

DISTRICT 39 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

CYCLE 15



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WHAT IS PB?

- **Participatory Budgeting, also known as PB, is a democratic process where community members decide how to spend a portion of government funding.**
- **This form of local democracy allows residents direct control where and how tax dollars are being spent.**
- **In this process, \$1.5 million dollars are allocated towards Capital Projects (Infrastructure), and \$50,000 dollars are allocated towards Expense Projects (non-profit programming).**

You are able to select your top 3 Capital projects AND your top 3 Expense projects.

Vote with our digital ballot OR with a physical ballot at an in-person vote site.

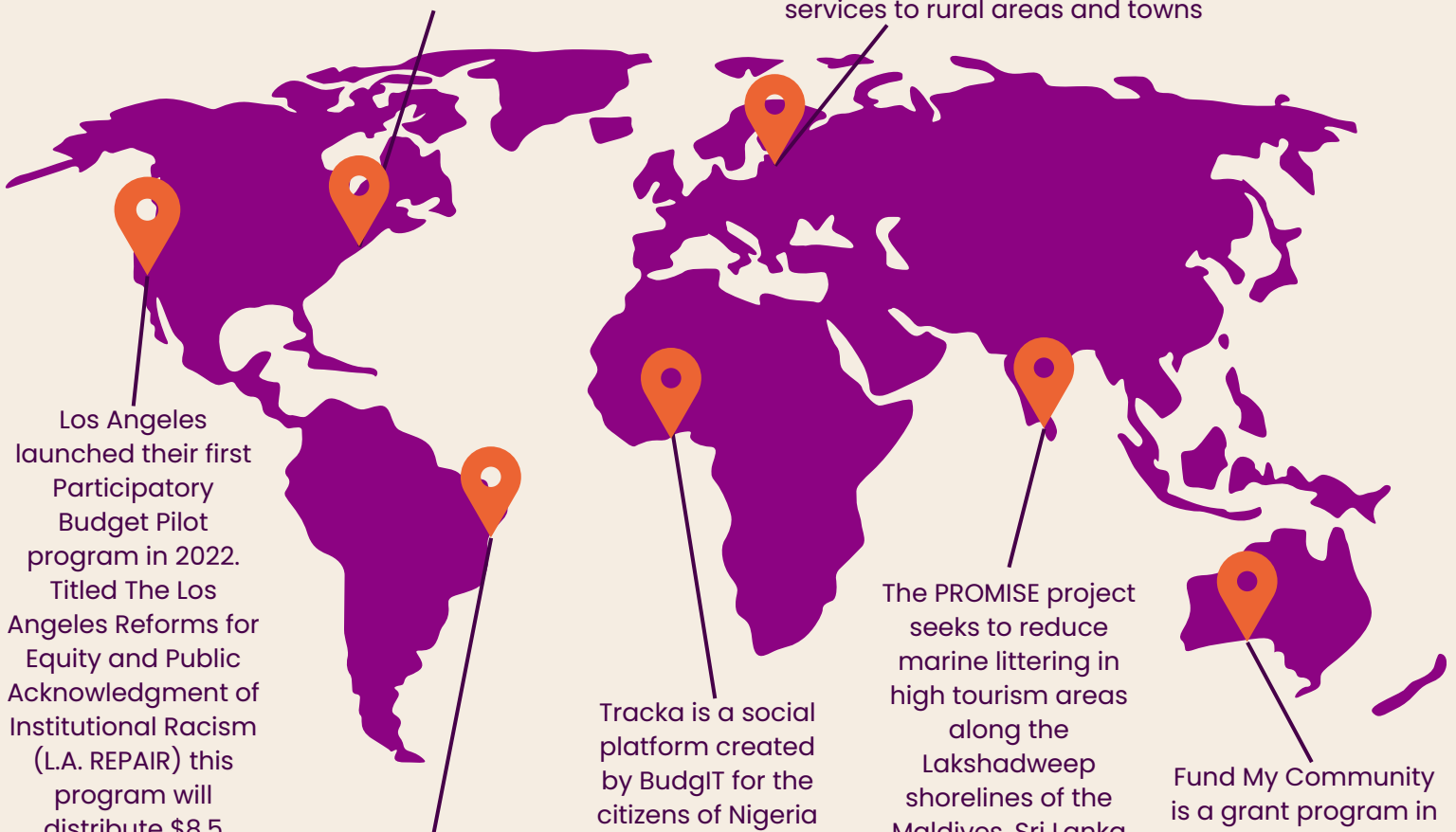


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GLOBAL CONTEXT

NYC is the birthplace of Participatory Budgeting in the United States. Council Members across the city are asking residents how to spend \$24 million in capital funding

The Moldova Water Security and Sanitation Project is a \$50 million dollar, 5 year project (2022-2027) with the goal of increasing access and capacity of safely managed water supply and sanitation services to rural areas and towns



Los Angeles launched their first Participatory Budget Pilot program in 2022. Titled The Los Angeles Reforms for Equity and Public Acknowledgment of Institutional Racism (L.A. REPAIR) this program will distribute \$8.5 million dollars to underserved neighborhoods.

