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Jay County Community Engagement Plan

Overview and Purpose

The purpose of the Jay County Community Engagement Plan is to improve and strengthen communication and engagement with our community in regards of how to use the money that is flowing into the community. This document will serve as a guide for Jay County for planning, strategizing, implementing, and documenting community engagement activities for the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP). This plan has been developed by the Jay County Community Coordinator and HELP Core Team to provide a foundation for future efforts to maintain and improve the community aspirations in a coordinated and collaborative way.

For Jay County, effective communication means improving public access to timely, accurate, and helpful information about the County and its services; providing a variety of easy, accessible, and meaningful ways to engage with the County, and promoting transparency in the County's decision-making process and outcomes in regards of how to spend and use the American Rescue Plan Act funds along with additional private funds the County may be receiving which may affect the daily lives of our Jay County community. The main goal of the Community Engagement Plan is to ensure that the residents of Jay County have a voice in how the ARPA funds and contribute to the process. It will be important that the residents also understand how and why the decisions were made concerning the ARPA funds. It will be essential that the HELP Core Team, County Commissioners, and County Council consult and engage with the public to understand their interests, issues, opinions, perspectives, and factors in the plan and decisions concerning the ARPA funds. If we are successful, we will have:

Encourage informed participation. With providing trustable and pertinent information consistently, the County establishes trustworthy discussion which empowers the entire county to be involved and engaged in the HELP initiative.

A solid understanding of the public's value and ideas. Successful and effective public engagement can provide a diversity of collective views about ideas on how to use the ARPA funds from a broader range of the community.

Demonstrated the value of County services. The more the community knows about the connection between the services the County provides and the quality of life throughout the county, as well as the issues that the county government solves for the community, they will get a better understanding

what the ARPA funds may need to be used for. By promoting the County accomplishments and future plans, we can develop a positive reputation for the County and build community support and confidence in the work the County performs regarding the county's needs.

Improved County decision-making and actions. The community adds a vital dimension to our decision-making process on how the ARPA funds should be used by the County. They add a significant perspective to enrich the County's thinking and planning. This knowledge, merged into the local decision-making, helps ensure that the decisions we make are optimal for the community and best fit the current and future conditions and needs.

Higher rates of community participation and leadership development. By offering various meaningful opportunities for people to take part in the HELP process, the County wants to encourage well-rounded participation and community ownership in the decision-making process. These opportunities will provide knowledge, a sense of belonging, and confidence in the local government to the future civic and community leaders.

Build more trust in each other and in local government. Excellent communication and meaningful public engagement will enhance understanding and respect between the community and the County. It will encourage and provide confidence that problems can be solved together with all stakeholders involved in the process. By making community engagement a precedence, with identifying opportunities to integrate community feedback during the HELP process, we can build a greater trust and confidence in our County.

Stimulated a vibrant economy, attracted & retained skilled and happy employees, and improved our services. A positive County outlook will draw visitors, residents, businesses, and employees to a community, which will ultimately strengthen the County services.

These outcomes will help us facilitate our mission to "to enhance the residents of Jay County by working together to continue building a high quality of life, a vibrant region to work, play, live, and do business."

COUNTY OF JAY

Mission

To enhance the residents of Jay County by working together to continue building a high quality of life, a vibrant county to work, play, live, and do business.

Vision

To foster a vibrant, prosperous, and growing county by working together.

Values

Belonging and participation – the whole community has an equal opportunity to be involved

Respect – different views, backgrounds and ideas are all worthy of respect

Empowerment – building the capacity of vulnerable groups to participate and contribute in decision making.

Collective action – doing things together that make a difference.

Communication – open and honest dialogue; acknowledging different needs and building trust

Sustainability – looking to our future and acknowledging that we are caretakers of our community for coming generations.



What is Community Engagement?

Community engagement is the process of working collaboratively with community groups to address issues that impact the well-being of those groups. It seeks to better engage the community to achieve long-term and sustainable outcomes, processes, relationships, discourse, decision-making, and/or implementation. *

*Sources: Penn State Center for Economic and Community Development and Financial Times Lexicon

It is essential that the engagement level is part of the planning process for the use of ARPA funds and to determine what type of conversation is needed between the County and the residents in the county.

Understanding the difference between “informing”, which is a one-way flow of communicating information to the community, and “involving” which is a two-way conversation where community feedback is encouraged.

