

# **Town of Acton ARPA Investment Priorities Community Feedback Survey**

Thursday, October 14, 2021

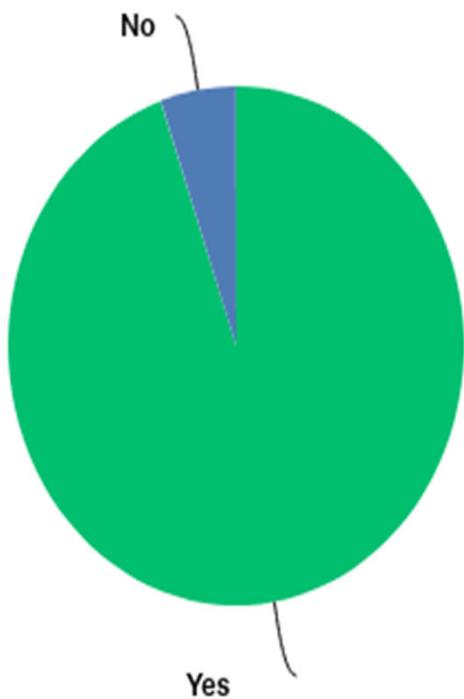
**417**

Total Responses

## Q1: Are you an Acton resident?

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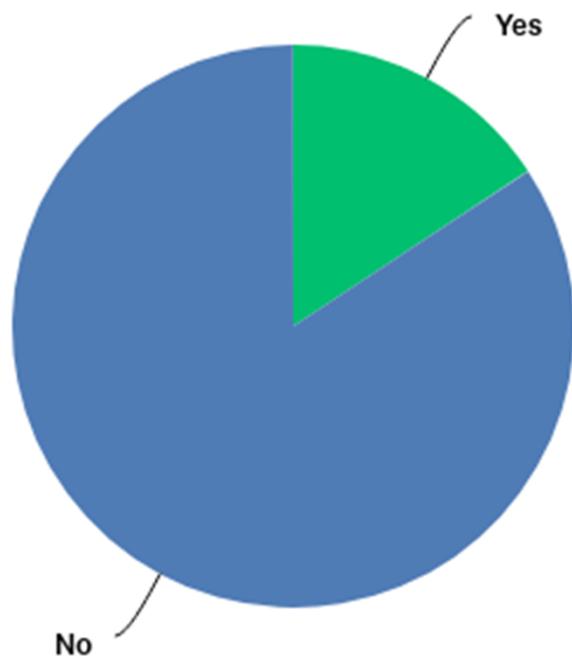


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.63%	388
No	5.37%	22
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>410</b>

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## Q2: Do you own or operate a business or non-profit in Acton?

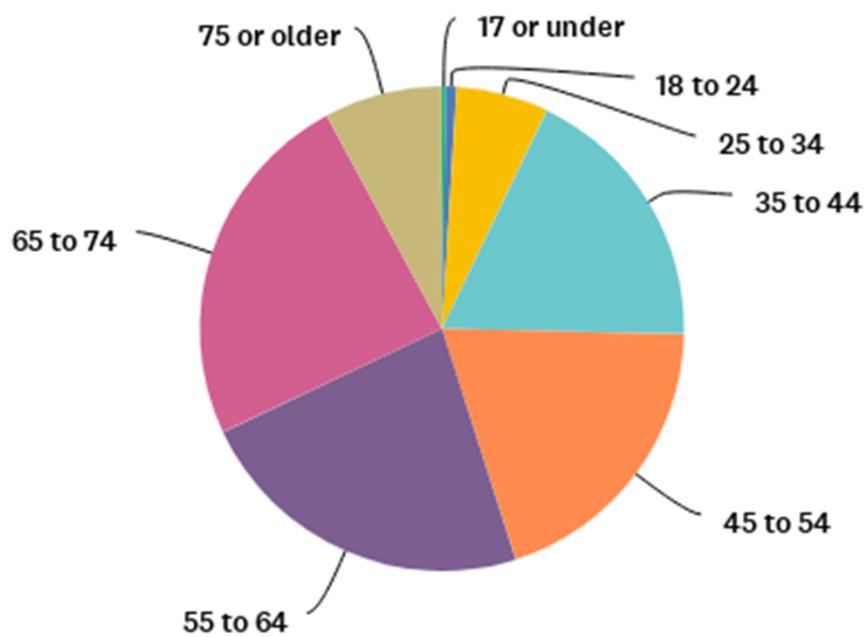
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	15.72%
No	84.28%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>407</b>