In 1989 Porto Alegre, Brazil was the first place in the world to exercise participatory budgeting as an anti-poverty measure; helping reduce child mortality by 20%.

Tracka is a social platform created by BudgIT for the citizens of Nigeria to track, collaborate and provide feedback on public projects within their community to increase transparency on the governments budget process and public finance management.

The PROMISE project seeks to reduce marine littering in high tourism areas along the Lakshadweep shorelines of the Maldives, Sri Lanka and India. This \$4 million dollar multi-country effort is part of the SWITCH Asia program and runs from July 2020 - June of 2024.

Fund My Community is a grant program in the state of South Australia that uses Participatory budgeting to allocate funds to various organizations. In 2015 a project titled Big Sunday received \$100,000 dollars to provide lodging to Aboriginal women experiencing substance misuse issues.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

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You may vote for your top 3 projects.



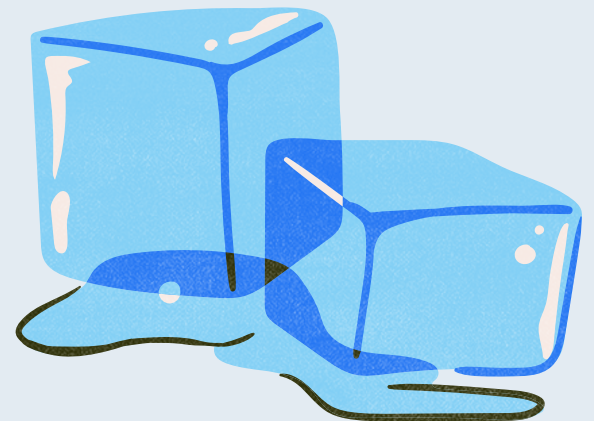
"That's Not Cool!"

AC FOR THE MS442 GYM

MS442 wants to install air conditioning in our shared gym. Hundreds of middle school students use this space daily for physical education, yet the lack of cooling makes it unsafe on hot days, forcing us to cancel gym classes and limit physical activity. Our gym also serves as a gathering space for school and community events throughout the year.

Help us ensure this essential space is safe, healthy, and accessible for everyone who depends on it.

\$400,000



Out with the Asphalt! In With a Green MS 88 Courtyard



MS 88 is a bustling middle school serving nearly 1,000 students. The courtyard, which is used daily is a concrete mess. MS 88 wants to rubberize the concrete pillars and grounds. This will be make it safer and more inviting and allow students to take better advantage of the space. MS 88 wants new basketball hoops, soccer goals and sports equipment so the students can play together safely. This modernization will make it safe and inviting for recess and lunch and physical education classes and Principal's Counsel.

\$500,000



Lights, Camera, Action:

Revamp the MS 51 Auditorium

Replace the outdated auditorium curtain to improve safety for student theater productions and community events.



The current curtain has visible damage and does not meet the needs of school performances, assemblies, and community events that regularly occur in the auditorium. Replacing the curtain would improve safety, functionality, and the overall appearance of the space, while better supporting student programs such as drama, music, and school-wide presentations. A new, professionally installed curtain would enhance acoustics, lighting effectiveness, and stage usability, ensuring the auditorium remains a high-quality shared resource for students, staff, and families.

\$300,000

Cool THE SCHOOL AC for PS295/MS443 Cafeteria & Gym

Before AC



After AC



Install AC in cafeteria and gym to keep 700+ students cool during lunch, gym, and community events.

\$400,000



PS
295
BROOKLYN

UPGRADE THE PS58 GYM FOR ALL!



Improve the PS 58 gym with better ventilation, bleachers and new equipment to support inclusive, coed, multi grade community programs



\$650,000



Give the Pacific Library an upgrade

\$250,000

over 100 years old!



**93,000 visits
per year!**

FULL ACCESSIBILITY

**elevators, upgraded
bathrooms, new ramp**

REVAMPED OUTDOOR SPACES

KID'S ROOM

books, seating, computers

COMMUNITY SPACES FOR ALL

**flexible space for community
programming and events**

TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

public access to computers and job search resources

INTO THE WOODS: Accessible trails in Prospect Park



With this funding, Prospect Park Alliance will be able to expand its trail network with new, accessible paths for all to enjoy!



Funds will go towards:

- Design and construction of new formal nature trails
- Improvements to existing trail segments
- Habitat-protective infrastructure
- Wayfinding and interpretive elements



\$500,000

EXPENSE PROJECTS

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Support the CHiPS Mobile Pantry!

Community Help in Park Slope

(CHiPS) is a community meal program, food pantry, and women's shelter located at 200 Fourth Ave and powered mostly by volunteer labor. Our mobile pantry van regularly delivers groceries to five locations throughout Brooklyn and serves **between 600 and 800 pantry bags every week.**

\$20,000 would go towards **purchasing food from local businesses** for the Kensington mobile pantry stop, which serves between **100 and 200 households twice a month.**



Why CHiPS?