Previous Community Engagement Efforts

Jay County was previously a Stellar Finalist in 2019. During that time the region had collected over 800 community input surveys and held 42 public meetings for the business owners, building owners, public participants, and various other stakeholders in the Jay County region. In addition, there was a public open house where 1,331 surveys regarding project prioritization was collected.

Engagement Goals and Objectives

Advancing e-Connectivity

Goal: To engage the community for program or project types relating to the increasing or improving access services, promoting digital inclusion, and supporting businesses and organizations that focus on broadband access and technological innovation for the Jay County residents.

Objectives:

- Present the public with a variety of eligible projects that relate to e-Connectivity and ask participants to provide a list of their top priorities.
- Engage the public on the needs regarding affordable broadband for the residents of Jay County.
- Ask participants to rate the need of advancing e-Connectivity in comparison to enhancing quality of place, promoting community wellness, and strengthening local economies.

Enhancing Quality of Place

Goal: To engage the community for program or project types focusing on improvements to the built environment and community infrastructure by enhancing the quality of life in Jay County.

Objectives:

- Present the public with a variety of eligible projects that relate to quality of place for Jay County and ask participants to provide a list of their top priorities.
- Engage the public on the county's infrastructure needs and challenges relating to quality of place.
- Plan for continued growth and development that improves the County's overall quality of life and economic viability.
- Ask participants to rate the need of enhancing the quality of place in comparison to advancing e-Connectivity, promoting community wellness, and strengthening local economies.

Promoting Community Wellness

Goal: To engage the community for program or project types that will expand and improve infrastructure and initiatives related to the Jay County residents by promoting community wellness.

Objectives:

- Present the public with a variety of eligible projects that relate to community wellness and ask participants to provide a list of their top priorities.
- Engage the public on community wellness needs and challenges for the residents of Jay County.
- Ask participants to rate the role of community wellness in comparison to advancing e-Connectivity, enhancing quality of place, and strengthening local economies.

Strengthening Local Economies

Goal: To engage the community that will help Jay County grow and support robust entrepreneurship cultivation through innovative programs or capital investments.

Objectives:

- Present the public with a variety of eligible projects that relate to strengthening and supporting local economies and ask participants to provide a list of their top priorities.
- Engage the public on the needs and challenges of local businesses within Jay County.
- Ask participants to rate the role of strengthening local economies in comparison to advancing e-connectivity, enhancing the quality of place, and promoting community wellness.

Risks, Challenges, and Mitigation Strategies

Risks

When beginning the community engagement process, the Core Team and local government officials will have their own fears for impending risks. For the Pathway committees involved in the community engagement process, there can be a fear of getting an answer that they might not agree with during the discussions.

Examples of Risks:

- Public criticism
- Hostile, inappropriate, illegal, and disrespectful conversations
- Community may have unrealistic goals and projects
- Difficulty in engaging diverse groups or lack of participation

- Over enthusiastic participation
- Making sure the data is complete and accurate
- Access to digital communication
- Computer literacy
- Impact of projects
- Cost and availability of resources
- Predestined outcome/bias
- Lack of reasonable time available for engagement
- Engaging after a decision has been made
- Diverse or conflicting views

Challenges

There are numerous challenges in community engagement, both internal and external. Some of these challenges can overcome through effective resourcing and a comprehensive and timely approach with continual reviewing of the risks and challenges.

- **Resources**-The Jay Region website will be used as an engagement platform for the residents of Jay County. The Jay Region website will be the hub for the HELP Dashboard.
www.jayregion.com
- **Flexibility**-Planning for flexibility will be vital for the HELP process as stakeholders may challenge and question the purpose and scope of the process or require more information and time to construct project ideas.
- **Accessibility**-It will be important for the Core Team and the Community Coordinator to use different forms or modes of communication for the various groups of stakeholders with using various locations within the County to hold community forums, events, or meetings. To minimize scheduling barriers, it will be essential that strategies such as surveying the stakeholders to determine the availability, with holding events at different times and days of the week.
- **Representativeness**-It will be important for the Core Team and Community Coordinator to be able to explain how the projects are representative of Jay County. During the community engagement process building relationships, community learning, and deliberation will be as essential as surveying the residents of Jay County.

