



What is participatory budgeting?

Participatory budgeting is a new way to make decisions about publicly funded projects in our neighborhoods.

Participatory budgeting gives ordinary people real decision-making power over real money. It's already working in over 3,000 cities all over the world, and now participatory budgeting is being used in New York City.

This year, ten New York City Council Members asked their constituents to decide how to spend capital discretionary funds. Those are funds that can be used for physical improvements that benefit the public, and each district has committed at least \$1 million.

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How does participatory budgeting work?

Last fall, district residents like you came to neighborhood assemblies to identify community needs and suggest projects. Then, volunteers joined delegate committees to develop those suggestions into project proposals, and worked with city agencies to estimate project costs. They put together the proposals you will vote on today.

Now is your chance to vote for the projects you think should get funded. The projects with the most votes, up to at least \$1 million, will be included in next year's city budget, to be built or implemented over the next few years.

You'll get to enjoy the improvements you help make happen. And hopefully, you'll be a part of future participatory budgeting efforts in the city!

Credits:

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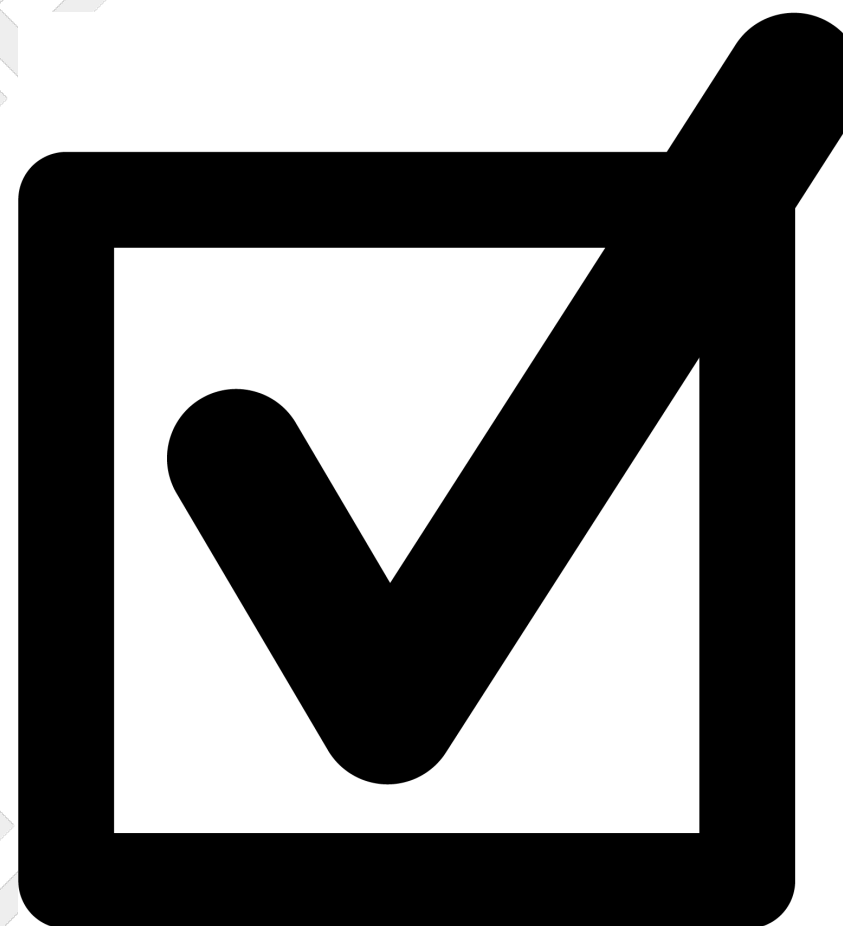
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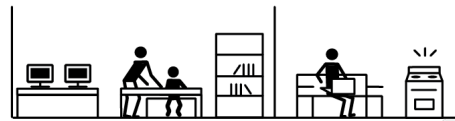
District 33
Greenpoint
Williamsburg
Brooklyn Heights
Bed-Stuy
Vinegar Hill
DUMBO
Boerum Hill
Gowanus

Voting instructions

- All residents of the district, age 16 and up, can vote.
- You may vote for up to five (5) projects.
- You can not vote for the same project more than once.
- Ballots marked with more than five votes are invalid and will not be counted.
- Mark boxes clearly with an "X" or check mark, or fully shade them in.
- Use black or blue ink. Ballots marked in pencil will not be counted.



