

Plain Language Version (3rd Grade Reading Level)

Community-led Public Safety Solutions (Powered by Participatory Budgeting) is a new program in Milwaukee. It spends money on public safety. That means keeping a community safe from harm. We can keep people safe without using the police. The City of Milwaukee needs your ideas and your vote!

The African-American Roundtable advocated for this program for six years. They worked with Alderwoman Coggs to get money in the hands of Milwaukee neighbors. You live here. You know your community best. Help us choose how to spend your tax money. Every neighborhood has strengths and challenges. What does your neighborhood need?

Think big. Public safety is more than stopping crime. Safety means good jobs. It means safe places to live. It means places where people can play safely. It means seeing a doctor when you need one. And so much more.

This program is community-led. That means people who live here are in charge. You decide what safety looks like. This is called "participatory budgeting."

Here is how it works:

- Imagine what public safety looks like to you
- Tell us your ideas for your neighborhood
- Vote on your favorite ideas
- The best ideas get funded

This money is not for ideas that use police. We want to hear about other ways to keep people safe. No idea is too small or too big. Your idea can be about making just your street safer, or about the whole city!