

2021 Richland County American Rescue Plan Survey

Q16 List Specific Problem Areas:

Answered: 171 Skipped: 401

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	a banded home/commercial building	9/23/2021 2:20 PM
2	Housing, employment training, life skill resources for formerly incarcerated people transitioning back into society to be productive citizens.	9/23/2021 11:44 AM
3	(apple valley road) St. andrews Eau Claire, Olympia Mills	9/11/2021 9:58 AM
4	Landlord accountability and safety on apartments	8/21/2021 2:30 PM
5	More housing options for disabled and veterans	8/21/2021 2:16 PM
6	Please put \$10 million towards creating and funding the Richland County Affordable Housing Trust Fund to help increase the availability of affordable housing in the county.	8/21/2021 8:13 AM
7	During the Pandemic people became unhealthy physically and mentally. Mental illness is high on my list, and also obesity we need walkways in the lower part of The county, we need special exercise program and instructions as to how we can become healthy within our minds, to help elderly or seniors to learn to keep fit. Classes or programs where we can get physical exercise and loose pounds, people are dying and refused many services when we're Heavy or obese. Everyone men women and children are dying bc we are too obese. Sidewalks Or walk-trails. We got overlooked or sidetracked with the Penny tax promised side walks walking trails, etc. The lower Richland and Eastover and adjoining areas. Keep us alive by installing walking trails and exercise programs permanently in our communities. We also need counseling services for the ones that have lost one to many family members due to Covid-19. People are hurting.	8/20/2021 8:28 PM
8	\$\$ from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding include investments in housing and neighborhoods, such as services to address individuals experiencing homelessness, affordable housing development, housing vouchers, and residential counseling and housing navigation assistance to facilitate moves to neighborhoods with high economic opportunity. I am asking that Richland County appropriate \$10 million of the \$80 million to start a Richland County Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Richland County has the 10th highest eviction rate in the country." An average 1 bedroom apartment in Richland county costs \$700 - \$1100 per month. Our \$10-\$12/hour jobs can't support the rent cost. They will NOT qualify. I know Daycare workers who are homeless b/c they can't pay rent on their salaries. Just a few examples. Please invest in our citizens. Thank You!	8/20/2021 5:37 PM
9	Homeless are a problem and a safety concern in the City. Mental health and substance abuse is a huge issue, but first the Homeless cannot be given reign to roam the City and harass or scare citizens, but less defecate. Also the problem of the intersection and off ramp peddling is out of control and has to be handled. Low Income housing needs is always seeking great free stuff for folks that DO NOT ALWAYS WANT to contribute but to take from society. Me must take care of the taxpayers first, not the tax consumers.	8/20/2021 5:06 PM
10	Richland County needs an Affordable Housing Trust fund. Richland County lacks affordable rental housing which needs to be addressed.	8/20/2021 10:18 AM
11	Affordable Housing Trust Fund! County Council needs to definitely act now to create the Richland County Affordable Housing Trust Fund to move our county forward and finally address this priority need - and allocate \$10million for initial funding to address the long-time crisis over non-availability of affordable housing. We cannot keep sending people to the streets, even those who are working min. wage jobs that our county depends on!	8/20/2021 10:15 AM
12	Richland County Council needs to create the Richland County Affordable Housing Trust fund to help increase the availability of affordable housing in Richland County and allocate \$10 million for initial funding.	8/19/2021 7:00 PM
13	County needs to establish an affordable housing trust fund with an initial allocation of at least	8/19/2021 4:50 PM

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\$10,000. ongoing funding of this trust fund should be a continuing priority for the county.