- **Equity-** It will be crucial that all voices are heard and that the chosen projects are exemplified of the entire county. Surveys and questionnaires listed on the HELP Dashboard will help to determine if we are reaching all parts of the county.
- **Summarizing Sentiment-**It will be equally vital for the Core team and local government officials to respect the community and take the time to measure and understand their responses as well as provide sincere feedback. It that will be essential that the Core Team and Community Coordinator conduct brief follow-up surveys among those who participated in community forums, meetings, and events.
- **Consultation Fatigue-**It will be essential for the Core Team, Jay County elected officials, and Pathway Committee members to balance participation with an acceptable level of engagement for Jay County residents with providing a variety of ways to engage and keep interest.
- **Disillusionment-**The Core team and the local government officials will need to create a culture of learning, giving consistent feedback and direct communication to the residents of Jay County concerning the projects that are suggested for the ARPA funds. It will be essential that all parties involved make time to discuss their values and priorities when determining which projects move forward.
- **Governance-**The Core team will provide timely and accurate updates via social media, the HELP dashboard on the Jay Region website, in the local newspaper, and on the local radio station for the Jay County residents. The projects for the ARPA funds will be suggested by the community and the Pathway Committees. The final decision regarding if the projects will move forward will ultimately be determined by the Jay County Commissioners and County Council.
- **Community Building-** The Core Team and the Jay County elected officials will foster connections among the Jay County residents to create an atmosphere that offers a collective space for experience sharing where we all can learn from each other. This will empower the residents to where they can be a great source of motivation, inspiration, learning, and support for HELP and the Pathway committees. Community building will also help the residents and the Jay County elected officials to build and strengthen the trust and loyalty between the two.

Mitigation Strategies

To reach a diverse and broad range of the community the mitigation strategies Jay County plans to implement the following strategies that demonstrate best practices for public engagement and stakeholder involvement to reduce the risks:

- Provide numerous opportunities for public involvement aimed for the residents of Jay County with a mix of experience and interest. Opportunities would include written notification and learning through videos or podcasts as well as engaging through public meetings and forums for stakeholders.
- Informing the residents of Jay County through one-way communication such as post cards, social media posts, newspaper articles, and radio advertising. This will ensure that the public knows of the planning process and what they can expect out of it.
- Promoting two-way communication where the residents of Jay County, the Core team, and Pathway committees could learn directly from each other. This could occur through public forums, surveys and questionnaires sent out for public responses. When there is increase community buy-in the result will be that the public sees their input as being valuable to the planning process.
- Allow sufficient time to plan and prepare engagement activities and incorporate feedback.
- Be clear about what the ARPA funds can and cannot be used for, the resources that are available to the County, the negotiable and non-negotiables for the process, and knowing the engagement is about the future projects for Jay County.
- Listen to what the residents of Jay County suggest for projects and allow time to understand the projects and respond appropriately to the different views and opinions.
- Be prepared to listen to anger and conflict from the residents of Jay County.
- Understand that not all residents will be engaged in the planning process.
- Use of mix methods, qualitative and quantitative data.
- Understand the socio-demographic characteristics of the county.
- Take the time to build relationships that are trustworthy and meaningful.



Guiding Principles

The County of Jay wants to enhance the opportunities to effectively inform and fully engage the community.

As the Core Team and Pathway Committees, we:

- Accept the responsibility to communicate effectively with the stakeholders of the county.
- Provide timely, accurate, helpful, and easily accessible information through platforms and methods designed to reach the stakeholders of the county.
- Deliver consistent and helpful messages about HELP and the use of funds within the county.
- Commit to use the ARPA funds in a sustainable manner for the benefit of the entire county.
- Commit to working with stakeholders to build creative, innovative, and resilient communities where people feel able and encouraged to participate in the life of the county.
- Commit to strengthening and enhancing the county so it is sustainable and reflective of our unique culture.
- Use the community engagement opportunities to strengthen the County's decision-making and actions regarding the ARPA funds through deepened understanding of the community needs.
- Utilize the strategic plan to proactively help the community members understand how and why decisions were made.

Our Commitment

To attain our vision **to foster a vibrant, prosperous, and growing county by working together**, we need the community's input by engaging the public to help us create a plan that is rooted in community values but helps us prioritize projects and gain additional buy-in support from the community when it is time to implement these projects and ideas.

Level of Engagement

A. INFORM

It will be important to provide the public with an overview of the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP) and what it entails during the 52-week process. The County and the Core Team will be transparent and timely in sharing information and updates with the public.

B. CONSULT

It will be vital for the county officials and the Core team to hear public suggestions for projects for the use of the ARPA funds from the public and Pathway Committees. The county officials and Core team will also need to hear the public's feedback regarding suggested projects. The Core Team and the county officials will need to keep the public informed and updated through the entirety of the process. As well as collect and consider the feedback given by the public along with demonstrating how the public input and Pathway Committees influenced the decision of how to use ARPA funds.

