ARPA funds. For more than 30 years, Friends of Casco Bay has worked to improve and protect the environmental health of Casco Bay. Over the course of our history, we have worked with the United States Coast Guard, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the Portland Harbor Commission, the City of Portland, and many other public and private interests to improve and protect the water quality of Portland Harbor.

Friends of Casco Bay knows the significant role the Portland Pilots play in keeping our harbor safe and protecting it from accidents and spills. Portland Harbor is a busy port. Children learning to sail, kayakers, and recreational boaters share our waters with oil tankers, cruise ships and container vessels. Portland Pilots are the highly trained professionals the community depends upon to safely pilot large vessels into the harbor without harm to people or the Bay.

The Portland Pilots have sent you a letter detailing their current financial strife secondary to the COVID-19 pandemic. We respectfully request that you allocate ARPA funds to them, to ensure the pilots will be here to protect our harbor from accidents and spills well into the future.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivy L. Frignoca, Casco Baykeeper
Friends of Casco Bay



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**Building health and resilience for Portland's youth
and vulnerable communities - Portland Public
Library Input to City of Portland's ARPA Funding**

Portland Public Library is a partner to the City of Portland in generating the path forward for growth and revitalization in the continuing wake of COVID-19. Portland Public Library (PPL) provides free resources for our community to thrive through discovery, curiosity, and connection.

As the COVID-19 pandemic developed, and persists, in the Portland community, the Library has been sharpening our focus on bridging inequity, reducing barriers, and providing practical tools for those surviving and striving. This document describes economic and public health harm due to COVID and three strategies the Library proposes as solutions for the compounding effects of COVID, within the scope of Federal Guidelines for ARP funding.

At its core, the Library provides crucial frontline, in-person services to those who are unserved or underserved. Every day, the Library addresses the compounding effects of economic disparity and public health risks.

I. Bridging the digital divide to advance workforce development with New Americans and low-income families

Inequities that the pandemic exacerbated in Portland include inadequate access to the internet and technology for low- and moderate-income families, and communication barriers for New Americans of all ages whose primary language is not English. PPL addresses small business support and workforce development tangibly through public computers available at all of our locations, targeted online resources, and expert staff assistance. We help community members research and apply for jobs, connect to medical and government services online, and learn business development skills.

COVID-19 revealed the need for PPL's commitment to digital access to become more than offering 90 minutes of use on the Library's on-site computers. Today's modern urban library needs a computer lab/classroom where there is not only access to technology but in-person tutoring, introductions to various software, and class assignments to build proficiency that can enable a stronger workforce in our community.

To address the negative outlook for small businesses and disparities experienced by low- and moderate-income families as well as New Americans in our community, the Library is preparing to broaden wifi access and create a technology classroom with multi-lingual support.

- Upgrade mobile wifi on Bookmobile - \$6,000
- Establish technology lab/classroom at the Main Library, including one staff position, equipment, and multilingual services - \$125,000

TOTAL investment for Bridging the Digital Divide: \$ 131,000

II. Restoring lost revenue, budget cuts, and additional expenditures for staff

As an employer, PPL incurred extra expenses to support our staff, many of whom represent low- or moderate-income families, and lost regular annual revenue due to COVID. The Library was not eligible for a PPP loan during the pandemic because of our payroll relationship with the City of Portland (COP). However, because we are legally a 501c3 independent employer, we offered reasonable and important supports to staff addressing COVID realities. We are proud to report that we have not had a positive COVID case to date amongst PPL staff and we are 96% fully vaccinated.

Additional wage expenses incurred in FY21 and FY22: **Total \$ 22,093**

- Time off for vaccine side effects - \$6,723
- Time off to quarantine while awaiting COVID test results - \$3,498
- Covid FMLA for childcare - \$5,672
- Emergency minimum wage differential to low-income frontline staff - \$6,200

Lost Revenue FY 2021 (excludes COP budget reduction): **Total \$ 38,898**

- Conference Room rentals - \$13,834
- Fees - \$3,690
- Photocopying/Printing - \$12,447
- Retail - \$8,927

COVID supplies including PPE supplies, plexi barriers, and HEPA filters: **\$ 7,894**

COP FY21-22 budget curtailment, not yet restored: **Total \$ 201,607**

- \$7,000 for staff FY22 step increase to start 7/1/2021 instead of 8/28/21 (pending)
- \$43,000 for restoring two frozen frontline staff positions in FY22 (pending)
- \$151,607 for restoring remaining frozen positions and operations cuts from original FY20 budget

Combined, these direct COVID revenue losses and additional costs total: \$ 270,492

III. Upgrading ventilation

Two of our branch libraries have inadequate ventilation systems by CDC and OSHA standards, so they are open to very limited numbers of patrons. Burbank Branch, where patron lending has bounced back fastest of all PPL locations, is currently limited to only 15 patrons. The Peaks Island Branch is limited to 7 patrons.

Having researched solutions, the attached proposal to provide fresh air exchanges for the Burbank Branch totals \$24,000. Peaks would be just over half of that. This investment of **\$37,000** would allow us to more than double occupancy in each branch.



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Ventilation Proposal and Contract

Date: January 15, 2021

Proposal ID: E-105350

By and Between:

Contractor: Goggin Energy
75 West Commercial Street, Suite
202
Portland ME 04101
(207) 772-7557

Customer: Portland Public Library - Burbank Branch
377 Stevens Avenue
Portland ME 04103



Base System Price	\$25,193.80
Distance Charge	\$0.00
Permits	\$45.00
Ferry	\$0.00
Discount	-\$1,000.00
Total Price:	\$24,238.80
Cash Discount:	-\$666.57
Price with Cash Discount:	\$23,572.23

Job Address:

377 Stevens Avenue, Portland, ME 04103

Project Summary:

One EV 450 ERV will be mounted in the attic and ducted into the distribution of the Daikin Sky Air Compact Duct unit. The ERV will be wired to run the fan motor of the compact duct unit to ensure adequate distribution to the second floor. The intake and exhaust air will be run to the eaves.

