

OUR SERVICES FOR CITIES

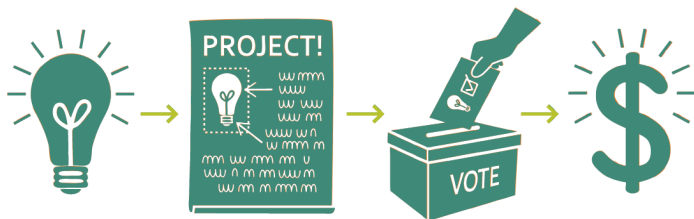


The Participatory Budgeting Project (PBP) is a non-profit organization that empowers communities to decide together how to spend public money.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECT

WHAT IS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING?

Participatory budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget. **PB gives ordinary people real power over real money.** Residents identify spending priorities, develop project proposals, and decide which projects to fund.



Since the Brazilian city of Porto Alegre first launched PB in 1989, over 3,000 cities, counties, states, schools, universities, housing authorities, and other institutions have used PB to engage diverse communities in making budget decisions.

WHAT WE DO

Our team of experts works with governments and organizations to promote, develop, and evaluate PB processes. We provide staff, officials, and community members with the support necessary to make budget decisions fair, informed, and democratic.

TESTIMONIALS

"This is the process that made me say 'I am going to be the voice of this community.'"

Kioka Jackson
Community participant, New York

"I love the PB process. We haven't seen this brightness, this synergy in years. This process is amazing, that citizens can come here and ask these questions and we can have this exchange.... This is what makes me want to get up and come to work in the morning."

Nimat Shakoor-Grantham
Code Enforcement Manager,
City of Vallejo

"PBP's advice and counsel proved indispensable, and contributed enormously to the success of our 'experiment in democracy.'"

Chicago Alderman Joe Moore

OUR IMPACT

\$190 million in
public money on
679 local
projects

84 elected
officials brought
closer to their
constituents

500
organizations
linked together to
build community

227,000 people
engaged in
democracy

OUR EXPERIENCE

CHICAGO

After working with 49th Ward Alderman Joe Moore to launch the first PB process in the US, we serve as a lead partner for the multi-ward process PB Chicago, in which residents of eight wards are allocating over \$8 million.

NEW YORK CITY

Since 2011, we have served as Technical Assistance Lead for PBNYC, a joint PB process across several City Council Districts. In the 2015-16 cycle, residents in 28 districts are deciding how to spend at least \$35

VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

In the City of Vallejo, California, PBP coordinated the first city-wide PB process in the US, for \$3.2 million in sales tax revenues. PB Vallejo has since completed two additional cycles.

BOSTON

We serve as the technical assistance partner for Youth Lead the Change, the first youth participatory budgeting process in the US. The process is in its third cycle, with young people directly deciding how to spend \$1 million

PBP SERVICE PACKAGES

Services Provided	IMPLEMENT	DESIGN	ADVISE
Face-to-face project meetings (2-5)	✓	✓	✓
Conference call project meetings (6-12)	✓	✓	✓
Training workshops (1-4)	✓	✓	✓
Full set of sample project management, info, outreach, and publicity materials	✓	✓	✓
Email and phone support for questions	✓	✓	✓
Assistance with publicity and media outreach	✓	✓	✓
Participatory workshops to design PB process (2)	✓	✓	
Development of community-based PB rulebook	✓	✓	
Customized project management & info materials	✓	✓	
Customized outreach & publicity materials	✓		
Coordination of publicity, social media & outreach	✓		
Development and management of website and digital participation tools	✓		
Coordination of public meetings & engagement	✓		
Development of evaluation plan and tools, with local research partners	✓	✓	
Coordination of evaluation research and report	✓		
Cost <i>[Includes PBP fees only, not other project costs]</i>	\$125,000- \$180,000	\$50,000- \$100,000	\$20,000- \$30,000

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