14	public transportation, many residents in my area were relocated here from project neighborhoods in the city. And now live in a food, pharmacy and transportation desert	8/19/2021 3:33 PM
15	We need an affordable Housing Trust. As a teacher I see the struggle first hand that the lack of affordable housing has on families. Families are forced to live in unsafe communities. We need to do better.	8/19/2021 3:23 PM
16	Richland county has one of the highest eviction rates in the country. It has been an issues for years and it was made worse by the pandemic. I would love to see Richland county use some of this money to create an affordable housing trust fund. An affordable housing trust fund is a proven way to help meet the housing needs of a community. When else will we have this kind of money given to us at once? Now is the perfect time!	8/19/2021 2:47 PM
17	Richland county is in desperate need of an affordable housing trust fund to increase the availability of safe and affordable housing. Ten million is needed for initial funding.	8/19/2021 1:50 PM
18	We need an Affordable Housing Trust Fund	8/19/2021 12:24 PM
19	We mostly need affordable housing. Columbia is one of the most expensive cities for renters. Also there are too many evictions. We need an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to be funded to create affordable rental housing in our city.	8/19/2021 11:58 AM
20	Occupants should have access to public transportation	8/19/2021 11:54 AM
21	More Code Enforcement staff and actions	8/17/2021 10:15 PM
22	Housing insecurity to consider "community mediation" as a pathway for helping individuals negotiate with their landlords or mortgage holders to resolve past due payments. Utilize funds as grants to individuals based on income levels and debt ratio to support the mediated agreements.	8/17/2021 5:03 PM
23	8/17/2021 2:25 PM
24	Richland County should create an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to help address the need for affordable housing in Richland County. It should allocate \$10 million for the initial funding of this trust fund.	8/17/2021 9:35 AM
25	Homelessness and hospital bills	8/16/2021 8:46 PM
26	Social and racial justice programing	8/16/2021 4:26 PM
27	All over South Carolina	8/16/2021 2:36 PM
28	Assistance to organizations such as Family Promise of the Midlands to provide needed support for the homeless and transitional population	8/16/2021 2:31 PM
29	Condition of and security of existing public housing. Lack of safe, accessible greenspace for low income families.	8/16/2021 2:05 PM
30	The cost of rental housing is very expensive to the point of being unaffordable for many. How can we help our moderate to low-income residents buy quality affordable homes?	8/16/2021 2:00 PM
31	Slum lords are a problem. Vacant houses and overgrown lawns.	8/16/2021 9:22 AM
32	Abandoned homes that's a sore eye in neighborhoods. Roads & highways outdated. Transportation/railways travel. Abandoned/rundown, outdated buildings. Poor sewage drainage. Overgrown vegetation in neighborhoods & roadways. Congested roads & freeways. Lack of affordable housing(i don't mean low distracting public housing).	8/15/2021 12:10 AM
33	establish an AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND	8/14/2021 8:45 AM
34	Affordable housing for vulnerable people in Richland County	8/13/2021 9:54 PM
35	assistance for elderly to pay off mortgages	8/13/2021 12:44 PM
36	High influx of student geared rental when there is a shortage of homes to buy and rent for non student population	8/13/2021 10:53 AM
37	Rehabbing of owner-occupied homes, and replacing WWII era housing without gentrification to the point of placing new housing out of reach of current occupants.	8/12/2021 11:42 PM