A 250-952 CFM ERV will be mounted in the basement and will be ducted to supply to and return from the first floor primary volumes. The intake and exhaust air will be ducted to the windows at the front, or at the driveway side, of the building, replacing the glazing with a wooden panel and



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grille.

Each ERV will be controlled by a digital time clock, and a wall mounted CO2 sensor set to run the ERV to a. provide minimum required ventilation for staff and occupants at ASHRAE standards, and b. maintain less than 800 PPM of CO2. The result of this combination will effectively provide variable delivery from 250 CFM to 870 CFM (maximum capacity, ventilated to 30 CFM/person) for the first floor and 200-480 CFM (maximum capacity, ventilated to 30 CFM/person).

Renewaire TC7D-W Digital Time Clock (Quantity 2)
Renewaire CO2 - W CO2 Control, wall mounted (Quantity 2)
Renewaire EV450IN ERV - 200-530 CFM
Renewaire HE-1xJINH-S11EE 250-952 CFM ECM ERV
Renewaire RENVW106 Grill (Quantity 12)

Important Notes:

Electrical Capacity: Unless noted, this Proposal assumes that there are available breakers on your circuit panel for each Heat Recovery Unit (HRV) or Energy Recovery Unit (ERV). Each HRV or ERV requires one single-pole 15 amp breaker.

Historical District: To Contractor's knowledge, this property is NOT located in a historical district. In many towns, Contractor is allowed to commence construction once a permit has been applied for but before the permit is issued. If the property is located in a historical district, and Contractor has commenced work before finding that out, the amounts due under this Contract are due in full once the unit is in working order, regardless of whether the permit is denied. Customer understands that any costs associated with a review by the historical society, shielding, hiding the lines or outdoor unit, or relocating the units if that is required to obtain the permit once the equipment has been installed, are outside the scope of this Agreement.

Estimated Commencement Date:

Installation work is scheduled in the order in which contracts with deposits are received. Your sales person can give you an estimated start of installation work.

Estimated Completion Date:

1-2 days, depending on coordination with subcontractors.

The above Estimated Commencement Date and Estimated Complete Date are based on the best information available at the time of the signing of this Contract, and may be affected by inclement weather, delays in material deliveries and/or work delays caused by sub-contractors.

Unit Location(s): To be determined with customer.

Payment: A deposit equal to \$8,079.00 is due at the time of contract signing. A second payment of \$8,079.00 is due at the time that materials are delivered to the site, and the balance (\$8,080.80) is due when the system is installed, functional and substantially complete. Payment may be made via



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cash, check or credit card. If all payments are made via cash or check, and made when due, the cash discount will be applied on the final invoice. All deposits are non-refundable.

Amounts due but unpaid shall bear interest at the rate of 1% per month from the date such payment is due.

If there are punch list items that are not complete when Contractor deems that the system is complete and functional, Customer may withhold no more than 5% of the total Contract price from the final payment until such punch list items are complete, but only if said punch list items are the fault of Contractor and not if the work is held up by Customer's other vendors.

Warranties: The Contractor warrants that the work will be free from faulty materials; constructed according to the standards of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (10 M.R.S.A., Section 9721-25) and constructed in a skillful manner fit for its intended use. The warranty rights and remedies set forth in the Maine Uniform Commercial Code apply to this Contract. Customer understands and agrees that the equipment warranty is provided by the Manufacturer, and agrees to look to the Manufacturer for any equipment warranty claims.

Renewaire provides a warranty of 10 years on the energy recovery core, and 5 years on other parts. See manufacturers warranty for more details. Goggin Energy provides a 1 year warranty on labor.

Photography: Customer understands and agrees that Contractor shall have the right to use photographs of the project for Contractor's sales and/or promotional purposes. Contractor will not identify the Customer's name or the project location other than the town/city of the installation.

Resolution of Disputes: If a dispute arises concerning the provisions of this Contract or the performance of the parties, the parties agree to settle this dispute by jointly paying for one of the following (check one only):

☒ X Binding Arbitration as regulated by the Maine Uniform Arbitration Act, with the parties agreeing to accept as final the arbitrator's decision.

☐ Nonbinding arbitration, with the parties free to reject the arbitrator's decision and to seek a solution through other means, including a lawsuit; or

☐ Mediation, in which the parties negotiate through a neutral mediator in an effort to resolve their differences in advance of filing a lawsuit.

The Customer shall pay reasonable attorney's fees and other costs incurred by the Contractor in enforcing the Contractor's right to payment under this Contract.

Legally required notice for any home improvements over \$3,000:

Consumers are strongly encouraged to visit the Attorney General's publicly accessible website (<http://www.maine.gov/ag/>) to gather current information on how to enforce their rights when constructing or repairing their homes. The Attorney General's telephone number is (207) 626-8800.

Change Orders: Any alteration or deviation from the above contractual specifications that involve



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extra costs will be executed only upon the parties entering into a written change order.

By Customer: Portland Public Library - Burbank Branch

Date
By Goggin Energy

Its: Date



Building a Brighter Future:

Expanding Portland's Early Childhood Education, Workforce, and Affordable Housing Capacity Proposal Narrative

Brief Project Summary & Request:

Portland's workforce infrastructure requires access to quality childcare for working parents --- especially low-income parents. This expansion and housing project will provide space to increase Youth & Family Outreach's (YFO) comprehensive early childhood educational and family support services, create affordable housing and double child and family education enrollment, a two-generation approach to ensure family stability.

YFO's History and Service Overview

Mission Statement: *Youth and Family Outreach creates opportunities that enhance independence and learning to support the quality of life for children, youth, and families in Greater Portland.*

Specifically, Youth & Family Outreach (YFO) is a comprehensive, high-quality early childhood education program that transforms the lives of young children and supports parent workforce participation to build strong a community. YFO has a rich, unwavering history of meeting the needs of Portland's children, teens, and families since 1844 initially as a community outreach mission of the Portland Ministries at Large working to prevent homelessness.

