

## Youth Voice, Youth Choice 2016 Voter Survey

Your answers are confidential and optional

Thank you for voting in today's participatory budgeting election. Please answer the following questions to help us improve the participatory budgeting process.

**Which Council District do you live in?** (If you don't live in Seattle, which Council District do you work, attend school, or receive services in?) \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you first hear about today's vote?** (Check all that apply)

- Online or social media, such as Facebook or Twitter
- Television
- School
- Friend or family member
- Community group: \_\_\_\_\_
- I passed by the voting site

**Besides voting, how else have you been involved in participatory budgeting over the last 4 months?** (Check all that apply)

- I was not previously involved
- I attended an event in January or February where project ideas were collected
- I submitted a project idea online
- I was a budget delegate
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**In the past 12 months, have you worked with other people in your neighborhood to fix a problem or improve a condition in your community, not including work you may have done related to participatory budgeting?**

- Yes, I have done that
- No, I have not done that
- I am not sure

**Did you vote in the fall 2015 local election?**

- I am not eligible to vote
- No, I did not vote, but I am eligible to vote
- Yes, I voted
- I am not sure

**What did you think about today's voting experience?**

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The following demographic questions allow us to report on the diverse range of people who participated.

**Do you identify as:** (Check all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino/a
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you identify as:** (Check all that apply)

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Different gender identity: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your age?**

- 11-13
- 14-17
- 18-21
- 22-25

**What was your total household income in 2015?**

- Under \$10,000
- \$10,000-\$24,999
- \$25,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000 or more
- I am not sure

**Highest level of education:**

- Less than high school diploma
- High school diploma, GED or equivalent
- Some college, no degree
- Associates degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree

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Youth Voice,  
Youth Choice

Welcome to the ballot for Youth Voice, Youth Choice: Participatory Budgeting Seattle!  
You are about to decide how to spend \$700,000 of Seattle's City budget.

Voting is open to anyone ages 11-25 who lives, works, or goes to school in Seattle.

The following pages will help you familiarize yourself with the project proposals for 2016. You may choose up to seven (7) projects. If you mark more than 7 projects, your vote will not be counted.

This is an official project of the City of Seattle.  
For more information on Youth Voice, Youth Choice, visit [bit.ly/youthvoicemyouthchoice](http://bit.ly/youthvoicemyouthchoice).

### Credits

Special thanks to the Youth Voice, Youth Choice Steering Committee, Budget Delegates, City of Seattle staff, the Participatory Budgeting Project, and all the volunteers and participants!



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# Youth Voice, Youth Choice

## Instructions

- Choose the projects you want to support by checking the box next to the project name
- **You can vote for up to seven (7) projects**
- If you mark more than 7 projects, your vote will not be counted
- Complete the optional Voter Survey on the back of this ballot

### Houses for People Experiencing Homelessness

Youth collaborate with carpenters to build 10 tiny homes for people experiencing homelessness.

Location: City-wide  
Cost Estimate: \$128,500

### Computer Science Education for Formerly Incarcerated Youth

Computer science and coding classes for formerly incarcerated youth and young adults.

Location: City-wide  
Cost Estimate: \$61,000

### Homeless Children and Youth Liaison Services

A term-limited expansion for school liaison services connecting youth experiencing homelessness to needed resources.

Location: City-wide  
Cost Estimate: \$70,400

### Youth Homeless Shelter Improvements

Physical improvements for a youth homeless shelter such as installing lockers, washers and dryers, and new paint.

Location: Central, North Seattle  
Cost Estimate: \$42,000

### Job Readiness Workshops for Homeless Youth

A term-limited expansion of existing services for youth experiencing homelessness focusing on job readiness.

Location: City-wide  
Cost Estimate: \$43,600

### Life/Career Skills Counselors

A counselor at community centers will work with youth to build their life, career and emotional health skills over a 3-month period.

Location: South, West Seattle  
Cost Estimate: \$45,200

### Murals Designed and Created by Youth

Art classes designed for at-risk youth, focusing on creating public murals.

Location: City-wide  
Cost Estimate: \$157,500

### Park Bathroom Upgrades

Creating a map of public bathrooms in the city and implementing improvements at 1-2 bathrooms in parks in most need of repair.

Location: South, West Seattle  
Cost Estimate: \$205,000

### Recording Studio Sessions for Youth

Youth will be able to use existing recording studios in the community with guidance from studio mentors.

Location: City-wide  
Cost Estimate: \$105,000

### Safe Routes to Schools

Improve crosswalks in areas near schools to create safer routes to school for students.

Location: South, West Seattle  
Cost Estimate: \$145,000

### Social Justice Workshops

Workshops for young people that cover the fundamentals of understanding structural racism and skills for community organizing.

Location: City-wide  
Cost Estimate: \$71,200

### Sustainable Livelihoods Food & Culture Festival

A food and culture festival featuring organizations focused on local food, youth engagement, and food waste reduction.

Location: South, West Seattle  
Cost Estimate: \$57,800

### Ultimate Frisbee Camps

An opportunity for youth to get active and build social and leadership skills by participating in Ultimate Frisbee summer camps.

Location: South, West Seattle  
Cost Estimate: \$31,800

### Wi-Fi Hotspot Checkout

A term-limited expansion of the Seattle Public Library's checkout system to include more Wi-Fi hotspots, which increase internet access.

Location: City-wide  
Cost Estimate: \$165,000

### Youth Arts Ambassadors

Hiring and training youth from historically under-served communities to spread the word about affordable arts events for their peers.

Location: City-wide  
Cost Estimate: \$57,800

### Youth Cooking Classes

Teach youth cooking skills and provide a stipend. The food prepared during classes will be shared with the community.

Location: South, West Seattle  
Cost Estimate: \$59,400

### Youth Film Festival

Youth participate in film/media job training that culminates in a youth film festival.

Location: South, West Seattle  
Cost Estimate: \$52,500

### Youth Green Corps

Expand the Youth Green Corps, which provides training for young adults through classroom experiences and outdoor forestry restoration.

Location: City-wide  
Cost Estimate: \$130,000

### Youth Podcast on Violence Prevention and Media

A podcast written and produced by youth on how to make changes to the way violence is portrayed in media and how to decrease violence in Seattle.

Location: City-wide  
Cost Estimate: \$52,500