



COVID Response Task Force Blue Ribbon Committee Recovery Solutions

Created to evaluate challenges and identify low-cost, high-impact recovery solutions that use ARPA monies.

The CRTF will allow the City of Portsmouth to “build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity.”



Critical Areas of Need For the Portsmouth Community Post COVID Include:

- **Transportation**
- **Mental Health**
- **Workforce Shortage**
- **Childcare**
- **Housing**
- **Substance Misuse**



High Impact -Low Cost Solutions

- Provide funding to the Community Resource Network to make the website more user friendly
- Work with the recreation department to help provide scholarships to summer programs for kids and teens and to expand programming for seniors
- Create and fund a position to coordinate school and community services to help support youth and families
- Create a streamlined process to help support the non-profits that already exist
- Create a transportation think tank that could consider buying vans to share between PHA, recreation department, school department etc.



High Impact -Low Cost Solutions

- Gas & Uber/Lyft vouchers to facilitate transportation to after school programs, mental health appointments, jobs, groceries, childcare
- Provide scholarships for CDL licenses and early childhood education certificate programs
- Support the recommendation of the department of health to set aside money to target the needs of the Portsmouth community
- Fund Library book mobile
- Further investigate how to support seniors and individuals with developmental disabilities in our community; create a position that coordinates senior services with PHA
- Support programs for affordable housing