As a long-standing partner in the West Bayside community, YFO, since 1986, and in its current form, operates a full-day, full-year non- profit early care and education program serving children six weeks to five years of age and their families with the primary goal to alleviate the effects of poverty, ensure children are prepared to succeed in K-12 education, and parents complete their education and enter the workforce. Dedicated to diversity, YFO trains and hires 50% of its teachers from the immigrant community.

YFO is licensed by the state, accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and has received the highest rating for Maine's Quality Rating System. Hiring, retaining, and advancing the careers of quality early childhood educators is a priority at YFO.

YFO currently serves 58 infant, toddlers and preschool-age children and their parents and family members in full-day, year round educational programming. In addition, YFO was the first community-based childcare provider that offered a public Pre-K program in partnership with the Portland Public schools, utilizing a high-quality, evidence-based and aligned curriculum to ensure children are prepared to successfully transition into K-12 education.

Sustainable Business Model

YFO has managed a sustainable business model of services by enrolling 60% of children and their families living at or below poverty and 40% from a variety of incomes using a sliding scale. By carefully applying childcare subsidies and benefits to support eligible low-income families and with private tuition, and public preschool partnership funds. YFO's sustainability initiatives are designed to create a vibrant, nurturing community now and into the future. We collaborate to increase the efficiency of operations and seek groundbreaking approaches to improve services. We partner with community organizations, citizens, and businesses working to create economic opportunities for families and lift them up out of poverty.

We are innovative and promote actions that will make YFO resilient in the face of a changing climate. Our Building a Brighter Future capital campaign and Joint Development Agreement with Portland Housing Authority is exactly one of those actions. Taking our already sustainable business model and bringing it forward into this expansion and partnership will further our efforts of sustainability by adding shared rental income to our revenue streams. As has been demonstrated many times over the years, Youth and Family Outreach will engage in every opportunity to diversify our revenue streams, while building a strong, connected community.

A Model for Workforce Diversity & Inclusion

The YFO location is key to ensuring accessibility to families that are displaced or underserved, many of whom rely on public transportation or attend by foot. YFO uniquely fosters a culturally responsive environment: 50% of its children come from diverse racial/cultural communities and speak multiple languages. Half of YFO's teachers are from these same communities and use languages other than English with all children and their families.

YFO serves as not only a training and workforce development opportunity for immigrant families with young children but fosters empathy and builds strong relationships in and out of the classroom. With support from Department of Labor, several YFO immigrant staff have completed their degrees and certifications and currently four staff members working toward their professional degrees. YFO not only sets an example of cultural diversity for its students but supports the economic and workforce development that our diverse community needs, addressing racial equality and wage gaps for women and people of color.

Wrap-Around Services through Partnership

YFO offers a nationally recognized child nutrition program where all children eat a healthy family-style breakfast, lunch, and snack with classmates and teachers. Environmental sustainability is core to YFO's pedagogy and operations, therefore YFO buys all local food (and grows a little themselves), cooks creative and healthy meals from scratch, while teaching the students to respect the natural world. This unique nutrition program partners with local producers, uses only whole ingredients and is good for our planet. A collaboration with Cooking Matters extends nutritional support to families through evening classes, teaching nutrition and low-cost meal planning.

To serve the needs of the whole family, YFO engages in strategic partnerships to provide critical services to children and families. Partners provide free Public Pre-K, an on-site social work intern, workshops for families and children in nutrition, music education, parenting, language, and literacy support training for staff, and more. Service partners include Educare Central Maine, the Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, Opportunity Alliance, Portland Public Schools, University of Southern Maine, Portland Housing Authority, Maine Behavioral Health, SnapEd, Palaver Strings, Fedcap, Greater Portland United Way, Portland Public Library, Portland Ovations, and Portland Museum of Art. (Memoranda of Understanding from Portland Public Schools and Portland Housing Authority is available upon request).

Key Partner

The Portland Housing Development Corporation (PHDC) will be our key partner in this project. PHDC was created in 1983 as the real estate development arm of the Portland Housing Authority. PHDC creates new affordable housing in Portland while also preserving affordable housing through renovation or re-development. Their staff has over 15 years of experience in community planning, finance, sustainable design and construction. PHDC creates communities that are affordable, environmentally responsible and strive to empower residents and bring people together as a community through integrated support services.

Portland's lack of affordable housing exacerbates the financial strain on moderate or low-income families raising young children as noted in data from the recent City of Portland's 2018 Biennial Housing Report: Portland Housing Authority has a waitlist and 47% of renter-occupied households and 29% of owner-occupied households pay over 30% or more of their income towards housing costs. When this project is complete there will be 60 affordable apartment units.

Expansion & Housing Project Need:

An estimated 3,910 children under five live in Portland with more than half living in poverty. YFO's home, West Bayside, is a densely populated neighborhood (12K people/per sq. mile) with 36.4% of residents living in poverty (compared to 15.9%/Portland). Nearly 75% of all West Bayside residents are foreign-born and 9.4% speak English "not well or not at all." (*City-Data.com, Census*)

As a community anchor institution, YFO effectively engages at risk parents and exposes their young children to evidence-based high-quality early education. Such exposure is a proven way to bolster a child's brain and social-emotional development, resulting in improved school-readiness and other outcomes over that child's lifetime. Families from all income levels make up the YFO waitlist of roughly 100 families, however, families living in poverty have more barriers to achieve educational success and are more likely to experience toxic stress and trauma. Early exposure to quality care can mitigate the deleterious effects of trauma and poverty (*Harvard's Center for the Developing Child*), therefore YFO is committed to reducing the wait list for those most in need first.