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38	I would like to see a County Affordable Housing Trust Fund with an initial \$10 million to increase the availability of affordable and adequate housing in Richland County.	8/12/2021 7:35 PM
39	PEOPLE SHOULDNT BE FORCED TO LIVE IN CRIME FILLED AREAS, JUST TO BE TO AFFORD A PLACE TO STAY. SAD BUSINESS	8/12/2021 5:15 PM
40	Richland County Council needs to create the Richland County Affordable Housing Trust Fund to increase the availability of affordable housing units and allocate 10 million dollars for initial funding.	8/12/2021 8:49 AM
41	Small & minority businesses are in desperate need of help. That's the base of this economy	8/12/2021 6:56 AM
42	Richland County needs an Affordable Housing Trust Fund	8/11/2021 5:35 PM
43	To be blunt Richland county needs help with affordable housing. Sure, there are a lot of concerns in the community but the statistics surrounding affordable housing speak for themselves. I could go on about the statistics but the community as a whole, including our elected officials are aware and now is the time for government to act.	8/11/2021 9:21 AM
44	Richland County needs an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.	8/10/2021 10:53 AM
45	The need for affordable housing is great in Columbia. Please address this by establishing a housing trust fund.	8/10/2021 10:41 AM
46	Housing for the Homeless, DV survivors, and person with mental health issues.	8/9/2021 5:31 PM
47	We need a Richland County Affordable Housing Trust Fund which is a permitted use of ARPA money. We should allocate \$10 million to initiate this program.	8/9/2021 5:19 PM
48	Very long waiting lists for affordable SAFE housing. The need for safe housing is dire.	8/9/2021 4:47 PM
49	Affordable housing particularly rental units is a dire need in Richland County. 10 million of the Rescue Plan funds should be used to help create the affordable housing trust fund. Those funds will be used to leverage other monies to create affordable housing in areas most in need.	8/9/2021 4:40 PM
50	Need for subsidized housing for low income people	8/9/2021 11:45 AM
51	There is a desperate need for an Affordable Housing Trust Fund	8/9/2021 10:39 AM
52	Richland County Council needs to create the Richland County Affordable Housing Trust Fund to help increase the availability of affordable housing in Richland County and allocate \$10 million for initial funding.	8/9/2021 9:37 AM
53	Affordable housing for low-income residents.	8/8/2021 6:03 PM
54	Housing Trust Fund with annual funding to leverage resources for all of the above. Such trust funds are already working in 300 communities across the US. We have studied the need for over 20 years. Now it is more important to act. Safe affordable housing that costs 30% of income will help many teachers, firefighters, nurses, -- people making less than \$50K a year,	8/8/2021 2:22 PM
55	The establishment of an affordable housing trust fund (AHTF) in Richland County can address all the above. An AHTF needs \$10 million to begin to meet the needs and then a dedicated source funding to continue.	8/8/2021 11:21 AM
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57	We need serious infrastructure help in the Southeast side of town. The area still is in recovery from the 2015 flood. The drainage issues in the Hopkins, Eastover, and Gadsden area is bad. There seems to be an ongoing issue with getting the Drains cleaned and fixed, where many residents have flooding issues. When requesting assistance many residents are told they don't have the staff or funds. With the numerous developments coming to the Southeast Garners Ferry Rd, Leesburg Rd, and Old Garners Ferry Rd also need repair, not patching but actual repair. Also with Ziegler Rd in Eastover SC road being closed the residents of Old Isaac Rd have water on both sides of the road with little ways to get out if they have an emergency, and it's becomes impassable with heavy rains. The residents on that road are digging trenches just to leave home. We know the NE side of town always get more funding but the SE side of town is long overdue for some real help. The broadband or internet needs to be addressed for this side of town with many people only having one option or no option at all. I am strongly	8/6/2021 10:55 PM

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requesting we get some help with drainage on the Southeast side of town we are overlooked all the time. Also Airbase Road becomes impassable with heavy rain.