Culture and Community Facilities



1. Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow - Computer Lab



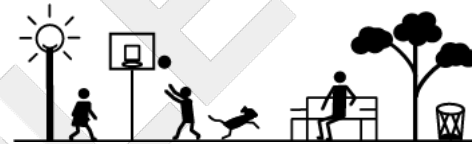
\$80,249 (Williamsburg)
Upgrade the OBT digital media computer lab to enhance an innovative job-training program for disadvantaged youth and adults.
25 Thornton Street

2. BOOKlyn SHUTTLE - book bus and education center



\$198,000 (Community Board 1)
Purchase and retrofit bus designed by Pratt Institute to inspire, stimulate and improve the literacy of North Brooklyn 's youth.
Mobile

Parks and Environment



3. NYCHA Playground Repairs



\$400,000 (District wide)
Help fund repairs and renovations at four playgrounds around the district. Improve safety and outdoor play for neighborhood kids.
District Wide

4. Give Our Parks a Drink II



\$500,000 (Williamsburg)
Repairs to water fountains and other water infrastructure at Roberto Clemente Ballfield
Roberto Clemente Ballfield

5. Give Our Parks a Drink I



\$500,000 (Brooklyn Heights)
Repairs to water fountains and other water infrastructure at the WWII Memorial in Cadman Plaza.
WWII Memorial, Cadman Plaza

6. Thomas Greene Park Playground Improvement



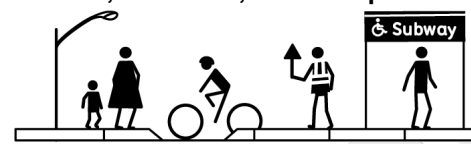
\$50,000 (Gowanus)
Installing fencing to protect and preserve children's play equipment and sprinkler areas in a heavily used park.
Thomas Greene Park 3rd Avenue, between Douglas and Degraw

7. McGolrick Park Playground Reconstruction



\$450,000 (Greenpoint)
A full reconstruction of the dilapidated and heavily used playground in McGolrick Park.
Monsignor McGolrick Park

Streets, Sidewalks, and Transportation



8. Greenway Sidewalk Reconstruction



\$259,000 (Williamsburg)
Sidewalk repair btw. Kent and Flushing Ave to improve conditions and create access for wheelchair users and others to new green space.
Williamsburg Street West

Housing



9. Independence Community Plaza Reopening



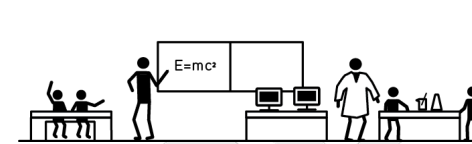
\$150,000 (Williamsburg)
Closed over three years ago, this shared public space has fallen into disrepair. Help restore the space for young and old to use.
130 Clymer- Independence Towers

10. Renovations to Re-Open the Gowanus Community Center



\$325,000 (Gowanus)
Help reopen vital community center that has been closed for years (was relief center for Sandy) and is needed by kids and adults.
420 Baltic St.- Gowanus Houses

Public Schools



11. PS 16 Needs new SMARTboards



\$70,000 (Williamsburg)
PS 16 is asking for one new SMARTboard in each of ten classrooms, which will help to support the teachers and enhance instruction.
157 Wilson St

12. PS 38 New Playground Fence



\$115,000 (Boerum Hill)
Safety issues require replacement of vandalized fence with new iron fencing around perimeter of playground.
450 Pacific St

13. P.S. 261 Bathroom Renovations



\$175,000 (Boerum Hill)
Replace flushers, faucets, and soap dispensers throughout school; complete cosmetic redo of main floor girls and boys bathrooms.
314 Pacific Street

14. P.S.31 Upgrade OLD Computers



\$160,000 (Greenpoint)
Short project description: Upgrade antiquated computer lab with Apple computers, notebook cart, Promethean Activboard, and printers.
75 Meserole Ave

15. P.S.110 Let's get smarter with SMARTboards



\$140,000 (Greenpoint)
Equip all classrooms with interactive SMARTboard technology to support curricula and prepare its 375 students for the 21st century.
124 Monitor St

