



Participatory budgeting is a new and different way to make decisions about publicly funded projects in your neighborhood.

Community members – like you – decide how to spend part of the public budget in your City Council district.

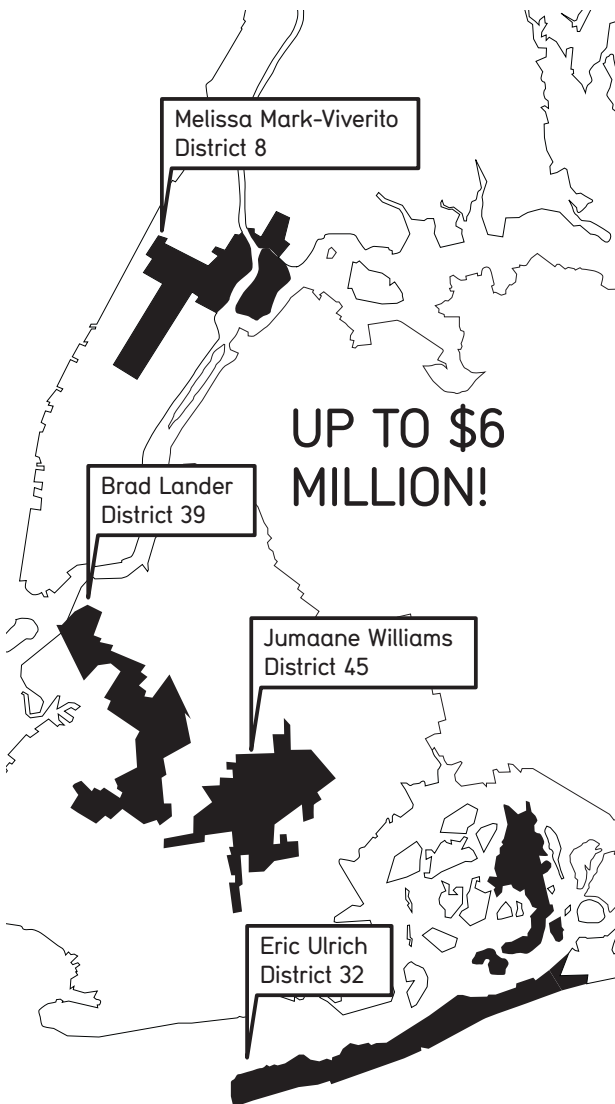
It's real money, and you decide how it will be used.



# Real Money.

This year, there are four City Council districts participating, and each of the four districts has committed at least \$1 million. All together, it could add up to around \$6 MILLION!

The Council Members & their districts are:



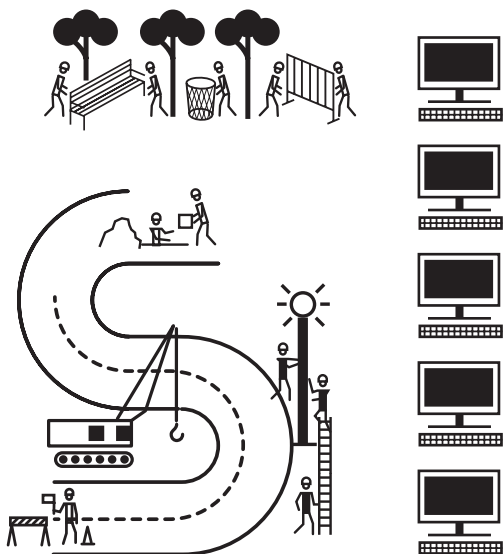
# Real Projects.

Every City Council Member has some money for “capital” projects in their district. That’s money for physical improvements that benefit the public.

The money can be used for things like:

- rebuilding a street;
- renovating a park;
- installing benches, street lamps, bike racks, or trash cans;
- repairing buildings like schools, community centers, police and fire stations; or
- buying computers or equipment for schools.

If you have ideas about how things could work better in your community, this is your chance to make those projects happen.



# Real Power.

Participatory budgeting in New York City has four parts.

## Neighborhood Assemblies

In October and November, there will be several meetings in each district, and anyone that wants to can participate. This is where you and other community members propose project ideas and priorities. How would you like to see \$1 million used in your community?



## Delegate Meetings

During the neighborhood assemblies, you can volunteer to be a delegate. Over the winter, delegates will work together to develop real project proposals and figure out actual project costs (with some help from city agencies).



Delegates will present their proposals in the spring, and you can give feedback on the projects before they're put on the ballot for voting.

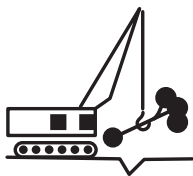
## Voting

In the spring, you (and anyone else that lives in the district) will get to vote for the projects you think should get funded. You can vote for more than one project, and the projects with the most votes will be included in the full City budget.



## Construction

City agencies will build or implement the selected projects in the next few years. You'll get to enjoy the improvements, and hopefully participate in future rounds of participatory budgeting.



Come to an assembly, be a delegate, or just come out to vote in the spring. **YOU CAN PARTICIPATE A LITTLE OR A LOT, BUT DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

# Why It Matters.

This isn't business as usual. Participatory budgeting puts real power over real money in the hands of regular people. It's a chance to get the improvements you want to see in your community.

Participatory budgeting is already working in Chicago and over 1,000 cities around the world, but it's a new approach in New York City – if it works well and lots of people participate this year, it could be adopted for other public budgets, too, like education, transportation, or community development.

Make sure your voice is heard and help make participatory budgeting the new way of doing things in New York City.

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