## Q3: What is your age?

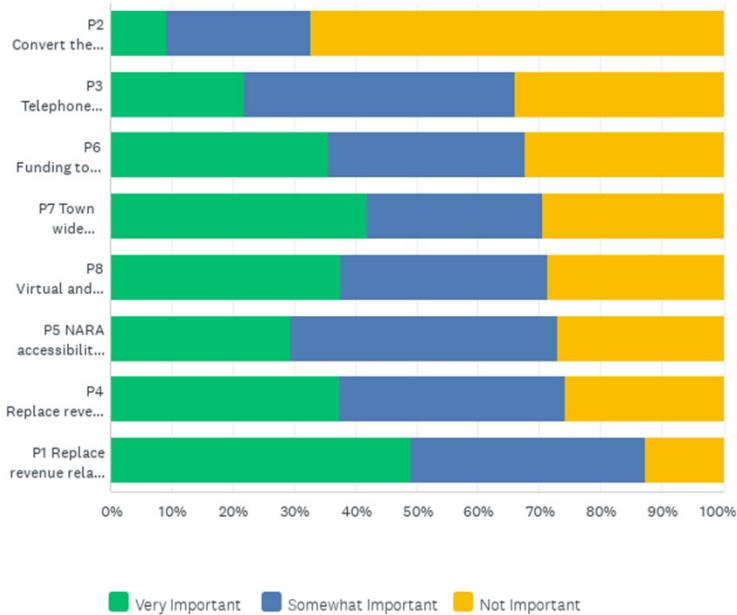
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
17 or under	0.25%
18 to 24	0.74%
25 to 34	6.16%
35 to 44	18.23%
45 to 54	19.70%
55 to 64	22.91%
65 to 74	24.14%
75 or older	7.88%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>406</b>

## Q4: Revenue Replacement

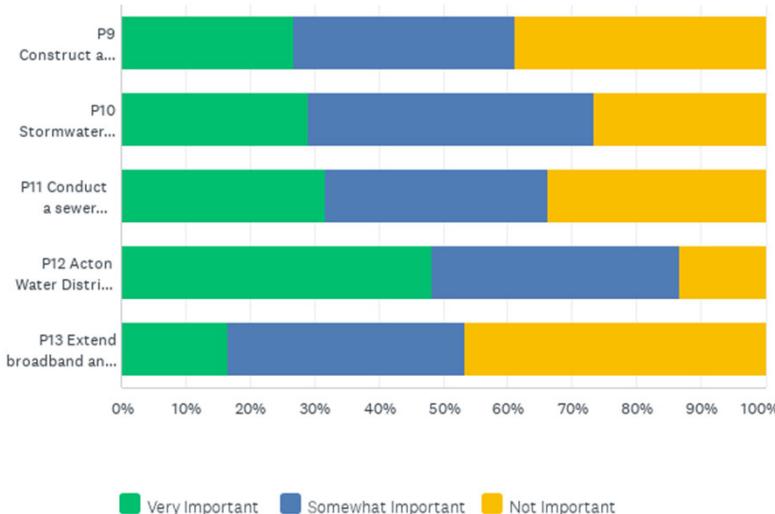
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	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL
P2 Convert the historic Asa Parlin House and surrounding infrastructure into an ADA compliant Community/Cultural center \$1,000,000	9.14% (35)	23.50% (90)	67.36% (258)	383
P3 Telephone system upgrade to integrate with new school (ABRSD Request) \$595,000	21.83% (81)	44.20% (164)	33.96% (126)	371
P6 Funding to acquire new open spaces and improve existing open spaces \$250,000	35.55% (139)	32.23% (126)	32.23% (126)	391
P7 Town wide Sustainability initiatives such as an electric vehicle pilot program for public safety, constructing solar arrays, and energy efficiency improvements to public facilities to advance efforts towards achieving net zero carbon emissions \$200,000	42.01% (163)	28.61% (111)	29.38% (114)	388
P8 Virtual and hybrid meeting technology support \$25,000	37.63% (143)	33.68% (128)	28.68% (109)	380
P5 NARA accessibility improvements such as replacing the damaged boardwalk at NARA park with an ADA compliant and new ADA compliant walkways \$400,000	29.40% (112)	43.57% (166)	27.03% (103)	381
P4 Replace revenue related to FY21 Kindergarten/Extended Day revenue shortfalls (ABRSD Request) \$425,000	37.40% (144)	36.88% (142)	25.71% (99)	385
P1 Replace revenue related to FY21 local receipt shortfall to deliver services in FY22 \$400,000	49.07% (185)	38.20% (144)	12.73% (48)	377

