ARPA Community Survey Results

Presented to the Greene County Commission

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Community Survey

▶ The purpose of the survey was to gauge what issues community members perceived as being high priority for the county to address using American Rescue Plan Act funding. The survey provided an opportunity for the county to capture a snapshot of important issues.

▶ Respondents were directed to select up to 5 out of the 22 eligible ARPA funding categories listed. The 22 categories reference the 7 expenditure categories provided by the United States Department of the Treasury. Respondents were also asked to provide what part of Greene County they were from. Finally, respondents were given the opportunity to specify other community needs.

Greene County Results

▶ With a total of 1,717 responses, the top 10 response categories are ranked below:

1. **Public Health, Mental Health Services - 834 Responses**

2. **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities, Housing Support: Affordable Housing - 531 Responses**

3. **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities, Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons - 528 Responses**

4. **Public Health, Vaccination - 526 Responses**

5. **Negative Economic Impacts, Small Business Economic Assistance - 485 Responses**

Greene County Results Continued

6. **Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Non-profit Organizations - 418 Responses**

7. **Negative Economic Impacts, Household Food Programs - 390 Responses**

8. **Infrastructure, Broadband - 370 Responses**

9. **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities, Healthy Childhood Environments: Childcare - 364 Responses**

10. **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities, Health Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth - 339 Responses**

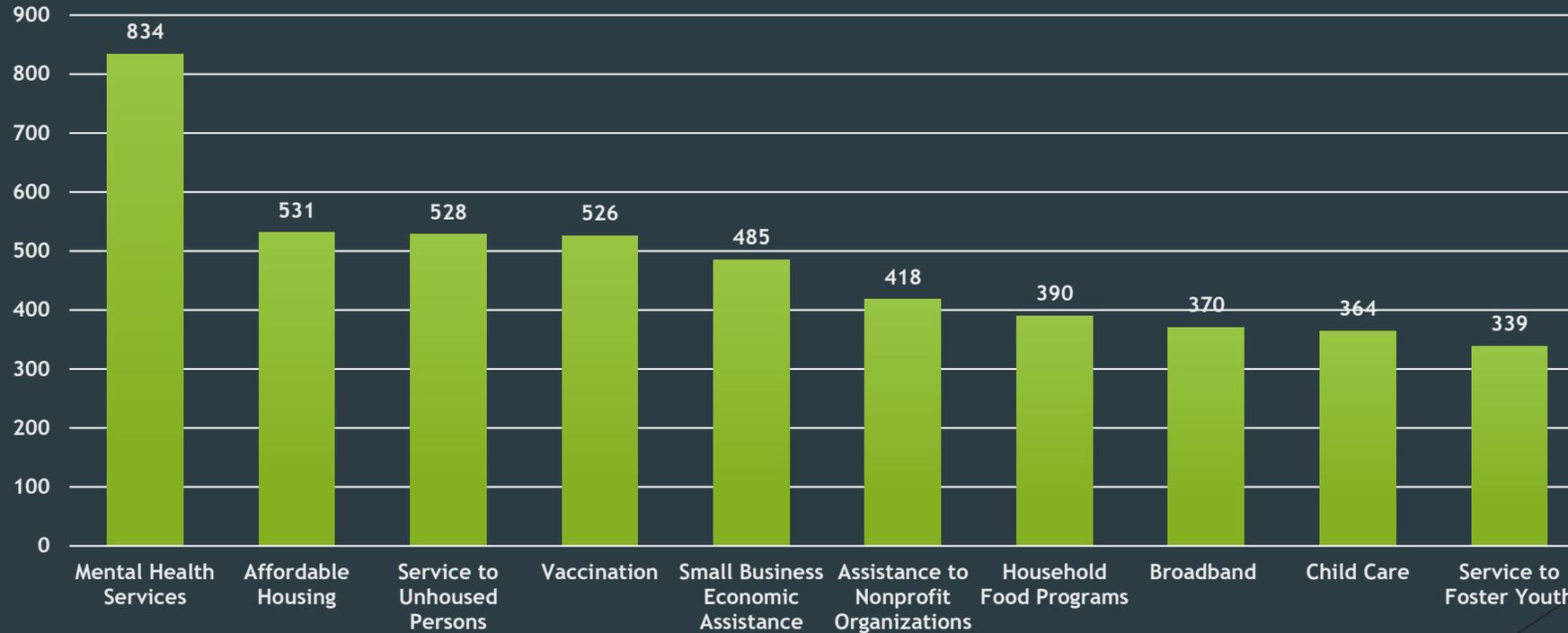# How the Top Categories Align with the Treasury's Expenditure Categories