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Workforce Development & Participation Barriers

Cumberland County has the highest rate of all parents with young children working statewide with 76.7%. (*Compared to 71% statewide- 2019 Kids Count Data*). Providing working parents full-day, full-year quality childcare ensures employee productivity as well as the ability of employers to attract and retain talent. A recent survey conducted by the Chamber of Commerce and region's United Way surveyed 125 greater Portland-based employers and found that:

- 70% of employees struggle to find affordable quality childcare.
- 88% either strongly agree or somewhat agree that increasing access to quality childcare should be a priority for our community.

Expansion Project Plan & Timeline

To address the enormous need in Greater Portland for quality early care and education, YFO conducted a feasibility study in the fall of 2019 and subsequently entered into an agreement with Portland Housing Development Corporation (PHDC). Together, YFO and PHDC have embarked on an ambitious plan that will transform the West Bayside community in Portland, and which is founded on the belief that a safe and affordable home, high-quality early childhood care and education, and culturally-inclusive family support will increase the opportunity for more families to grow and live with a sense of place, purpose, well-being, and financial stability.

The complete project includes **Three Phases**:

Phase 1: Property Acquisition of adjacent property formerly Maria's Restaurant: Completed on March 21, 2019;

Phase 2A: Submit and acquire Maine Housing Application Funding award: May 2020 to December 2020: Project was fully approved by the City of Portland in November 2020.

Phase 2B: YFO to secure signed pledges and/or cash and/or stock gifts to build out and equip the New and Renovated Program Space for direct services expansion: (\$800M in cash and pledges required by the end of January 2021; an additional \$800M by June 2021; final \$1M by January 2022);

Phase 3: Expand Early Childhood & Family/Community Education: June 2021 to December 2022

- Demolish the adjacent (Restaurant) building; and
- Construct and Implement 12,518 sq. ft of new and renovated education and community space:
 - Double the number of available childcare slots – from current 58 slots to 107 slots. Providing quality early care and education to an additional 23 infants and toddlers and 24 Preschoolers
 - Integrate renovated Chapel community space to allow for fuller wrap around services delivered by partners.
 - Bring a 11 new full-time jobs to the neighborhood.
- Provide 60 eligible families with safe, accessible, and affordable homes that honor Portland's rich and growing diversity.
- Expansion Project Grand Opening: September 2023.

YFO's leadership would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal with city staff, councilors and committee members. Access a portion of the recent American Rescue Funds that the city has received would be a significant to our fundraising efforts. We are keenly aware of the tremendous level of need that has risen in our state and community since the pandemic began, and we are therefore grateful for the opportunity to submit this proposal and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Camelia Babson-Haley, Executive Director

enc.: YFO brochure with case for support



Youth and Family Outreach



Driven to Serve

Youth, Family, Community

With roots tracing back more than 150 years, Youth and Family Outreach is built on compassion and driven to meet the needs of Portland's children and families. Today, we are focused on early childhood education. We consciously prioritize homeless, teen and immigrant parents to provide them with quality care that sets a strong foundation for future success in school, work, and life. These early, vulnerable years are a time of such promise and possibility. By exposing young people to high

quality environments and diverse, caring relationships, we can bolster their brain wiring and social emotional development that sets them afoot on the path out of poverty.

In Portland, the waitlists for early childcare are hundreds long. And the cost for many families, especially those who are already struggling to make ends meet, is prohibitive. At Youth and Family Outreach, we give 60 children the gift of a strong start.

90% of brain development happens before children enter kindergarten

Source: First Five Years Fund, www.ffyf.org

When a child enters kindergarten ready for school, there is an 82% chance that child will master basic skills by age 11, compared with a 45% chance for children who are not school ready.

Source: First Five Years Fund, www.ffyf.org

The Program

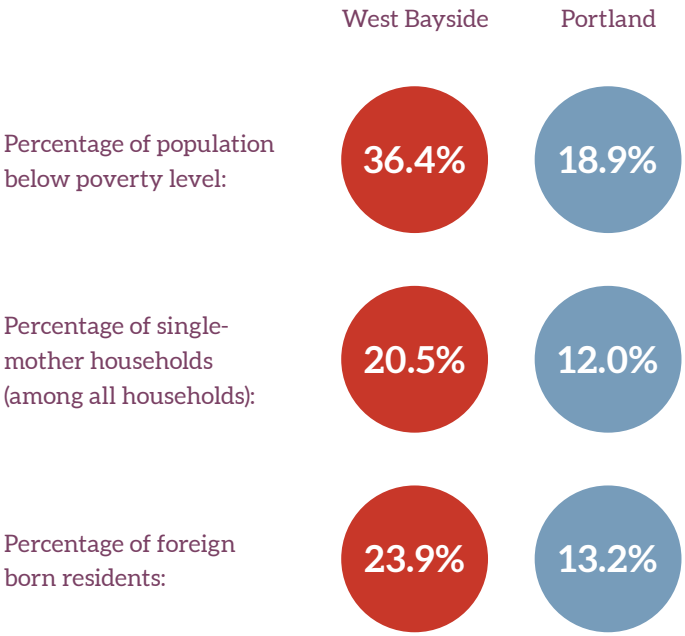
The future for not only our youth but the betterment of our community begins in the early formative years as we set the stage for reading comprehension, vocabulary and crucial social-emotional development. Staff meet training requirements for universal design, social emotional development, trauma informed practice, assessment tracking, and more. We are not only state licensed but accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and a level 4 on Maine's Quality Rating and Improvement System – the highest rating possible. Quality at YFO is not negotiable.



Rooted in Bayside

Our location in the heart of Portland's Bayside neighborhood allows for invaluable enrichment. We are within walking distance to the Portland Public Library, farmers market, Children's Museum, Portland Museum of Art, Merrill Auditorium, Portland's working waterfront, and more. Our community is truly an extension of our classroom.

Moreover, our location is key to ensuring accessibility to families that are displaced or underserved, many of whom rely on public transportation or come here by foot. West Bayside has almost twice as many foreign born residents as other Portland neighborhoods. Furthermore we have a higher concentration of households living in poverty, with all adults working, compared to the rest of Portland. Our immediate community is families who are employed or in school. It's imperative that they have consistent and high quality environments for their children.