## Q5: Water Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure

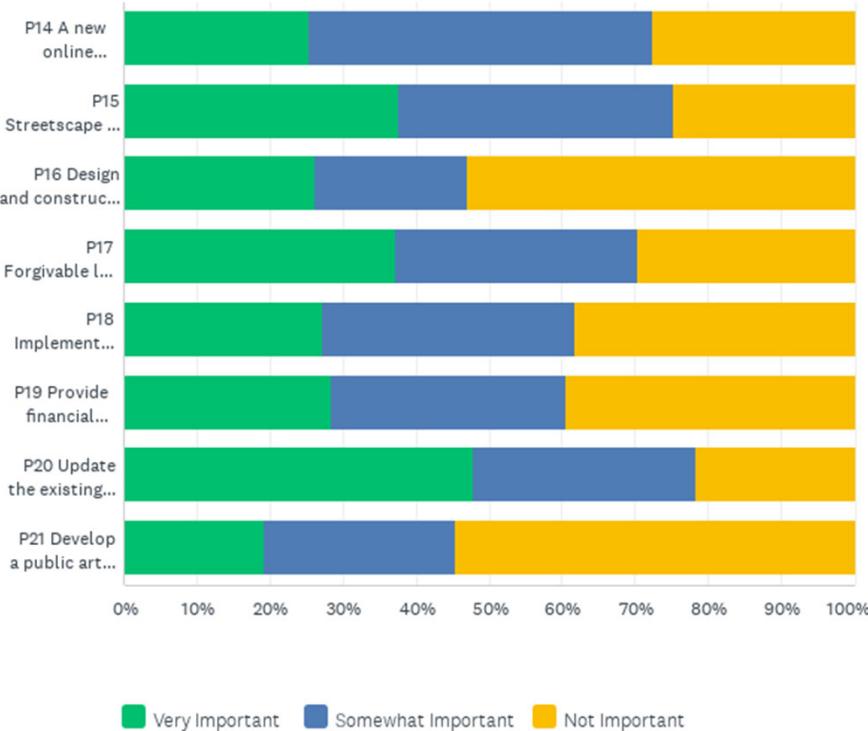
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		VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL
P9	Construct a sewer main extension to the Acton Housing Authority site at 364 Main Street \$2,000,000	26.87% 104	34.37% 133	38.76% 150	387
P10	Stormwater improvements at Fort Pond Brook related to the River Street dam \$500,000	29.07% 109	44.27% 166	26.67% 100	375
P11	Conduct a sewer feasibility study along the Great Road Corridor to support existing businesses and create new economic development opportunities in this commercial district \$400,000	31.69% 122	34.55% 133	33.77% 130	385
P12	Acton Water District water main upgrades in Kelley's Corner (AWD Request) \$100,000	48.31% 186	38.44% 148	13.25% 51	385
P13	Extend broadband and utility service along Quarry Road \$70,000	16.62% 62	36.73% 137	46.65% 174	373

