

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING



A budget is the amount of money that you can spend on something. Individuals have budgets. Families have budgets. Schools have budgets. The City has a budget. The districts in New York City have budgets too.

In some districts in New York City, the public decides together how to spend at least \$1,000,000 of the district budget. This is called participatory budgeting.

It is a democratic process. It gives real power to more people!

Everyone in the district who is 11 years or older can propose projects to make life better in the district!

These projects are for improvements in schools, parks, libraries, public housing, and other public spaces in the district.

We have voted on hundreds of projects. **Below** are just three examples of successful projects in our City.

Many of us said the Mill Brook Houses were too dark at night. So, we decided that more outside lighting was needed to help people see and to make the area safer.

District 8
Exterior Lighting

District 21
Better Park Bathrooms

We love the Park of the Americas, but it needed better bathrooms. We voted to spend some of the public budget on new toilets, better pipes, and good signs for the restrooms.

District 38
School Gym Upgrade

It was too hot in our local school gym! We decided to spend some of our district's budget to improve the gym's air conditioning and electrical system. Now students and community members can enjoy sports and community events in the gym.

Birds migrate (move homes) like people do. They migrate here from all over the world, like New Yorkers! We are like the beautiful birds on these maps.



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