1. **Public Health – 1.10 Mental Health Services**

2. **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities - 3.10 Housing Support: Affordable Housing**

3. **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities - 3.11 Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons**

4. **Public Health - 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination**

5. **Negative Economic Impacts - 2.9 Small Business Economic Assistance (General)**

How the Top Categories Align with the Treasury's Expenditure Categories Continued

6. **Negative Economic Impacts - 2.10 Aid to Non-profit Organizations**

7. **Negative Economic Impacts - 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs**

8. **Infrastructure - 5.16 Broadband: "Last Mile" Projects**

9. **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities - 3.6 Healthy Childhood Environments: Childcare**

10. **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities - 3.8 Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System**

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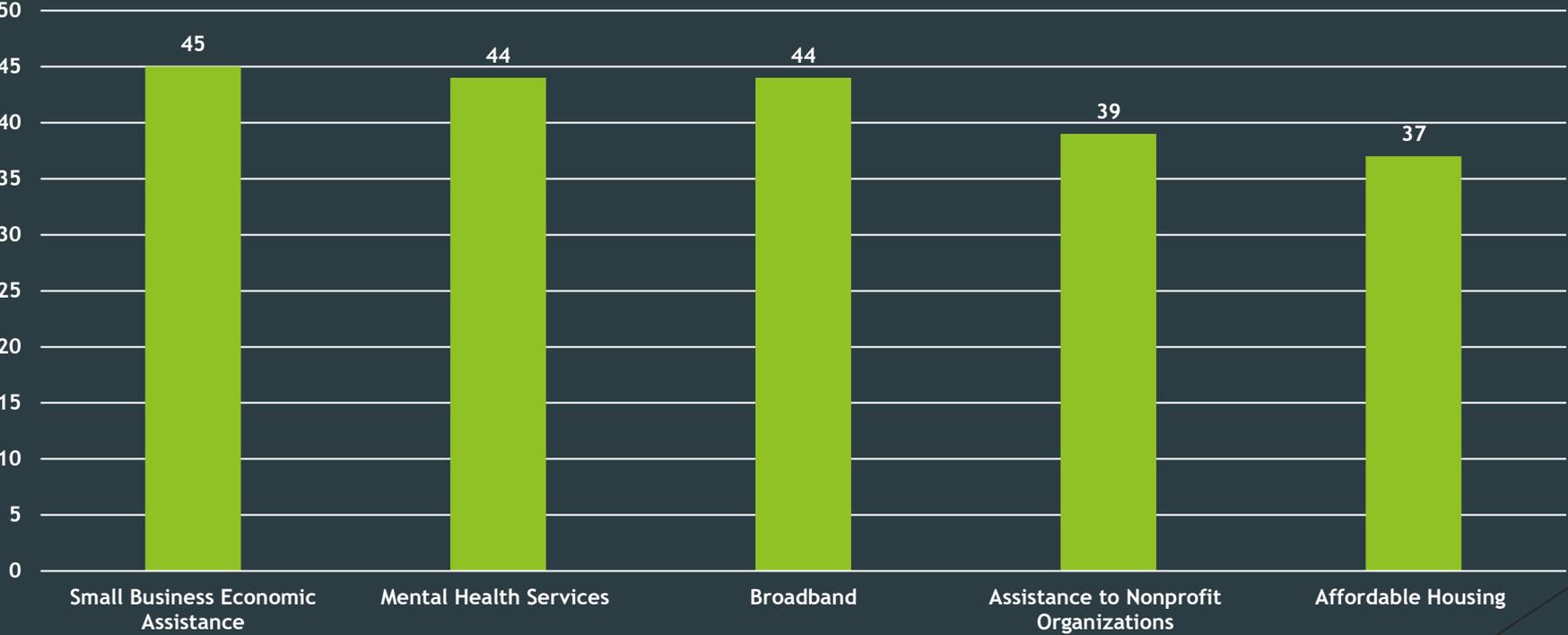

Top 10 Community Survey Responses (1,719 Participants)

Category	Value
Mental Health Services	834
Affordable Housing	531
Service to Unhoused Persons	528
Vaccination	526
Small Business Economic Assistance	485
Assistance to Nonprofit Organizations	418
Household Food Programs	390
Broadband	370
Child Care	364
Service to Foster Youth	339

Springfield vs Other Municipalities and Unincorporated Areas

Springfield Responses (1,107)

Expenditure Category	Response Total
Mental Health Services	589 (53%)
Service to Unhoused Persons	405 (37%)
Affordable Housing	396 (36%)
Vaccination	360 (33%)
Small Business Economic Assistance	289 (26%)
Household Food Programs	282 (25%)
Assistance to Nonprofit Organizations	279 (25%)
Child Care	245 (22%)
Substance Use Services	228 (21%)
Job Training Assistance	202 (18%)