## Q6: Address Negative Economic Impacts

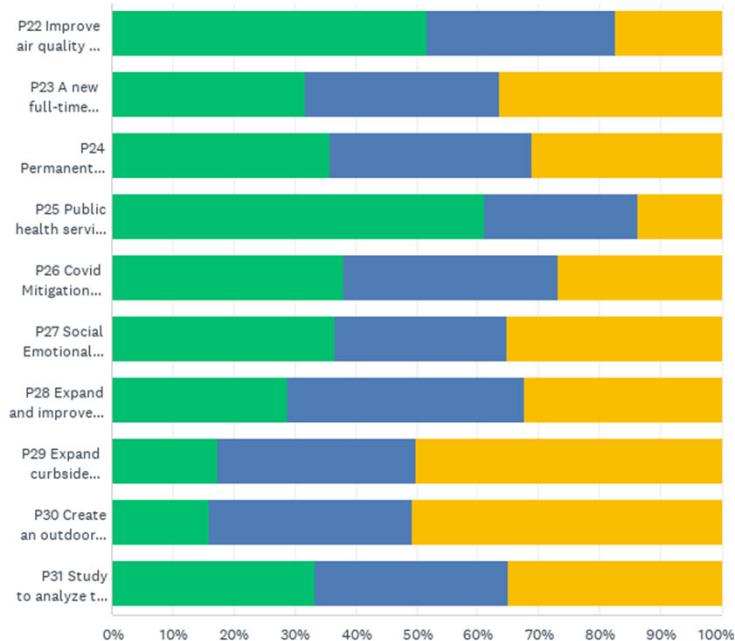
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	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL
P14 A new online permitting system to streamline the building, health, conservation and planning permits to improve services and transparency \$450,000	25.33% 96	46.97% 178	27.70% 105	379
P15 Streetscape and parking improvements along Massachusetts Avenue and improvements to the Gardner Field in West Acton Center to help small businesses attract and retain customers \$400,000	37.63% 146	37.63% 146	24.74% 96	388
P16 Design and construct community recreation facilities including a dog park at 362 Main Street \$200,000	26.21% 103	20.87% 82	52.93% 208	393
P17 Forgivable loan programs to make it easier and more cost effective for residents and businesses to implement energy efficiency upgrades and reduce carbon emissions \$100,000	37.28% 145	33.16% 129	29.56% 115	389
P18 Implement recommendations from the Local Rapid Recovery Program to support businesses along the Great Road Corridor, including wayfinding signage and shared marketing signage \$100,000	27.30% 104	34.38% 131	38.32% 146	381
P19 Provide financial incentives for businesses to install EV chargers in locations that would attract customers to frequent local businesses \$40,000	28.35% 110	32.22% 125	39.43% 153	388
P20 Update the existing Complete Street Plan to improve infrastructure for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists \$35,000	47.94% 186	30.41% 118	21.65% 84	388
P21 Develop a public art plan and include public art in community spaces to help encourage pedestrian activity in business districts \$25,000	19.17% 74	26.17% 101	54.66% 211	386

## Q7: Support Public Health Response

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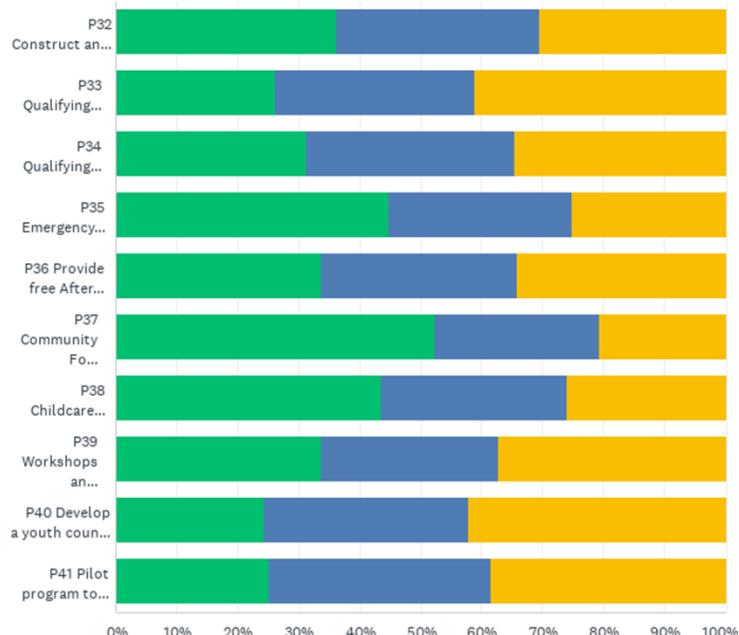


