

What is participatory budgeting?

A democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget

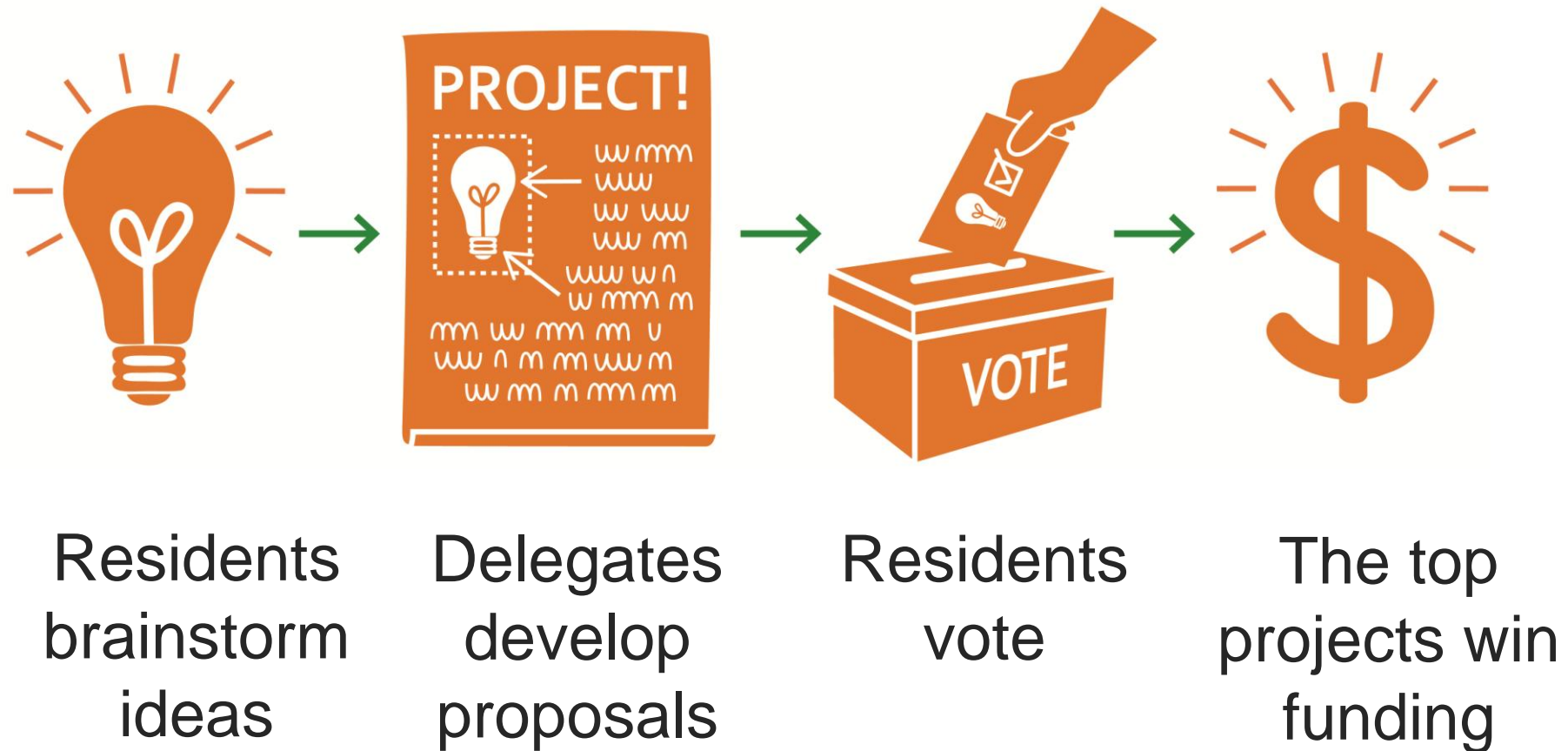


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- Making **real decisions about real money**
(NOT a consultation)
- **An annual cycle**
(NOT a one-off event)
- Usually for **part of a budget**
(NOT the whole budget)



How does it work?



Public assemblies

Brainstorm ideas and select delegates



Delegate meetings

Develop proposals



Vote on proposals



Implement projects



Vallejo, CA

2012

- First citywide process in U.S.
- 20-member Steering Committee
- \$3.2 million (sales tax revenue)
- \$200,000 allocated for implementation of process
- Funds for capital projects and programs & services
- Went from a majority of one vote to try PB to a unanimous vote to make BP an annual process



Vallejo's costs to launch PB

- Vallejo had a \$125,575 contract with the Participatory Budgeting Project (PBP) to set up and manage its PB.
- There were also non-personnel operating costs for supplies, design, printing, translation/interpretation, refreshments, childcare, publicity, space rental, website, etc. that totaled under \$70,000.

PBP's contract delivered:

- 20% of PBP's executive director's time (1 day/week) for 11 months
- 75% of PBP's project coordinator's time (3.5 days/week) for 11 months
- One full time Community Engagement Coordinator (hired locally) for 10 months
- A second Community Engagement Coordinator (hired locally) working part time on PB in Vallejo for 9 months
- Fourteen trips to Vallejo by PBP staff

Public education



Deeper democracy



More informed decisions



LET ALL CHILDREN PLAY!
Vote for a park that
includes the disabled

INTELLIGENT DRUGS & NUTRITIONAL ACTIVITY are major issues in the neighborhood - these families struggle with a variety of issues with - high levels of alcohol abuse - drug dealing - prostitution. We want to keep our children safe - especially for those in at-risk church.

CARLETON STANLARD ASSOCIATES "In this day and age you would never choose to make any more unnecessary sacrifices, you would make all of them unnecessary. This right should be extended to our children and to parents/caregivers who are also in mobility devices."

EQUAL ACCESS TO CNA 13 - will promote the integration of communities, bring all children together - to address inequalities - to promote equality - to build caring - to keep children from getting on the streets

Vote for a Boundless Playground in G6U 11

WAITING FOR A PLAY GROUND
IN CHU 13

MAKING CHU 13 PLAY GROUND ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

...of a child in a wheel chair is a play ground - or play ground with their children. CHA/13 wants to build an accessible play ground that will allow all children to play. Toronto Community Housing is an innovative leader promoting equality and accessibility. CHA/13 needs \$100,000.00 to build a play ground for all. Please share your vision and votes and help CHA/13 accommodate all children.

THREE BIG POINTS:

1. **IS THERE A PROBLEM?**
The first grand question is whether there is a problem with acceptable behavior when you are present.
2. **WILL YOU BE HARMED?**
If not, it is not a problem. If you are harmed, it is a problem.
3. **DOES THE PROPOSED ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION**
This program is an academic program. It is a program for all students. It is a program for all students.

Children - waiting
for equal access to the play
ground!!! Please save one of your
votes for CHU 13

Stronger communities



Accountability and transparency



Connects officials with residents



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“Whenever possible, err on the side of inclusion”

Pelton Stewart, PB Steering Committee Member

- All residents over 16 can vote, regardless of immigration status
- Special assemblies for youth, seniors, Spanish speakers
- Delegate committees for youth and Spanish speakers
- Targeted outreach workers



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Winning projects:

1. Potholes and Street Repair
2. Street Lighting
3. Parks and Recreation Improvements
4. School Libraries & STEAM Program
5. Street Cleaning & City Cleanup
6. College Counselors and Scholarships
7. Community Gardens and Nutrition Education
8. Small Business Grants
9. Spay Neuter Project
10. Senior Centers Improvements
11. Omega Boys & Girls Club Gym Renovation
12. 150 Camera Pilot with Intelligent Archives