58	Richland County Council needs to create the Richland County Affordable Housing Trust Fund to help increase the availability of affordable housing in Richland County and allocate \$10 million for initial funding. Commitments were made. Honor them!	8/6/2021 4:24 PM
59	Every aspect of affordable housing needs to be addressed in Richland County.	8/6/2021 6:30 AM
60	Need more affordable and well- maintained housing.	8/6/2021 6:20 AM
61	Need affordable housing desperayekt	8/5/2021 10:02 AM
62	Affordable housing is important. An Affordable Housing Trust Fund can support all of the housing needs in the survey. Using ARPS funds to establish such a fund will provide for affordable housing, both rental and private, into the future.	8/3/2021 9:50 AM
63	Utility assistance - ongoing not related to Covid	8/2/2021 4:51 PM
64	Landlords have had little if any help. There are many, many tenants who will not pay their rent even though some of these tenants have received as much as \$10,000.00 dollars in stimulus payments for the purpose of paying their bills.	8/2/2021 2:50 PM
65	YOUR COUNTY FIRE and EMS SERVICE should receive funds to separate and adequately STAFF all Stations with at least 4 Persons per shift and for EMS STAFF and Pirchase more trucks for the call volume As well as Law Enforcement	7/31/2021 8:23 PM
66	Richland County Council needs to create the R C Affordable Housing Trust Fund to help increase the availability of housing in R C and allocate \$10 million fo ritual funding.	7/31/2021 11:28 AM
67	HOA increasing dues for owners of Forest acres condos when the dues aren't being spent on upkeep or owner neglected units.	7/30/2021 3:44 PM
68	Funding for Landlords effected by eviction memoriam	7/30/2021 3:27 PM
69	Independent Living pgms for the mentally ill and homeless families.	7/30/2021 1:44 PM
70	affordabilty	7/30/2021 1:27 PM
71	Very little affordable housing whether rentals or purchase.	7/30/2021 10:08 AM
72	Richland County Council needs to create the Richland County Affordable Housing Trust Fund to help increase the availability of affordable housing in Richland County and allocate \$10 million for initial funding.	7/30/2021 8:46 AM
73	Public Housing	7/29/2021 3:07 PM
74	In the Metro Columbia area, we should have affordable housing available to everyone with one full-time.	7/29/2021 2:29 PM
75	Richland County Council needs to create the Richland County Affordable Housing Trust Fund to help increase the availability of affordable housing. They need to allocate \$10 million for the initial funding.	7/29/2021 9:56 AM
76	We need to establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund!!!	7/29/2021 9:38 AM
77	There is no sustained plan for transitional housing in combination w/ counseling/education to allow homeless to move from street to permanent employment, medical or mental health treatment to permanent housing	7/29/2021 9:35 AM
78	Richland County Council needs to create the Richland County Affordable Housing Trust Fund to help increase the availability of affordable housing in Richland County and allocate \$10 million for initial funding.	7/29/2021 9:12 AM
79	An Affordable Housing Trust Fund with at least \$10 million in annual dedicated funding for those at 50% or below AMI.	7/29/2021 9:06 AM
80	Richland County desperately needs an Affordable Hohsong Trust Fund to create, repair and refurbish affordable housing - especially for those at 80% AMI and below. We are desperate for safe, affordable options and I want Richland County Council to take immediate action on this by creating an AHTF and allocating no less than \$10 million to initial funding.	7/29/2021 9:01 AM

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81	Rental property in neighborhoods that are poorly maintained because owners are living in other cities or states b	7/29/2021 9:00 AM
82	Engaging fathers to become equipped with the skills they need to be active and involved in the lives of their children and community	7/28/2021 10:11 AM
83	Police training: identifying persons with mental illness; how to de-escalate hostile persons; self defense without the use of deadly force. Improve county residents health by installing bicycle lights and lanes. Improve residents health by putting monies toward healthy meal choices in public schools. Improve young citizens health by adding a health curriculum in public schools. Add monies to secondary education to train students in agriculture an trade careers.	7/27/2021 5:40 PM
84	Richland County needs to establish an Affordable Housing Trust fund to help eliminate the critical shortage of affordable housing.	7/27/2021 8:51 AM
85	State workers assistance in purchasing homes.	7/24/2021 1:04 PM
86	Limited affordable housing	7/24/2021 10:42 AM
87	Too many new student housing projects; not enough low income and work force housing	7/23/2021 2:12 PM
88	High crime areas	7/23/2021 1:06 PM
89	Homeless teens	7/23/2021 10:43 AM
90	We need to use a portion of these funds to establish an affordable housing trust fund	7/22/2021 8:13 PM
91	Richland County DSS office is a liability. Mold growing in the walls, behind wallpaper, in the cubicles. How many employees have to get sick before Richland County does something about our building and working conditions? And before you pass the buck, Title 43 of state law says the county government provides the building in each DSS county.	7/21/2021 7:05 PM
92	Code enforcement for rental properties in historic neighborhoods!	7/21/2021 5:27 PM
93	MORE Justice has asked that \$10 million be designated to fund a Richland County Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Richland County has the 10th highest eviction rate in the country according to research provided by MORE Justice. Eviction and homelessness has generational consequences and the Midlands needs more affordable, safe housing options.	7/21/2021 10:29 AM
94	Recreation facilities that have been built prior to the bond issuance (2010) would benefit from funding to upgrade and to create accessibility for individuals with special needs.	7/20/2021 5:36 PM
95	Eastover SC	7/20/2021 9:46 AM
96	Broad river road	7/20/2021 9:03 AM
97	How about giving some of that money back to the taxpayers!	7/20/2021 8:30 AM
98	MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG/ALCOHOL TREATMENT.	7/20/2021 5:58 AM
99	Homelessness is a huge issue. So many people wander around the Main street and Elmwood area due to the location of the shelters. Permanent housing is needed. Housing dedicated to those with mental illness and drug misuse is highly needed.	7/19/2021 2:39 PM
100	More money towards homeless shelters! Significant need!	7/18/2021 1:06 AM
101	We need a program to get kids back and forth to extra curricular activities at school for parents who work.	7/17/2021 10:39 AM
102	A lot of our city still shows damage from the flood in 2015, Bridges and roads needs to be fixed, a lot of communities need houses rebuilt from this flood that's ridiculous that the county and the city has not helped these people!	7/17/2021 8:24 AM
103	SC Builders need to make sure they adhere to governmental standards or risk getting there building license revoked.	7/16/2021 3:16 PM
104	Youth after school and summer activities.	7/16/2021 2:11 PM
105	Affordable housing needs to be addressed and slum lords need to be addressed. Someones economic status should not mean that they live in deplorable conditions.	7/16/2021 1:59 PM
106	Lack of affordable housing for low-to-moderate income families. Rental assistance does little to	7/16/2021 1:07 PM