Outside of Springfield Responses (612)

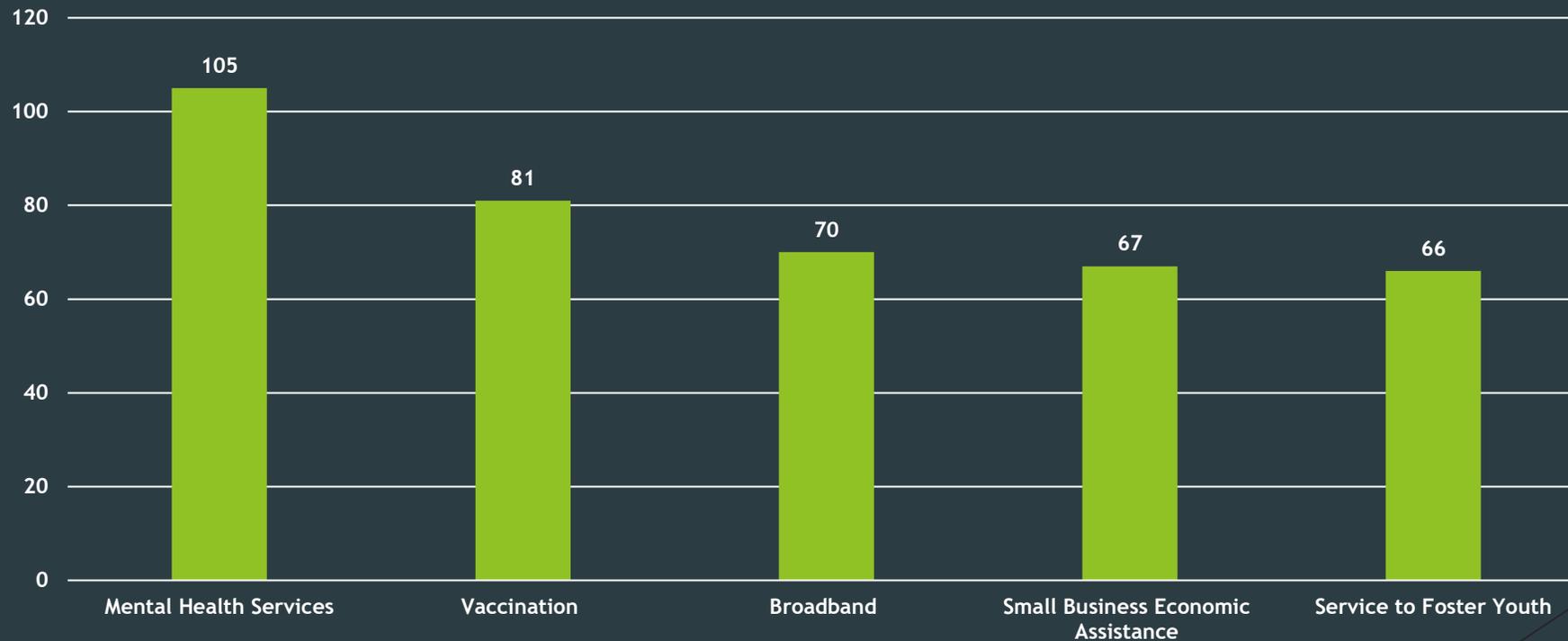| Expenditure Category	Response Total
Mental Health Services	245 (40%)
Small Business Economic Assistance	196 (32%)
Broadband	190 (31%)
Vaccination	166 (27%)
Services to Foster Youth	142 (23%)
Assistance to Nonprofit Organizations	139 (23%)
Affordable Housing	135 (22%)
Job Training Assistance	126 (21%)
Water and Sewer	125 (20%)
Service to Unhoused Persons	123 (20%)

Republic Results

Top Responses - Republic (114 Participants)

Category	Value
Small Business Economic Assistance	45
Mental Health Services	44
Broadband	44
Assistance to Nonprofit Organizations	39
Affordable Housing	37

Next Steps…

▶ Continue needs assessment process by conducting additional non-profit listening sessions. 3 remain

▶ Construct the narrative for the ARPA Needs Assessment Report using the survey results, listening sessions, CFO Community Focus Report, Forward SGF Report, and Greene County census data

▶ Present Needs Assessment Draft to Commission by November 1st

▶ Needs Assessment will assist Commission in Final Priorities / ARPA Application Process.

▶ Funding Allocations – ARPA next phase implementation