CHiPS provides essential, life-saving services to people all over Brooklyn each week. **With PB funding, we could increase our services and bolster local economy in doing so.**

36% of New Yorkers don't have enough money for food. **Help us close the gap.**

"The Living Library"

Arts, Culture & Learning in Every Library Branch

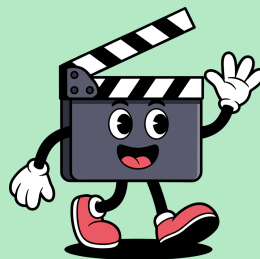


CARROLL GARDENS, GOWANUS, PARK SLOPE,
AND WINDSOR TERRACE BRANCHES



MAINTAIN AND
EXPAND
LIBRARY
PROGRAMS
FOR ALL AGES

- Programs include Storytime, Movies, Teen Tech, Robotics, Creative Aging, Zumba, Yoga, Arts & Crafts, Computer Instruction & More
- These popular programs bring together diverse neighbors to learn new skills, explore innovative ideas, promote healthy living, & inspire creativity



Keep the Learning Going at the Brooklyn
Public Library Branches in CD39!

\$20,000



SOUNDS OF JUSTICE & ELECTRIC JOY!



Sounds of Justice & Electric Joy! is an intergenerational, cross-cultural participatory music-making initiative that brings elders, youth, parents, and entire families together to heal, build community, and resist injustice through collective sound. Organized by The Circle Keepers, viBe Theater Experience, and Willie Mae Rock Camp, this series activates libraries, parks, block parties, and community spaces across District 39 with accessible, hands-on music sessions that welcome every level of experience.

Our project bridges the divide between performances and workshops—transforming public spaces into communal studios where participants learn, jam, build rhythms, compose new songs, and explore activist music traditions across the African diaspora, the Americas, and contemporary youth culture.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

We propose 12 monthly open community events across Brooklyn's District 39 co-facilitated by our three partner organizations. These "open studios" community events will be activated at our non profit brick-and-mortar locations, community centers, at local parks, libraries, and block parties through three distinct participatory music-making experiences:



Vote to Make Cobble Hill's The Secret Garden Accessible to All

The late Nat Lamar bequeathed the English garden created by his partner, Christopher Adlington, at 253 Degraw Street to the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust so this special open space can be preserved for the community in perpetuity. Now, we are seeking participatory budgeting funds to help complete the garden's transformation from a private space to a welcoming public resource for everyone to enjoy.

Why support us:

This is Cobble Hill's only community garden and last unbuilt lot.

Why this funding matters:

As part of a public land trust, the garden must be safe, accessible, and durable so neighbors of all ages can use and enjoy it.

We are requesting \$17,000 to:

- Build a stone entrance ramp, replace steps with ramps, and connect walkways for accessibility
- Build a greenhouse learning lab for practicing sustainable cultivation.
- Fund the spring tulip display and buy plants throughout growing season.



PROTECT OUR TREES!

Tree guards - small fences around sidewalk trees - help protect New York City's precious trees while beautifying our City's sidewalks!

For this project, three local elementary schools - PS282, PS 133 and PS 32 - will partner with Big Reuse to construct a total of 24 tree guards, protecting the trees around each school while making the school sidewalks safer and cleaner for students, their families and the neighborhood!

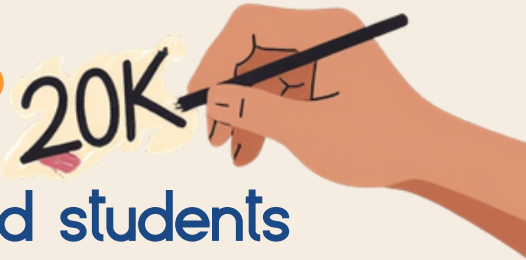


Budget: \$20,000

Partner: Big Reuse

Timeline: Summer/Fall 2026

Walls Gone Wild JOHN JAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MURAL



Bring artists from Groudswell and students together to design and paint a mural at the John Jay campus.



Brooklyn Immigrant Support Network Red de Apoyo de Brooklyn para Inmigrantes ব্রুকলিন অভিবাসী সহায়তা নেটওয়ার্ক

The District 39 Immigrant Support Network will strengthen coordination and information sharing among organizations serving immigrant communities across the district by maintaining a shared directory of immigration-related resources—including legal services, worker protections, housing support, and social services—so residents and frontline organizations can quickly connect individuals with trusted assistance. The Network will convene stakeholders quarterly, bringing together community-based organizations, legal providers, worker organizations, faith institutions, and local advocates to share updates, coordinate outreach, and develop collaborative strategies. Through improved coordination and accessible information, the Network will strengthen the district's ability to support immigrant families and build stronger community collaboration.

Budget: \$15,000



HAND IN HAND
THE DOMESTIC
EMPLOYERS NETWORK



**Carroll
Gardens
Association**