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Black Brilliance Research Project & Participatory Budgeting

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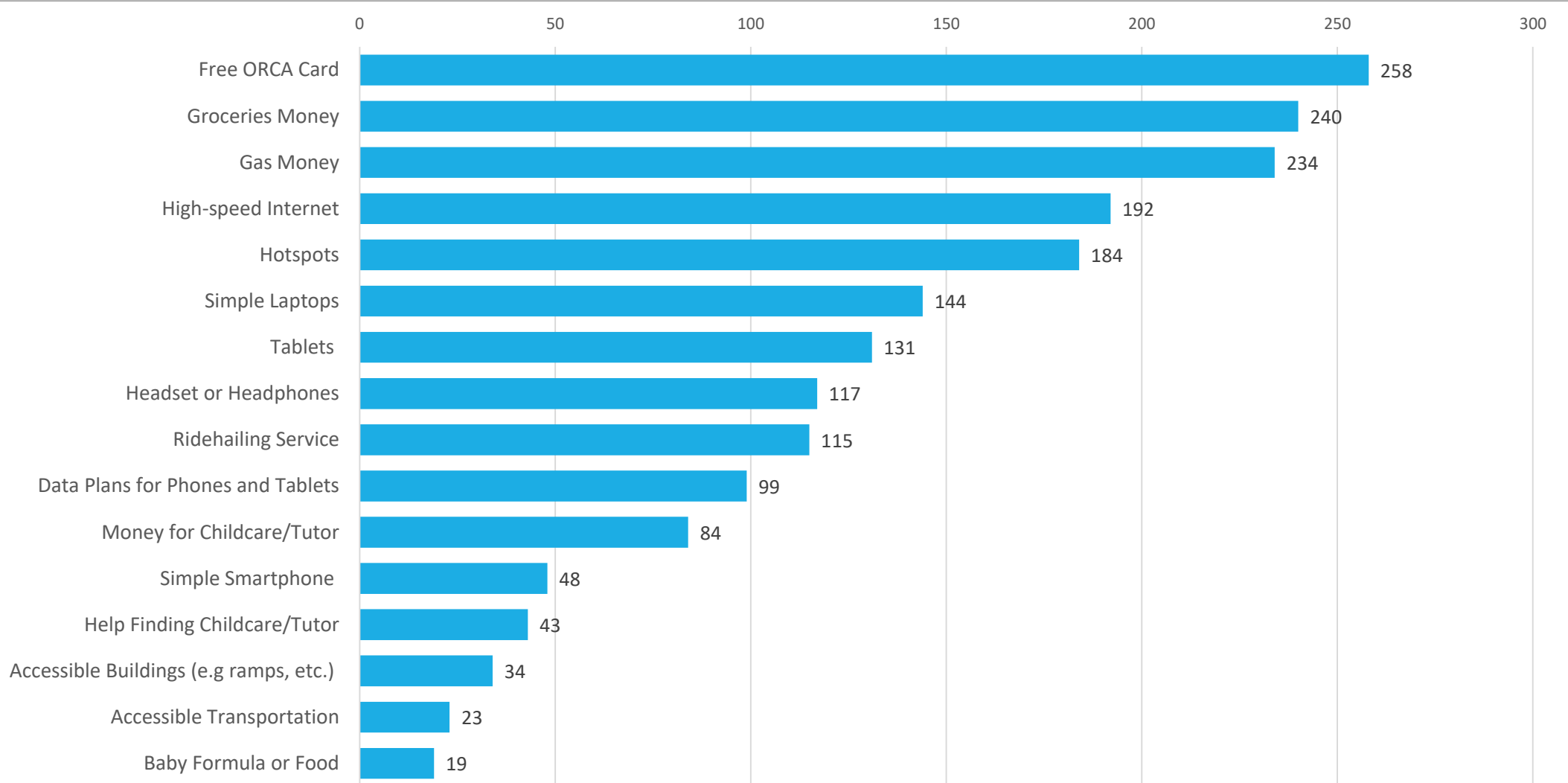
COUNCIL BRIEFING

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Background

- ORD 126151 - \$3M to LEG for “research processes that will promote public safety informed by community needs...”
- 2021 Adopted Budget - At least \$30.275 million:
 - Up to \$1,000,000 for community-based organizations and City Departments to run the participatory budgeting process
 - \$500,000 to support the development of a civilian crisis response and social services triage system app
 - Remainder will be used for investments recommended by the PB process
- Proviso – “...none of the money so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Executive submits to the Council a plan for spending the funds.”

Community Needs Assessment



Priority Investment Areas

1. Housing and Physical Spaces
2. Mental Health
3. Youth & Children
4. Crisis & Wellness
5. Economic Development

PB Roadmap Recommendations

1. The Steering Committee designs the PB process with approval from the community.
2. Participants brainstorm project ideas through community assemblies, intentional meetings, public events, which will be held on-line as needed. Projects will be collected for each City Council district.
3. Community budget delegates develop ideas. These ideas should be focused on the priority investment areas.
4. Community members vote. Voting would be open to all people who live in the City Council district and are at least 10 years old.
5. Projects are funded by Council.

PB Policy Considerations

1. Community Needs Assessment Data and Language Access
2. Priority Investment Areas
3. Community Safety Strategy Context

PB Policy Considerations (cnt'd)

4. Additional Participatory Budgeting Process Recommendations
 - a. Development of PB timeline
 - b. Participant Compensation and Costs
 - c. Coordination and Leadership
 - d. Role of City Council Districts
 - e. Engagement with Legislative and Executive Departments
 - f. City Contracting Policies

PB Policy Considerations (cnt'd)

5. Coordination of City Initiatives and Processes
6. Funding Constraints
7. Research and Report Accessibility

Questions?