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help those that can't even obtain housing and are unable to leave the shelter system.

107	Reduce purchases of single family residences for rental conversion, especially by corporate investment companies.	7/15/2021 6:29 PM
108	Longcreek Drive, Broad river Road	7/15/2021 5:33 PM
109	Safe, Affordable Housing is a critical need. Please use some of this money to fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund that Richland County is working towards! The second critical need is more and diverse mental health treatment and support!!! Please don't use this money for historic preservation when people are dying for lack of housing and treatment.	7/15/2021 5:08 PM
110	Water,sewage, parks	7/15/2021 2:52 PM
111	Flooring and pest control	7/15/2021 2:51 PM
112	Over development with lack of infrastructure to support it.	7/15/2021 2:35 PM
113	Food access	7/15/2021 2:20 PM
114	Water and Sewer on Hwy 12/Ft. Jackson Rd./Percival Rd. and Screaming Eagle Rd. from Clemson Rd to the county line. This is the only section on Hwy 12 that is in Richland county that does not have water and sewer.	7/15/2021 2:12 PM
115	Support local nonprofits in the county that provide diapers and other baby essentials to families in need like Power In Changing - The diaper bank of the Midlands.	7/15/2021 1:10 PM
116	This survey is a waste of time. Corruption and graft in Richland County and Columbia city government is completely out of control. This money will not be used for whatever purpose it is intended for but there will be shiny new SUVs at every Council meeting!	7/15/2021 11:42 AM
117	Public and voucher housing education and orientation. Residence need more information on the responsibilities of tenancy. Elimination of generational public housing through education.	7/14/2021 7:11 PM
118	Homeownership classes	7/14/2021 6:53 PM
119	Home owners will be most affected by inflation and organizations like Oliver Gospel mission will see a reduction in giving for transitional homes and programs to get off the street and back on their own feet.	7/14/2021 5:19 PM
120	Address the homeless population with sustainable solutions not temporary stopgaps.	7/14/2021 2:20 PM
121	Olympia Mill Village needs assistance to help preserve the historic and residential character of our neighborhood. With the influx of apartments, students, and high density development there is a need for rental property owners to help curb inappropriate tenant behavior that impacts our quality of life. Such things as huge parties (300 people) that spill out into our neighborhood streets, loud music, and excessive alcohol use prevent families and individuals from their right to enjoy their property. We are asking RC Council to create ordinances that would hold lease holders responsible for tenant behavior when repeated offenses occur at specific addresses. We are also asking RC Planning and Development to deny building permits that are not in line with adjacent property use.	7/14/2021 1:06 PM
122	affordable housing. There are plenty of new developments going up but they are all starting in the 200,000s when the median household income is in the low \$50,000s. Also, rent is very high as well for houses and apartments.	7/14/2021 9:23 AM
123	Affordable childcare, technology training or available technology for elderly and mentally challenged.	7/13/2021 7:19 PM
124	Affordable Housing	7/13/2021 12:38 PM
125	Infrastructure in housing, Focus more on crime	7/13/2021 11:16 AM
126	City tax base growth, we need industry to come in and build to the sky with business and condos. By bringing in growth we will get long term budget growth so our city can thrive.	7/13/2021 1:09 AM
127	More owners living in properties than renting. New condos for seniors in downtown Columbia.	7/12/2021 9:20 PM
128	None. Return the money.	7/12/2021 3:46 PM
129	Better maintenance and enforcement in existing lower income housing. Tenants are forced to accept unacceptable housing because of income instability, low income and lack of housing	7/12/2021 3:01 PM