C. INVOLVE

The county officials and Core team will need to work directly with the public and Pathway Committees to ensure that public concerns and ideas are consistently understood, considered, and heard with being reflected in the planning process. It will be vital that the county officials let the public know how they used their feedback and ideas to influence the decisions made for the ARPA funds.

D. COLLABORATE

Creating smaller groups such as the Pathway Committees will allow people from the public to be at the table with decision-makers for the ARPA funds. The Core team will take the Pathway Committees' perspectives, ideas, and recommendations on how to use the ARPA funds to the County Elected Officials for them to incorporate the projects suggested in the county's strategic plan.

E. EMPOWER

Giving the public opportunities to be involved with how to use the ARPA funds will give them a sense of empowerment as they are part of the HELP process. The HELP process allows their voice to be heard and take ownership by giving ideas and suggestions for using the ARPA funds. Communication will play a crucial role in ensuring community empowerment.

Negotiables and Non-negotiables

Negotiables are those elements that can change as a result of feedback and will be influenced by the engagement process. Non-negotiables are the elements that cannot change and are not able to be influenced by engagement process.

| Non-negotiables | Negotiables |
|---|---|
| Federal requirements on the ARPA funds must be followed. | The number of people that are part of the engagement process. |
| Jay County Commissioner and County Council have allocated a minimum of 1.3 million dollars to the HELP project. | The county could allocate more than the 1.3 million that have already allocated. |
| Projects must fit under one of the four pathways. | All projects may fit only under one of the four pathways. |
| Projects that will move forward will be determined by Jay County Commissioners and County Council. | The opportunity to work with the community to implement community-led and community-funded engagement activities for project ideas regarding the use of ARPA funds. |

Key Messages

1. The County values the residents and seeks their input and participation for HELP by “meeting the residents where they are”.
 - a. The County will update the residents with punctual, concise, and helpful updates and information through a variety of accessible formats including the Jay Region website, e-newsletter, and local media.
 - b. The Core team, county commissioners, and county council will be available via email, phone, and in-person to answer questions, discuss concerns, or provide information regarding HELP and the ARPA funds.
 - c. The Core team, county commissioners, and county council encourages community engagement by meeting where they are with utilizing a variety of tools including our HELP Dashboard on the Jay Region website, social media, public meetings, e-newsletter, and local media.
 - d. Build confidence in and strengthen the credibility of the county commissioners and county council members and its communications.
 - e. Encourage participation by continually offering a variety of ways to connect with the Core Team, county commissioners, and county council members.

2. The County wants to engage its residents with building awareness and support for HELP and project suggestions for the ARPA funds.
 - a. The Core team, county commissioners, and county council members will identify opportunities to engage personally with the residents of Jay County.
 - b. The Core team, county commissioners, and county council members will strengthen existing and build new community partnerships.
 - c. The County has the Core Team and Community Coordinator dedicated to assisting in the HELP process and to improve the accessibility to information regarding HELP with strengthening public engagement and participation.

3. Jay County and each community within Jay County bring unique characteristics and assets to the area that will be essential during HELP.
 - a. The communities all work with each other to compliment their individual strengths and leverage their assets for the benefit of the county.
 - b. There is a regional focus to where there are representatives throughout the county that successfully work together on projects and programs that better the county for the residents of Jay County.
 - c. Community members from Jay County have been collaborating for years and one of the first examples was the creation of the Jay County Development Corporation (JCDC) in 1985. This organization was dedicated to the economic growth of the community with funds and provides representation from each community within Jay County.
 - d. In 2000 a Community Developer position was created that has brought in over 20 million dollars' worth of projects that has benefited each community in Jay County throughout the years.
 - e. While working together, project priorities will be determined, and project impact will be discussed for each community.



Partnerships and Stakeholders

The County has three primary stakeholders that we engage regularly with:

A. The Community

This the County's largest group of stakeholders. The community includes the residents of Jay County, property owners, community groups, businesses, partners, and those who visit Jay County. The Community is essential to the success of the county efforts. Many of these groups will have different needs and may require diverse methods of communication. Each group will be identified in specific communication strategies developed by the HELP Core Team members.