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P22 Improve air quality in public facilities by improving HVAC systems \$500,000	51.82% 199	30.73% 118	17.45% 67	384
P23 A new full-time licensed social worker position to support Acton residents and help oversee social service programs \$300,000	31.70% 123	31.96% 124	36.34% 141	388
P24 Permanent Outdoor Learning Spaces for 6 schools (ABRSD Request) \$255,000	35.75% 138	33.16% 128	31.09% 120	386
P25 Public health services and supplies in response to the Covid19 pandemic (vaccine, PPE, testing, contact tracing, etc.) \$200,000	61.14% 236	25.13% 97	13.73% 53	386
P26 Covid Mitigation Measures such as Graduation, AP Exams, Tents, Tables, Chairs for April 2021 Return to School (ABRSD Request) \$102,000	37.96% 145	35.34% 135	26.70% 102	382
P27 Social Emotional Screener & Curriculum (ABRSD Request) \$63,750	36.55% 140	28.20% 108	35.25% 135	383
P28 Expand and improve outreach to increase access to public health information and services \$50,000	28.84% 109	38.89% 147	32.28% 122	378
P29 Expand curbside services at the Memorial Library and West Acton Citizen's Library to enhance literacy opportunities \$40,000	17.36% 67	32.64% 126	50.00% 193	386
P30 Create an outdoor meeting space next to Town Hall to facilitate outdoor customer service interactions and staff meetings \$40,000	15.89% 61	33.33% 128	50.78% 195	384
P31 Study to analyze the Town's COVID-19 response and create a best practices manual for emergency management response \$25,000	33.33% 128	31.77% 122	34.90% 134	384

## Q8: Equity Focused Services

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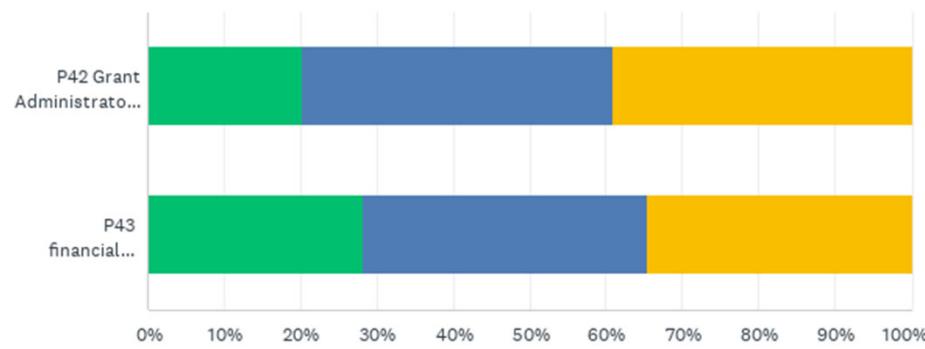
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	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL
P32 Construct and rehabilitate affordable housing units in Acton for individuals and families \$500,000	36.13% 142	33.33% 131	30.53% 120	393
P33 Qualifying grants for tuition free ADK based on income level over 3 years (ABRSD Request) \$510,000	26.12% 99	32.72% 124	41.16% 156	379
P34 Qualifying grants for tuition free Extended Day Programming based on income level over 3 years (ABRSD Request) \$510,000	31.27% 121	34.11% 132	34.63% 134	387
P35 Emergency Rental Assistance program to assist households that are unable to pay rent \$300,000	44.76% 175	30.18% 118	25.06% 98	391
P36 Provide free After School Tutoring Program over 2 years (ABRSD Request) \$85,000	33.68% 130	32.12% 124	34.20% 132	386
P37 Community Food Program Mar-Jun 2021 (ABRSD Request) \$78,200	52.34% 201	27.08% 104	20.57% 79	384
P38 Childcare subsidy program to assist qualified families at or below 80% of the Area Median Income \$75,000	43.59% 170	30.51% 119	25.90% 101	390
P39 Workshops and programs related to mental health, equity and empathy \$25,000	33.77% 130	29.09% 112	37.14% 143	385
P40 Develop a youth council program to facilitate youth engagement in local government and provide expanded opportunities for participation in decisions being made at the local level \$25,000	24.29% 94	33.59% 130	42.12% 163	387
P41 Pilot program to provide a universal access program that ensures equal access to public recreational facilities by providing specialized equipment, programs and techniques \$25,000	25.19% 97	36.36% 140	38.44% 148	385

## Q9: Administration

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	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL
P42 Grant Administrator/Procurement Officer to support the management of the ARPA funding and other federal and state grant programs for three years \$275,000	20.16% 76	40.85% 154	38.99% 147	377
P43 financial consulting and audit services to ensure compliance \$25,000	28.31% 107	37.04% 140	34.66% 131	378



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