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	standard enforcement.	
130	Affordable housing and mental health really need funds.	7/12/2021 11:15 AM
131	Every penny should be spent on helping our homeless with mental health issues.	7/12/2021 10:34 AM
132	ROADS in the neighborhoods!	7/12/2021 9:54 AM
133	Affordable rental in mixed use zoning areas of a size that blends with surrounding neighbors is needed. But I'm not sure that's a great use of these funds.	7/12/2021 9:23 AM
134	Richland County should evaluate what is the job of the Government is and get out of running peoples lives.	7/11/2021 12:12 PM
135	Fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund as advocated by MORE Justice	7/11/2021 9:40 AM
136	Roads and drainage, infrastructure	7/10/2021 11:33 AM
137	Mental health of communities: green spaces, school improvements, upgrades to community centers, extra police officers in areas of high crime to hep the honest citizens of those communities comfort	7/10/2021 10:09 AM
138	We need more fire and EMS service infrastructure and people in the south east Richland county area.	7/10/2021 7:34 AM
139	ZONING!	7/9/2021 2:16 PM
140	Need assistance for home ownership for single parents.	7/9/2021 1:35 PM
141	Training/Certification Programs for Veterans. Small Business Encouragement for Minority Women. Community programs for Senior Citizens.	7/9/2021 1:27 PM
142	Creation of affordable housing; strengthening public transportation; enriching public education and educational partnerships with nonprofits	7/9/2021 1:11 PM
143	This money should be spent on small, independently owned businesses that can prove that they took a loss due to the situation over the period 3/13/20-now. Their compensation should not exceed their loss by more than about 10% (inflation factor + oppotrtnity loss approx.) If those business owners can also prove that this loss impacted their housing also, reimbursement would be justified. If they can prove it caused their homelessness, that should be provided for. Otherwise unused funds should be used to reduce an already high tax burden on Richland County residents. That could be done by direct check to residents or tax credits for 2021. If taking this money will increase Richland County taxes in the future because of strings attached, it should be returned unused to the sender.	7/9/2021 12:40 PM
144	County road improvements, infrastructure, ditches and sewer clean-up	7/9/2021 11:56 AM
145	ems saleries / ems equipment / retaining of ems employees. If this is truly covid relief money then spend it on the departments and people that worked 24 hrs a day to save lives while most other were isolating in there homes . RCEMS is under funded understaffed and the ONLY Richland county department that responded to any and all covid related 911 calls with out question.	7/8/2021 7:10 PM
146	Richland county EMS desperately needs for equipment and funding for pay raises to retain current employees and recruiting new employee as they are severely understaffed	7/8/2021 6:31 PM
147	SC has a shortage of over 88,000 units of affordable housing. Columbia and North Charleston are always in the top ten of evictions in the country. We do not have enough housing that people can afford. A huge percentage of renters in the Columbia area are paying over 45% of their income on rent.	7/8/2021 1:32 PM
148	As an employee of a Richland County homeless shelter the need for affordable housing in safe, clean neighborhoods is necessary. Adding or renovating dilapidated public housing would also be of great benefit to those experiencing chronic homelessness and poverty. Counseling regarding low-income housing, housing resources, and financial management would also be of great reward to those in Richland county. I would also voice that public transportation infrastructure should also be a focus for these funds as that is a large barrier to stable employment - especially in industry-type jobs that tend to be located in rural areas.	7/8/2021 1:31 PM
149	Give funds to the elderly homeowners to have home improvements funds without a lot of stiff paperwork. As an elder woman, I have a home that needs an entire fence (back) repaired	7/7/2021 1:17 PM