Source: <http://www.city-data.com/>





1 in 4 children in Maine are considered to be food insecure.

Source: Coleman-Jensen, 2016

75% of food served at YFO comes from New England farmers and producers.



Teaching and Feeding the Whole Child

Hungry children can't focus and learn. Maine ranks 1st in New England, and 18th in the nation, for child food insecurity (*Educate Maine, 2016*). YFO has a nationally-recognized child nutrition program where all students eat a healthy family-style breakfast, lunch, and snack with their classmates and teachers. Our nutrition program is mindful of our community's resources, set in sound nutrition, uses only whole ingredients and is good to our planet. A collaboration with Cooking Matters extends nutritional support to families through evening classes, teaching nutrition and low-cost meal planning.

Wrap-Around Services through Partnerships

At YFO we know that a family needs to feel supported, be well fed, and have access to resources in order to be successful. Families living in poverty have more barriers to achieve that success and are more likely to experience toxic stress and trauma. To serve the needs of the whole family, YFO engages in strategic partnerships to provide much needed services to children and families. Partners provide an on-site social worker, workshops for families and children in nutrition, music, parenting, language and literacy support, training for staff, and much more. At YFO, our families get more than early education for their children, they get comprehensive support from our partners, and an ally in parenthood.



The People

What makes YFO unique is the people.

We are of and for our community and both our student population and our teachers reflect that. YFO embraces the positive contributions to our lives and community that comes from experiencing people of different backgrounds.

Our Community



of children at YFO are from families living at or below the poverty level.

- **60** children ages 6 weeks to 5 years and their families are enrolled in year-round, full day services and supports at YFO;
- **33%** of children have an identified special or mental health need;
- **50%** of our children are from diverse racial and cultural communities in which multiple languages are spoken;
- **95%** of our families are working or enrolled in school. The remaining **5%** are actively searching for jobs.



8 of the 16 YFO teachers incorporate language other than English from their home country as a means to communicate with students and families who are non-English speakers, as well as enhance the center's educational programming.



Strengthening Our Workforce

Relationships are key for our youngest learners. Hiring, retaining, and advancing the careers of quality early childhood educators is a priority at YFO. With support from YFO and the Department of Labor we have four staff members working toward their degree. In this way we not only set an example for our students, but we support the economic and workforce development that our community needs, addressing wage gaps for women and people of color.





As the Need Grows, So Will We

Maine is in the midst of a childcare crisis. 68.5% of Maine children under age 6 live in households with all parents working, but the average cost of care for one infant is 92.6% of the cost of tuition and fees at a 4-year Maine college. While the need for childcare grows, the number of licensed family childcare facilities has dropped 37% in the last 10 years. In addition, fewer and fewer childcare centers participate in the Child Care Subsidy Program. Investing in quality early care and education so that it is accessible and affordable for all families in Maine is essential to a healthy economy (*Maine Public Digital*, <https://projects.mainepublic.org/child-care-deep-dive>).

100+

We maintain an average wait list of 100 children.

To address the enormous need for expanded quality early care and family support, YFO has purchased the adjacent property (formerly Maria's Restaurant) and embarked on an ambitious plan to double our full-year student enrollment.

Our **Building a Brighter Future Campaign** will fund the design and building of a new structure on the newly acquired property, renovate our existing facility, create innovative green outdoor learning space, and expand programming to serve 110 students and their families.

To learn more about how you or your organization can help Build a Brighter Future for Greater Portland's most vulnerable young children, contact:

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Executive Director
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(207)874-1073
yfoutreachme.org

Every \$1 invested in early care
and education yields \$7 - \$16.

Source: Grunewald, Rob, and Art Rolnick. "Early Childhood Development = Economic Development." *Fedgazette*, vol. 15, no. 2, 2003.



Our Mission

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Building a Brighter Future

A Campaign for Youth & Family Outreach
co-chaired by Michael Bourque and Nancy Brain

As childcare providers across the state were forced to shutter, the critical importance of the childcare industry has become ever more apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Center for American Progress reported on May 5, 2020 that as a result of COVID-19, Maine stands to lose 48% of its childcare provider supply and 22,814 licensed childcare slots.

Youth & Family Outreach (YFO) recognizes the gravity of this situation. We are actively engaged in advocating for the recovery of the early childhood field. By creating an additional 49 childcare slots through our expansion, we are providing a solution to help our community adapt to the new world we're living in.

The long term economic impacts of COVID-19 will make providing affordable, quality childcare services imperative for families looking for jobs and participating in the Greater Portland workforce.

In the fall of 2019, YFO conducted a feasibility study to explore how to address the already enormous need in Greater Portland for quality early care and education. To best expand and serve the needs of families, YFO chose to move forward in partnership with the Portland Housing Authority (PHA).

Together we are embarking on an ambitious plan to increase the opportunity for more families in our community to live with a sense of place, purpose, well-being, and financial stability.

A Space to Grow

The “Building a Brighter Future” Campaign includes three phases:

- 1

Acquisition of Adjacent Property

Completed on March 21, 2019;
- 2

Planning & Design

January 2020 to June 2021
Planning for the construction of a state of the art new sustainable childcare facility by achieving the Living Building Challenge and Passive House Certification.

These two programs will ensure that the new building will be designed to the highest level of energy efficiency, saving over 50% of energy cost, from a typical building, utilize healthy and sustainable materials, and create a connection to nature and the surrounding community.

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Expand Early Childhood Education & Affordable Housing

June 2021 to June 2022

 - Provide quality early care and education to an additional 23 infants and toddlers and 24 Public Pre-K and preschoolers—doubling current capacity
 - Provide 60 eligible individuals and families with safe, accessible, and affordable homes that honor Portland’s rich and growing diversity
 - Integrate community learning space and services for children, families, and childcare providers in the region.