B. The County Council and County Commissioners

The County Council's and County Commissioners ability to make decisions for Jay County in regard to the ARPA funding is directly related to the community input and recommendations that are given by the community. It is vital that the commissioners and the county council to request and value the community input and suggestions. The commissioners and county council will also need to provide feedback on the outcomes and decisions made regarding the ARPA funds.

C. Government Agencies & Other Elected Officials

The County's ability to successfully plan on how to use the ARPA funds will also rely on its relationships with other governmental agencies and elected officials. The County will need to collaborate with all the municipalities located in Jay County. Other intergovernmental partners include the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), and Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (ihcda).

UNDERSTANDING OUR KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Understanding our stakeholders will allow for clear communications during the community engagement process and meetings regarding the ARPA funds. Knowing who the stakeholders are and where they fit in during the HELP process is essential to understanding and effectively addressing their concerns, ideas, and suggestions during community engagement activities.

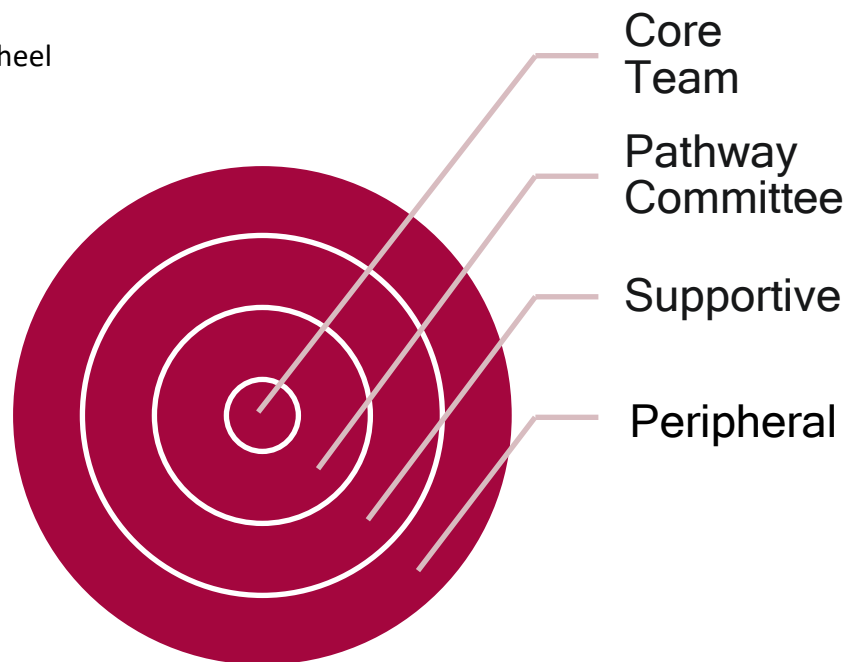
The key stakeholders will play an important role in the HELP process and the success of developing a strategic plan for the ARPA funds. Key stakeholders will help the county make strategic decisions and

offer a diversity of ideas for the ARPA funds. It will be essential for the county elected officials, the HELP core team, and Pathway Committees to know who the key stakeholders are.

There will be four levels of collaboration between the County and the stakeholders in the HELP process.

1. **Core Team**-They will be actively involved and participate in the decision-making during HELP. There will be strong partnership and collaboration between this group of stakeholders. It will be essential for these stakeholders to create a cohesiveness between the other levels of stakeholders by forming partnerships and build trust within the levels.
2. **Pathway Committees**-Their direct stake is contributing ideas and suggestions of how to use the ARPA funds. This group of stakeholders will be actively involved with HELP. This group has a vested interest and concern in the county.
3. **Supportive**-This level of stakeholders' care about HELP and the use of the ARPA funds and they will need to stay lightly engaged, receive updates regarding the process, and be a part of the community engagement activities. They will participate in HELP when called upon or requested for input.
4. **Peripheral**-The level of stakeholders are not actively involved in the process of HELP but still would like to receive information regarding the County and HELP. They want to still be aware of what is happening in the County and what the ARPA funds will be used for.

Stakeholder Mapping Wheel



Tools & Resources; Existing Communication Strategies in the Community and Current Engagement Methods

This section outlines the array of tools and resources that the County currently uses, and how often each is used, to communicate to the County's partners and stakeholders.

| Type | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Annually | As Needed/Regularly |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|----------|---------------------|
| Staff interaction with public | ✓ | | | | |
| Email notification | | | | | |
| Council Meetings | | | ✓ | | |
| Commissioner Meetings | | | | | ✓ |
| News Releases | | | | | ✓ |
| Community Meetings | | | | | ✓ |

Implementation and Community Engagement Activities

Based on community engagement training from Ball State University, Indiana Arts Commission (IAC), and OCRA below are the activities and programs to improve communication with, and engagement of, our community. Many of these activities or programs leverage existing resources.

ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY & BUILD AWARENESS/SUPPORT

The goal would be to encourage community involvement in the County's decision-making process regarding the ARPA funds but fostering personal interactions with the County officials, the HELP Core Team, the HELP Pathway Committees to maximize opportunities for community engagement.

The county would like to identify opportunities to engage personally with community members as well as increasing community awareness and support for the County initiatives. The County would also like to strengthen existing and build new community and state partnerships.

| Activities | Description | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Annually | As Needed/Regularly |
|------------------------------------|--|-------|--------|---------|----------|---------------------|
| Jay Region Website | www.jayregion.com The HELP Dashboard is located on this website. All information regarding HELP will be posted here. | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| Surveys | Surveys will be used for community input regarding HELP and the projects suggested from the Pathway Committees | | | | | ✓ |
| E-Newsletter | The e-Newsletter will be sent out bi-weekly or monthly by providing updates regarding HELP and future activities for community input. | | | ✓ | | |
| Social Media | Updates regarding HELP will be posted via Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. | | ✓ | | | |
| Community Forum | This event will include introductions to the University Partners, Office of Community Rural Affairs (OCRA) Staff, and Core Team. There will also be discussions regarding the Community Vision, Engagement Plans, University Initiatives, and Pathway Explanations | | | | ✓ | |
| Community Engagement Events | Will occur when there is more community input that is needed, than has been given from previous community engagement activities. | | | | | ✓ |

Evaluation, Measurement, Communication, and Transparency

Evaluation

To help the County to determine the effectiveness of its communications and engagement efforts, the HELP Community Coordinator will regularly evaluate

- Are we communicating as much as we should?
- Are we communicating the correct and most vital information, the information the public wants, and the information necessary to accomplish our mission?
- Are we using the most effective tools to communicate?
- Are we communicating in a timely manner?
- How can we communicate more consistently through various methods of communication?

Measurement

Some basic measures of success we will track will include level of engagement, experience and opinion, and media tracking.

Some of these metrics will include:

- HELP Jay Region website views, what pages were visited, completion of surveys
- Number of HELP e-newsletter subscriber, open rate, click-through and forward rates
- Followers, views, comments, or posts on social media
- Participants/Stakeholders-how did they react?
- Media Coverage-how much did we receive? Placement in the outlets? Audience of those placements? Were photos and visuals included? Picked up our key messages? We were quoted. Did the coverage focus on the County's initiative or was it incidental to the story?
- Survey returns and results
- Public inquires-how many letters, calls, or emails did we receive on the topic of HELP and ARPA funds? What was said and what was asked?
- Attendance at community engagement events, The Community Forum, and county council and commissioner meetings regarding the ARPA funds.

Communication & Transparency

The Core Team will effectively communicate the information regarding HELP to the public in a timely manner via the local radio station, local paper, and posted on the HELP Dashboard on the Jay Region website. The Core Team will also be responsible for scheduling meetings and community engagement activities with providing the meeting times and dates to the public using the platforms listed above.

A tentative schedule of events anticipated during HELP is outlined below. Specifics will be confirmed and posted on the Jay Region Website on the HELP Dashboard and in the Commercial Review, as well as announced on the local radio station, WPGW as details emerge.

| Activity | Time/Location | Objective/Format |
|---|---|---|
| Jay County Commissioners Meeting | The 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Jay County Courthouse | Provide an update on community engagement activities, preliminary project ideas, community input received, and any HELP updates. |
| Jay County Council Meetings | The 2 nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Jay County Courthouse | Provide an update on community engagement activities, preliminary project ideas, community input received, and any HELP updates. |
| Community Forum | June 13, 2022, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the John Jay Center | |
| Pathway Committees | June 13, 2022, to September 2, 2022, TBD | To explore and seek input from county residents regarding projects that can be funded by the ARPA funds. |
| Online Surveys | Jay Region Website June through September | Simple online surveys will be made available via the Jay Region Website that will seek input on projects suggested by the Pathway Committees. |
| Community Workshops | TBD, months of June to September | To introduce the projects that have been suggested by the Pathway Committees and to seek the input of county residents in an in-person setting. |

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