



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PILOT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE UPDATE • AUGUST 24, 2021

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Implementation Schedule

Action	Responsible	Timeline
Form steering committee	City Commission	June – July, 2021
Steering committee orientation	Steering Committee + Staff	July – August, 2021
Steering committee rule adoption	Steering Committee + Staff	August – November, 2021
Plan and conduct initial engagement	Steering Committee + Public	December, 2021 – June, 2022
Refine final concepts for vote	Steering Committee + Staff	July – August, 2022
Public voting & selection	Steering Committee + Public	September - October, 2022
Commission adoption	City Commission	November, 2022
Project implementation*	Staff + Steering Committee	2023-2024

* - *infrastructure investments may require a two-year schedule for implementation*

Current Status

- **969 participants to-date**
 - 28% from First Ward
 - 37% from Second Ward
 - 35% from Third Ward
- **432 ideas submitted**
 - 30% in First Ward
 - 31% in Second Ward
 - 39% in Third Ward
- **Demographics**
 - 52% white
 - 19% black/
African-American
 - 8% multiracial
 - 5% indigenous/
Native American
 - 11% Latina/Latino/
LatinX/Hispanic
(among all races)



Current Status

• ARPA Priorities

- 22% Housing affordability
- 18% Healthy childhood environments
- 14% Evidence-based violence reduction
- 10% Educational disparities
- 7% Water/wastewater infrastructure
- 7% Broadband
- 6% Economic & health impacts of COVID
- 3% Remediation of lead in homes
- 1% Incentive pay to front-line workers



Current Status

- Currently reviewing all ideas to determine feasibility, eligibility and clarity (follow-up required)
- Launched recruitment of budget delegates
 - By PB design, residents participate with experts and staff to refine project concepts and budgets
 - 147 currently expressed interest through survey
 - Posted interest form online at pbgr.org for additional recruitment
 - Paid opportunity for interested residents



Future steps

- **Project Refinement**
 - Qualify projects
 - Consolidate or combine where appropriate
 - Establish reasonable scope and budget
 - Reduce to 10-12 top projects per Ward
- **Education & Voting**
 - Six-day voting period
 - In-ward locations in partnership with community organizations



Additional notes on engagement

- Received community survey results and will be presenting to Commission in July
- In discussion with National Civic League and others to develop community healing series this summer
- Posting for FT community engagement staffer in Equity and Engagement on July 1
- Created full-time temp role for community relations in Office of Public Safety Accountability
- Created full-time role in Public Works for education & engagement focused on refuse and recycling





QUESTIONS



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