

Participatory Budgets – Examples Matrix

City	Budget	Model	Voting/Participation Eligibility	Timelines	Project Eligibility
Boston, MA	\$2.2 million (2026)	<p>Active citywide participatory budgeting program operated through Boston’s Office of Participatory Budgeting.</p> <p>Boston also has a separate youth-focused PB program, but Ideas in Action is the broader citywide model.</p>	Boston residents age 11+, or in 6th grade and above	<p>Jul: Idea Collection</p> <p>Aug – Sep: Review Community Priorities</p> <p>Oct – Nov: Visioning Forums & Online Engagement</p> <p>Dec: Proposal Development</p> <p>Jan: Voting</p> <p>May – Onward: Implementation</p>	<p>Projects must be one-time expenses and may include programs, services, physical infrastructure, technology improvements, and community enhancements.</p> <p>Projects must be feasible, consistent with city policy/law, and implemented or managed by the appropriate city department or agency.</p>
Chicago, IL	<p>Each of Chicago's aldermanic wards currently receives an annual allotment of \$1.5 million in capital bond funds to use for infrastructure projects.</p> <p>Of the \$1.5 million in annual menu funds available in each ward, alderpersons who use PB have recently dedicated</p>	<p>Decentralized, ward-based model.</p> <p>Participating alderpersons allow residents to vote on a portion of annual ward infrastructure/menu funds.</p>	<p>Varies by ward.</p> <p>Examples: 49th Ward residents age 14+; 40th Ward residents age 14+; 33rd Ward residents age 13+</p>	<p>Example 40th Ward process:</p> <p>Jan – Jun: Project Proposals</p> <p>Jun – Aug: Project Development</p> <p>Sep – Nov: Community Vote</p> <p>Dec: Project Implementation Coordination</p>	<p>Generally focused on permanent infrastructure/capital improvements, such as streets, sidewalks, curb replacement, bike lanes, street lights, and other public infrastructure.</p> <p>The “menu” is a list of defined, standard neighborhood infrastructure projects that these funds can be spent on.</p> <p>Ward offices coordinate with city departments for implementation.</p>

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	between \$200,000 and \$1 million of the total allotment to the PB process.				
Eau Claire, WI	<u>\$300,000</u> from the City’s capital improvement budget (2022)	Completed citywide pilot	Any resident in 6 th grade or above	Design the Process: 3 months Brainstorm Ideas: 3 months Develop Proposals: 5-6 months Plan the Vote & Vote: 2-3 months Fund Winning Projects & Implement: Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No programs or services • Funding must apply city-wide (not per district) • Must be used for a public benefit • Projects should be installed on public property • Funding can go towards improving existing situations or new projects • Requests must be equal or more than \$5,000 • Organizations cannot submit their own projects
Evanston, IL	<u>\$3 million</u> (2022)	Completed ARPA-funded citywide PB process.	Anyone age 14+ with a “meaningful connection” to Evanston, meaning those who live, work, study, or own a business in Evanston.	Oct – Feb: Collect Ideas Feb – Aug: Proposal Development Aug – Oct: Vote Oct – Ongoing: Implement	Allocated ARPA funds to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address COVID-19 recovery • Replacing lost public sector revenue • Support COVID-19 public health and economic response • Provide premium pay for essential workers • Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

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Milwaukee, WI — African American Roundtable Participatory Budgeting Program	<u>\$40,000</u> (2023)	Completed community-led participatory budgeting pilot for Milwaukee’s Northwest Side.	Black residents of Milwaukee’s Northwest Side, age 14+	<p>Mar – April: Design the Process</p> <p>Jun – Jul: Collect Ideas/Develop Proposals</p> <p>Jul – Aug: Review Proposals Aug – Sep: Vote</p> <p>Oct – Dec: Implement</p> <p>Nov: Evaluate the Process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$10,000 • Project that deal with neighborhood safety and neighborhood wellness • No projects that work with police
King County, WA	<p><u>\$11.75 million</u> (2024)</p> <p>Capital Funds: \$8.85 million</p> <p>Marijuana Tax Revenue Funds: \$2.9 million</p>	County-run PB process for urban unincorporated communities in the Seattle metro area.	Residents and other community members in the participating unincorporated areas vote on projects for their communities.	<p>April – Aug: Design</p> <p>Sep – Nov: Idea Collection</p> <p>Nov – April: Proposal Development May – June: Vote</p> <p>July – Ongoing: Implementation.</p>	<p>Capital Funds must be spent on capital projects.</p> <p>Marijuana Tax Revenue Funds can be spent on services, programs, and community improvements.</p>
Philadelphia, PA	<u>\$1 million</u> for capital projects (2021)	Citywide capital PB pilot led by the Budget Office in partnership with the City Planning Commission.	Any Philadelphia resident could vote, regardless of age.	<p>Winter: Hold Participatory Budgeting info sessions</p> <p>Spring: Begin Designing</p> <p>Summer: Finishing Designing, then Collect Ideas, & Proposal Development</p> <p>Fall: Vote & Implement</p>	Capital projects must be investments in city physical/technology infrastructure, community facilities, or public buildings; they must have a useful life of more than 5 years and cost at least \$15,000.

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<p>New York City, NY</p>	<p>PBNYC allocated <u>\$30 million</u> (2026)</p> <p>The People’s Money Cycle 4 uses <u>\$4 million</u> from the city budget.</p>	<p>Two-track model: PBNYC is Council-district capital PB;</p> <p>The People’s Money is citywide expense-budget PB run through the Civic Engagement Commission.</p>	<p>PBNYC voting is open to residents age 11+ in participating districts.</p> <p>The People’s Money is open to New Yorkers age 11+</p>	<p><u>PBNYC:</u> Oct – Nov: Idea Collection Dec – Feb: Proposal Development Mar – Apr: Vote May – Ongoing: Implementation</p> <p><u>The People’s Money Cycle 4:</u> Oct –Nov 2025 Idea Generation Jan – Feb 2026: Borough Assemblies May 6 – Jun 21, 2026: Voting Oct 2026 – Oct 2027: Implementation.</p>	<p>PBNYC funds physical infrastructure projects in public spaces that cost at least \$50,000 and last at least 5 years.</p> <p>The People’s Money funds expense-budget projects implemented by local organizations after voting.</p>