

# PBGR Idea Submission Survey

Participatory Budgeting Grand Rapids is giving you an opportunity to offer ideas on how to invest \$2 million in your neighborhoods for impactful projects that can improve lives in our community. Participatory budgeting allows you to submit your project ideas, and then you and your neighbors vote on the projects you'd like to see get done!

Thanks for offering your ideas for investing in Grand Rapids!

Before we get started, it's important to know that the Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee has established certain guidelines for participation in this process. You must be a resident of Grand Rapids age 13 or older to provide your ideas directly using this form. If you're under 13, you can still participate but we ask that you have someone assist in completing the information.

\* Are you 13 years old or older?

- Yes
- No

What Ward do you currently live in:

- 1
- 2
- 3

Can you tell us what is the nearest intersection to where you live?

Address or intersection:

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And what ZIP code do you live in?

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How did you find out about our Participatory Budgeting initiative?

- My neighborhood association
- Local community organization or nonprofit
- Local news (television or newspaper)
- Online news source
- Social media post
- My school, college or university
- A friend, neighbor or colleague
- Other source

If you're willing, we'd like to get some additional information about you so we can be sure our outreach is effective in reaching all neighbors in the city. Your responses help us understand who we're hearing from and ensure we reach a broad, representative set of voices. All responses are private and are used only to help us improve our outreach and understanding.

What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56-65
- 66-75
- Over 75
- Prefer not to answer

\* What is your personal racial identity?

- Black or African-American
- Asian (includes Indian Sub-Continent)
- American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native American/Indigenous
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Biracial or Multiracial
- My racial identity is not listed
- Prefer not to answer

\* Your Ethnicity

- I am Latina/Latino/LatinX/Hispanic
- I am NOT Latina/Latino/LatinX/Hispanic
- Prefer not to answer

\* What is your gender identity?

- Man/Boy
- Woman/Girl
- Non-Binary or Non-Conforming
- Prefer not to answer

\* What is your highest formal education level?

- Did not graduate High School
- High School/GED
- Technical/Vocational Certificate or Degree
- Some College
- Associate's Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Graduate or Professional Degree
- Prefer not to answer

Please tell us about your idea. It's OK if you don't know all the details - we'll have time later in the process to refine them. While all ideas are welcome, it's important to know that final projects must align with categories defined by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in order to be eligible for this pilot program. We encourage you to think big! The Steering Committee is interested in seeing proposals of \$50,000 or more.

Please tell us what project category your idea best aligns with.

- Infrastructure investments related to broadband internet access
- Infrastructure investments related to water or wastewater infrastructure
- Evidence-based violence reduction strategies
- Remediation of lead paint or other lead hazards in homes
- Responding to the economic and health impacts of COVID-19
- Incentive pay to front-line workers
- Investments in affordable housing and re-housing
- Addressing educational disparities
- Investing in healthy childhood environments
- Other

If the program or project idea you're submitting takes place in a specific Ward, please select that Ward below. If it is not specific to a particular Ward, skip to the next question.

- 1
- 2
- 3

If there is a specific location, please share it here. This could be a specific address, street, intersection or neighborhood. If there is not a specific location, skip to the next question.

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Now we'd like to know the details of your project. Please be sure to provide a detailed description - the more detailed you are, the easier it will be to evaluate your idea. All of these fields are required so we understand both the project and the potential benefits.

Please provide a short name for your project

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Use the space below to explain your project idea. If you have additional information (pictures, documents, etc.) you can also attach those for reference. You may also attach a video description of your project (or link to a video) here if you prefer.

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How does this project support the ARPA category you selected?

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How do you think the community might benefit from this project?

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Would you say there is some historical relevance to your idea? For instance, does it preserve important historical sites or address historical inequities in some meaningful way?

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Do you know if this idea has been previously presented or included in a neighborhood event, meeting or plan? This could include area-specific plans (ASPs), Corridor Improvement Authorities (CIA) or city-hosted events.

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Corridor Improvement Authority Maps and Documents (<https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Departments/Economic-Development/Corridor-Improvement-Authority-Map>)  
Community Master Plan and Area-Specific Plans (<https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Programs-and-Initiatives/Community-Master-Plan>)

Before you go, we'd like to know more about you. This will help us ensure that we're truly reaching a broad and representative group through the Participatory Budgeting process. It will also help us ensure that we can reach you should we need additional information, or if your project is selected for the next round of evaluation.

Did you receive assistance in completing this application?

- Yes
- No

If you answered "yes" can you provide contact information for the person who assisted you?

Name

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Email

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Phone

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If you did not receive assistance completing this form, we'd like some contact information in case we need to reach you about your idea.

First Name

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Last Name

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Email

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Phone

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Zip Code

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If we do need to reach out, please let us know the best times for us to speak with you.

- Weekday mornings
- Weekday afternoons
- Weekday evenings
- Weekend mornings
- Weekend afternoons
- Weekend evenings

As we advance to the next steps, we're going to need volunteers to assist with project refinement/budgeting and community outreach/get-out-the-vote efforts. Would you be interested in learning more about these opportunities to volunteer?

- Project refinement/budgeting
- Community outreach/get-out-the-vote
- No thanks

Name

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Email

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Address

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Please note that you can submit as many ideas as you'd like. Each idea should be submitted on a separate form and can be returned in-person or via U.S. Mail to the City's Customer Service Center located at:

**300 Monroe Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

Have questions? Send us an e-mail at [pb@grcity.us](mailto:pb@grcity.us) or call 3-1-1 (in the City) or 616-456-300 (outside of the City).