

OUR SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

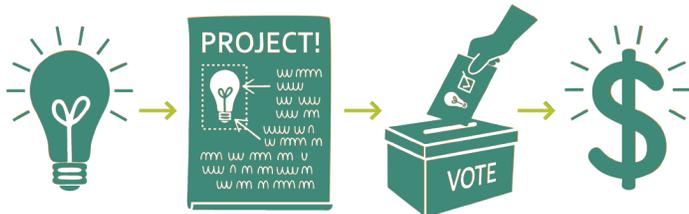
The Participatory Budgeting Project (PBP) is a non-profit organization that empowers communities to decide together how to spend public money.



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

"Participatory Budgeting at Brooklyn College was a huge success--one that empowered students to take a more active role in their government, gave us a better relationship with our constituents, and set us on a path towards an even more transparent and inclusive budgeting system."

David Rosenberg
Brooklyn College Student Government

"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

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

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.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

In 2012, we launched the first university PB process in the US, in which students at the City University of New York decided how to spend \$25,000 of student government funds

PBP SERVICE PACKAGES

Services Provided	DESIGN	ADVISE
<i>Face-to-face project meetings (1-5)</i>	✓	✓
<i>Conference call project meetings (6-12)</i>	✓	✓
<i>Training workshops (1-4)</i>	✓	✓
<i>Email and phone support for questions</i>	✓	✓
<i>Assistance with publicity and media outreach</i>	✓	✓
<i>Templates for outreach and publicity materials (outreach plan, rap sheets, posters, postcards, press releases, etc.)</i>	✓	✓
<i>Participatory workshops to design PB process (1-2)</i>	✓	
<i>Development of community-based PB rulebook and plan</i>	✓	
<i>Development of project management tools & info materials (guides, handouts, powerpoints, etc.)</i>	✓	
<i>Development of evaluation plan and tools, with local research partners</i>	✓	
Cost <i>Includes PBP fees only, not other project costs</i>	\$20,000-\$50,000	\$10,000-\$20,000

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