Shared Purpose: Existing partner programs will continue to serve families in the expanded community space, including The Opportunity Alliance, Maine Behavioral Health, The Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, FedCap, SnapEd, University of Southern Maine, Cooking Matters, Palaver Strings, Portland Museum of Art, and Portland Public Schools. New partners will be strategically engaged to elevate economic opportunity and foster family stability.



4,066
square feet of renovated facility space
(in the chapel)

5,452
square feet of new facility space

3,000
square feet of green playground space

A Stablizing Beacon for the Bayside Neighborhood

Demolish the adjacent structure and build a new, fully accessible, energy efficient, 6-story building attached to the existing renovated chapel with state-of-the-art childcare space and 60 housing units:

- 12,518 square ft of new & renovated program space to include:
 - > play therapy, gross motor and project rooms
 - > family welcome center
 - > 9 new & renovated classrooms, half of which are for infants and toddlers
- 60 mixed income family units, broadening our scope as a service hub for local families.
- Expand nationally recognized nutrition program
- 1,697 square ft of family, community, & provider programming space

Developing affordable housing will allow YFO and PHA to secure significant outside investment and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, reducing the capital campaign budget required for YFO.

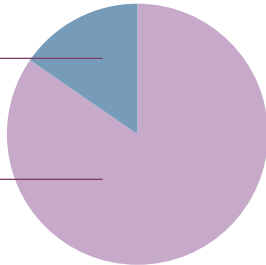


\$18.35 MILLION

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT:

\$2,952,000 for YFO facility space and programming expansion

\$15,400,000 million for 60 housing units



\$2.95 MILLION

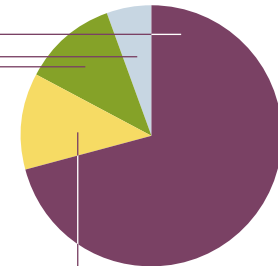
YFO CAMPAIGN:

\$2,091,000 million for YFO expansion and renovation

\$161,000 educational equipment, curriculum & materials

\$346,000 children’s scholarship endowment

\$354,000 outdoor play spaces



We Need You

Immediately upon completion this project will increase the availability of affordable homes, childcare and educational opportunities for Portland's working families. Over time, this project will serve as an integrated model for developing greater cultural understanding and social equity from birth through higher education, thereby strengthening workforce development, family stability, and community cohesion.

Your charitable gift, or organization's support can make a huge impact for Greater Portland's most vulnerable young children and their families. To learn how you or your business can help us Build a Brighter Future, please contact:

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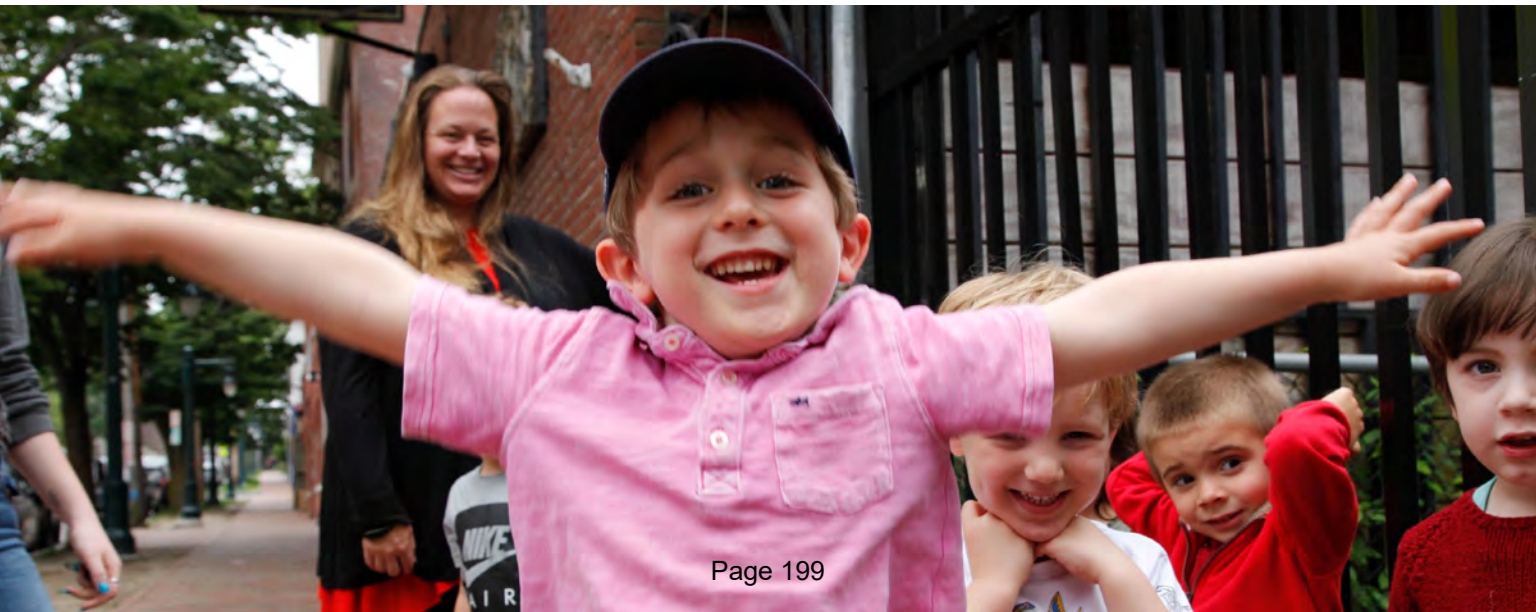
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September 13, 2021

Mayor Kate Snyder & the Portland City Council
City Hall, Portland Maine
via: *Online Submission*

Re: American Rescue Plan Act Funding

Dear Mayor Snyder and members of the Portland City Council:

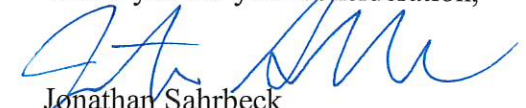
As you are aware, the Cumberland County Jail has become the *de facto* mental health provider in Cumberland County, and the criminal justice system is the vehicle to provide a person with treatment. At any given moment, there are many individuals suffering with mental health issues incarcerated pretrial either being held on bail or a court-ordered mental health evaluation. This creates numerous issues including jail staff who are not best trained to treat people with severe mental illness, the costs that comes with incarceration when resources are already stretched thin, and that incarceration can result in further deterioration of a person's mental health, whereas treatment could allow them to lead a normal and productive life. The jail becomes a revolving door with people who have untreated mental health issues when they encounter the criminal justice system. Currently, when encountering a person in crisis who has committed a crime, law enforcement is limited to either the jail or a hospital emergency department, both of which are not an ideal environment, not the best practice to help, and extremely expensive.