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because of more rain, landscaping, fencing for front of yard, rails in garage, front steps, and back steps to hold on to for support. I have been trying to get help for some of these improvements to our home but my husband and I are always just shy of going over the poverty line; maybe two hundred. We want to be able to live comfortable in our home as long as we can. Thank you.

150	Housing Counseling Services	7/7/2021 1:14 PM
151	Affordable	7/6/2021 5:16 PM
152	Increasing the current housing stock in Richland county, both in the rental and residential categories, could have a significant impact, over time, in lowering the cost of renting and home ownership. Brookings provides a good list of local government actions and priorities that could help increase current housing stock: https://www.brookings.edu/policy2020/bigideas/to-improve-housing-affordability-we-need-better-alignment-of-zoning-taxes-and-subsidies/ While not every mechanism listed in the Brookings brief may be achievable in Richland County, certain measures, such as housing vouchers or tax subsidies for developers could go a long way in both increasing home ownership rates and lowering costs for renters.	7/6/2021 12:19 PM
153	Richland county law enforcement has not received any extra pay for work during Covid pandemic. These women and men put their lives on the line especially during the pandemic while teachers and administrators worked from home! This needs to be addressed FIRST.	7/6/2021 11:19 AM
154	should set up an eviction diversion program through the county and magistrate court, utilize mediation and avoid evecton filings.	7/6/2021 11:14 AM
155	Need for transitional housing for formerly incarcerated people.	7/6/2021 10:33 AM
156	I'm not familiar with these needs so did not answer these.	7/6/2021 10:21 AM
157	housing specific to youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness	7/6/2021 9:45 AM
158	i would advise that some help put toward the broad river rd once you come arose from 1-20 by pass the community needs a close by food stood and a medical center for those who can not get a ride to their doctors appt	7/5/2021 11:42 PM
159	Addressing homelessness in Columbia should be priority.	7/5/2021 4:47 PM
160	truly affordable housing based on the current Federal Minimum wage of \$7.25/hr income for ONE person not to exceed the recommended 28% of your AFTER TAX income. That does not exist in this county in a safe way at this time.	7/4/2021 8:46 AM
161	Education and internet services	7/3/2021 5:17 PM
162	Richland county council crimes need to be investigated by sled.	7/3/2021 4:49 PM
163	We don't need anymore housing here in richland county (lower richland area) we need more schools, more money towards schools, raises for teachers. No money needs to go to housing, money needs to go to the schools in the area.	7/3/2021 12:59 PM
164	Overdevelopment in Lower Richland poses the risk of overwhelming available infrastructure- school s, roads etc	7/3/2021 10:47 AM
165	The homeless camps scattered around Richland county, specifically in SE/Lower Richland should be a priority. There is zero reason to prop up the zip codes that do not have this issue.	7/2/2021 4:00 PM
166	Crime prevention, more police and courts to process criminals	7/2/2021 3:36 PM
167	Small businesses that managed to keep their doors open. I mean small businesses that only have one location. This includes franchise owners, not corporate owners.	7/2/2021 1:47 PM
168	There is a lack of housing for all the new people coming to the area. Assistance with getting more houses built over the next year will help grow the county	7/2/2021 1:11 PM
169	More affordable housing units are needed	7/2/2021 12:06 PM
170	Rehab for older homes and removal of trailers that should be condemned	7/2/2021 11:37 AM
171	Homelessness and people directly affected by COVID to find safe available shelters to help get back on feet is my main concern.	7/2/2021 9:22 AM