

Participatory Budgeting:

*Support for the City of Seattle in
creating a process for community
control*

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HISTORY

Founded in 2009, we have led, supported, or inspired almost every PB process in North America.

MISSION

To empower people to decide together how to spend public money

WHERE WE WORK

Across the US and Canada, with staff in New York City and Oakland

What is participatory budgeting?

Participatory budgeting

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



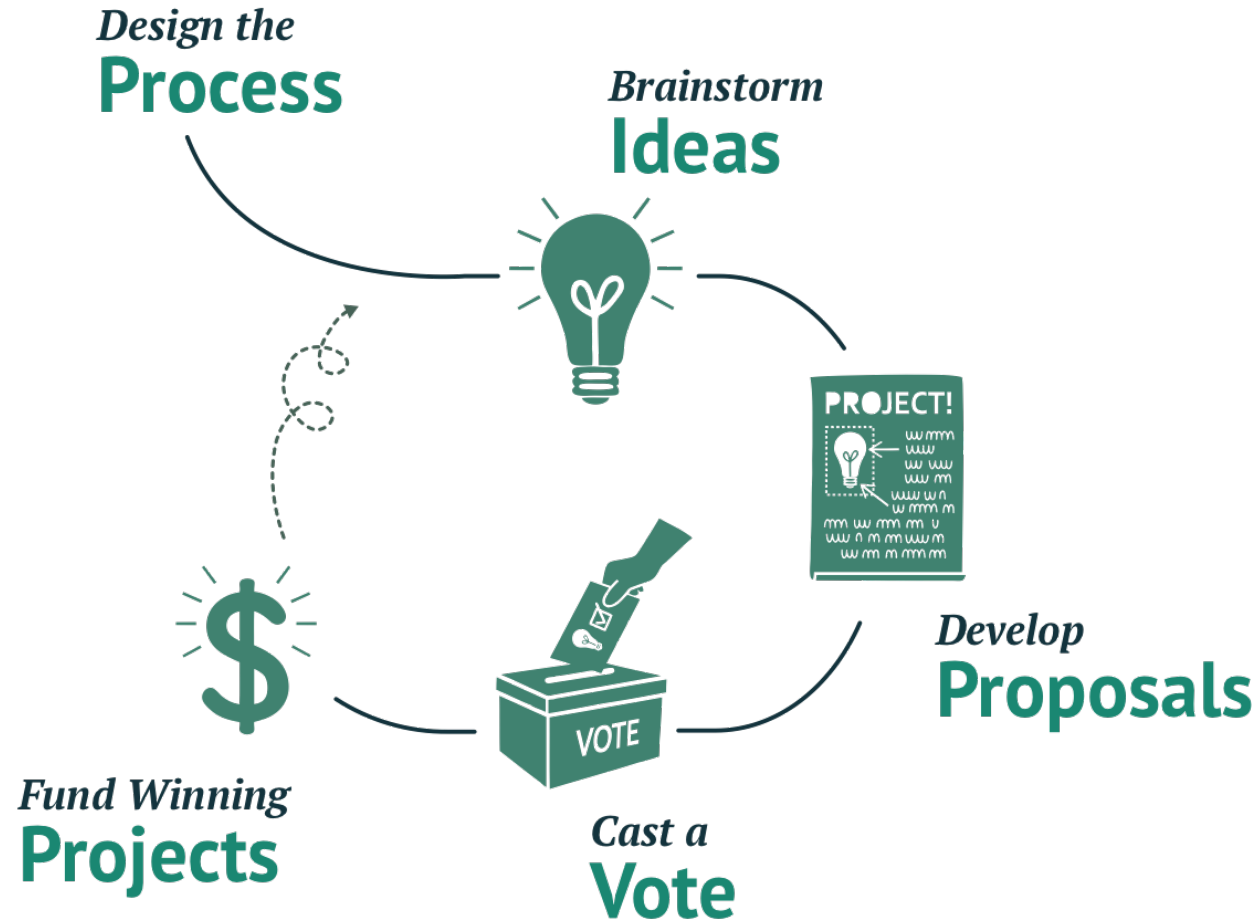
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Next Generation Democracy: Elected Officials share their experiences with PB



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The PB Process



Ways for PB to center equity

✓ Money that matters

✓ Grassroots leadership

✓ Inclusive design

✓ Focused outreach

✓ Equity criteria



What kinds of budgets?

- City, county, state, and federal budgets
- Non-governmental sources like foundation or nonprofit budgets
- Discretionary funds of elected officials
- School, school district, and university budgets
- Housing authority or other public agency budgets
- Community Benefit Funds from private development
- Funds divested from law enforcement and other carceral spaces





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