The conversation about where to spend funds from the American Rescue Plan in Portland should involve the creation and use of mental health resources, including non-jail beds, to help many of our most vulnerable community members. Dedicating funds to provide expanded treatment facilities would result in the following benefits:

- A reduction in the number of individuals engaged in a perpetual cycle of committing a nonviolent offense, jailed, and released only to reoffend and restart the cycle;
- An enhancement to the quality of life for these non-violent offenders and the guests and residents of Portland by a reduction of non-violent offenses in Portland;
- A reduction in the burden the current cycle places on police, prosecutors, court-appointed defense attorneys, and the courts;
- Enhanced efficiency, morale, and cost savings at the jail and among law enforcement, and
- The more humane practice for many of our most vulnerable community members.

Portland has already led the way when it comes to mental health services through law enforcement. Now we have the opportunity to enhance those services by creating non-jail treatment resources where anybody can make a referral for someone to get help including law enforcement. Let's take that step.

Thank you for your consideration,


Jonathan Sahrbeck
Cumberland County District Attorney

Comments: American Rescue Plan Act Funding Discussion Workshop, September 13, 2021

Request: To Fund Secure Treatment Facilities for Non-violent Persons Languishing in Jails

From: Talcott J. Franklin, M.A., J.D., 181 Western Promenade, Portland, ME 04102

At any given time, one or more non-violent individuals with severe mental illness languishes in jail because of a shortage of secure treatment facilities. This must be addressed because:

- The jail does not have the staff or training needed to house or treat people with severe mental illness
- It costs at least twice as much in terms of money, resources, and staff to jail someone with severe mental illness
- Jail generally results in a further deterioration of the person's mental health, whereas treatment could allow them to lead a normal and productive life

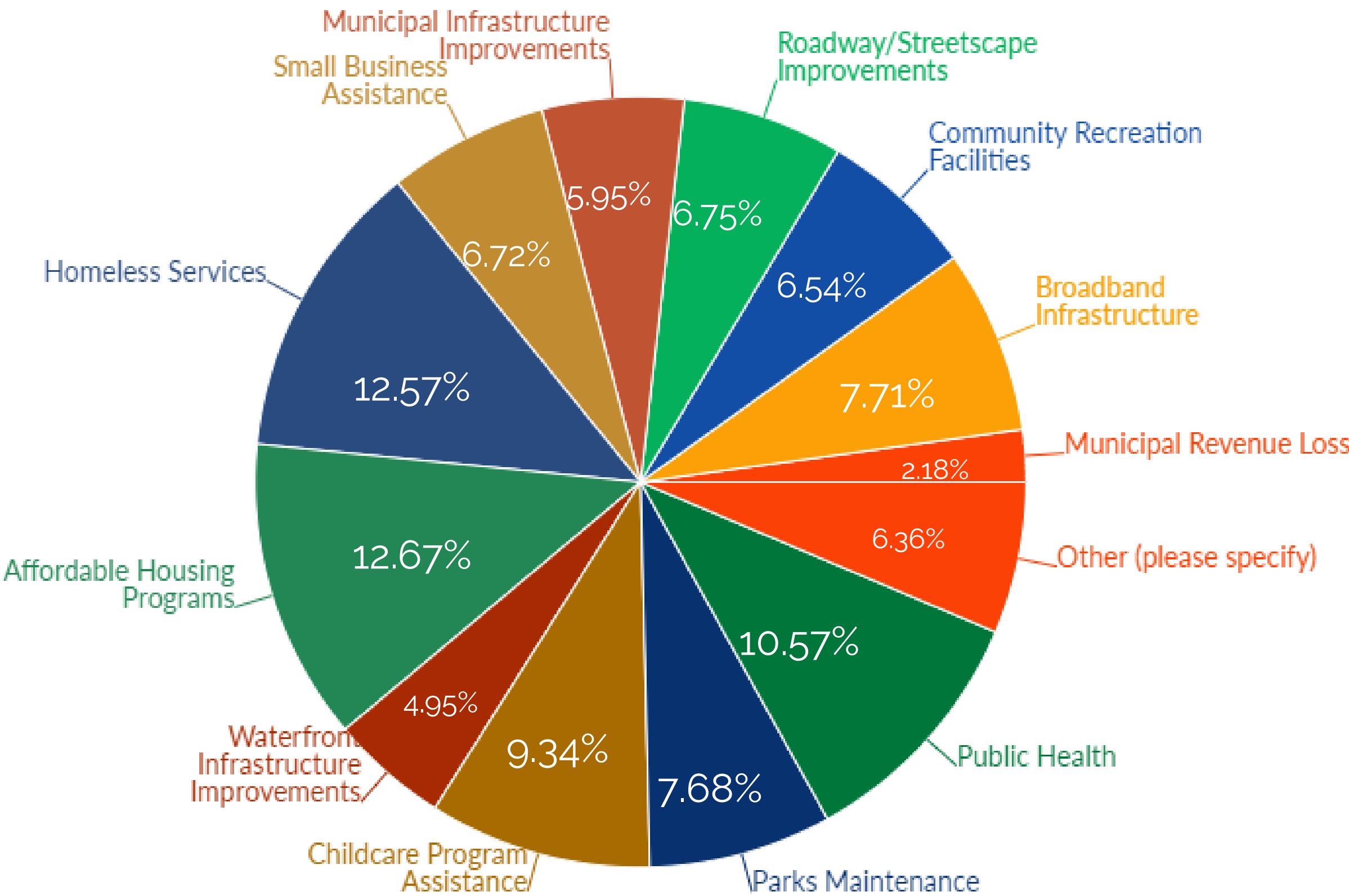
Dedicating funds to provide expanded treatment facilities would result in the following benefits:

- Enhanced efficiency, morale, and cost savings at the jail
- A reduction in the number of individuals engaged in a perpetual cycle of committing a nonviolent offense, jailed, and released only to re-offend and re-start the cycle
- An enhancement to the quality of life for these non-violent offenders and the guests and residents of Portland
- A reduction of non-violent offenses in Portland
- A reduction in the burden the current cycle places on police, prosecutors, public defenders, and the courts

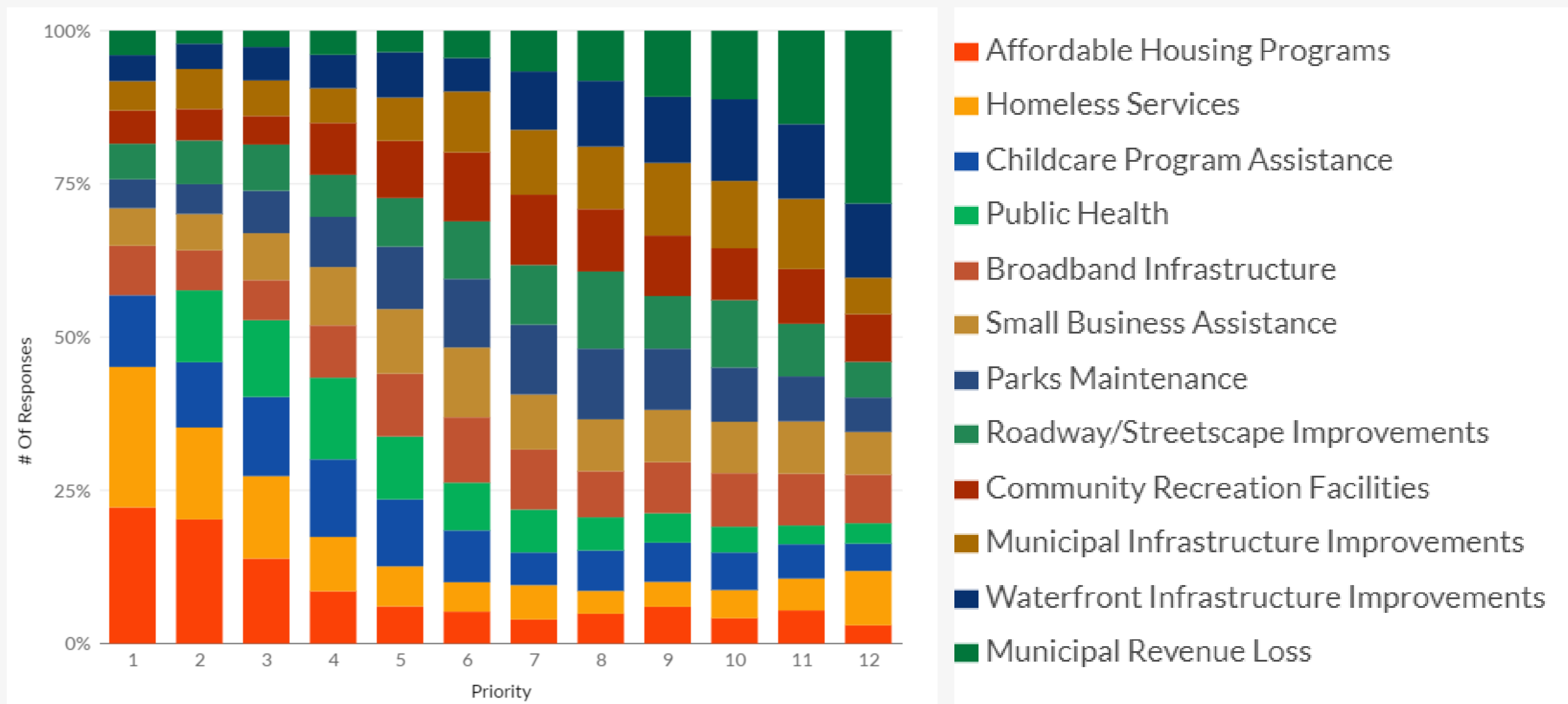
I agree that funds should be awarded to public and non-profit agencies that provide mental health treatment. The receipt of those funds should be conditioned, however, on an agreement to provide treatment for non-violent offenders deemed by the jail and prosecutor as requiring mental health treatment rather than time in jail.

About me: I began my career as a juvenile rehabilitation counselor in two maximum security units, one of which housed extremely violent mentally ill residents. After receiving my M.A. and J.D., I worked for various law firms, including as an equity partner and management committee member of Patton Boggs LLP. After my friend and partner Cheryl Jerome Moore unexpectedly committed suicide, I became passionate about expanding awareness and services in support of mental health. As part of that effort here in Portland, I volunteer my time writing proposals and working with an informal committee that seeks to improve mental health outcomes for people in jail. I am presently a partner in the DC-based law firm of Franklin Scott Conway LLP. <https://www.franklinscottconway.com>.

Q1: Please let us know if you'd like to see funding go toward any of the following uses. Select as many as you'd like.



Q2: Please rank these choices in order of preference.



Q3: Please provide any additional ideas for the use of ARPA funds.

Top Keywords & Themes

- Public Restrooms/Water Fountains
- Childcare Access
- Climate Change
- Improving roads/sidewalks
- Bike infrastructure
- Transportation
- Trash Cans
- Capital Projects