



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING



YOUR MONEY, YOU DECIDE!

Help decide how to spend \$500,000 for capital projects to improve your community.

Join an upcoming neighborhood assembly to brainstorm ideas!

Cambridge Water Department
Cafeteria, Ground Floor
250 Fresh Pond Parkway
Monday, December 8, 2014
11:30am-1:30pm

Gately Youth Center
Snack Room, 2nd Floor
70R Rindge Avenue
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
6:00pm-8:00pm

Main Library
Community Room, L2
449 Broadway
Sunday, December 14, 2014
2:00pm-4:00pm

Frisoli Youth Center
Computer Room, 2nd Floor
61 Willow Street
Tuesday, December 2, 2014
6:15pm-8:15pm

Citywide Senior Center
Ballroom, Ground Floor
806 Massachusetts Avenue
Saturday, December 6, 2014
2:00pm-4:00pm

Or submit your idea online at
www.cambridgema.gov/yourbudget

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pb@cambridgema.gov

Learn more about participatory budgeting at:
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617-349-4270

Participatory Budgeting in Cambridge

What is Participatory Budgeting (PB)?

Participatory budgeting is a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget. *Residents making real decisions about real money.*

The goals of Cambridge's pilot PB project are to directly involve residents in the budgeting and city-building process, foster civic engagement and community spirit, and help ensure that the City's capital plan reflects the priorities of Cambridge residents.

How much money is Cambridge setting aside and what can it be used for?

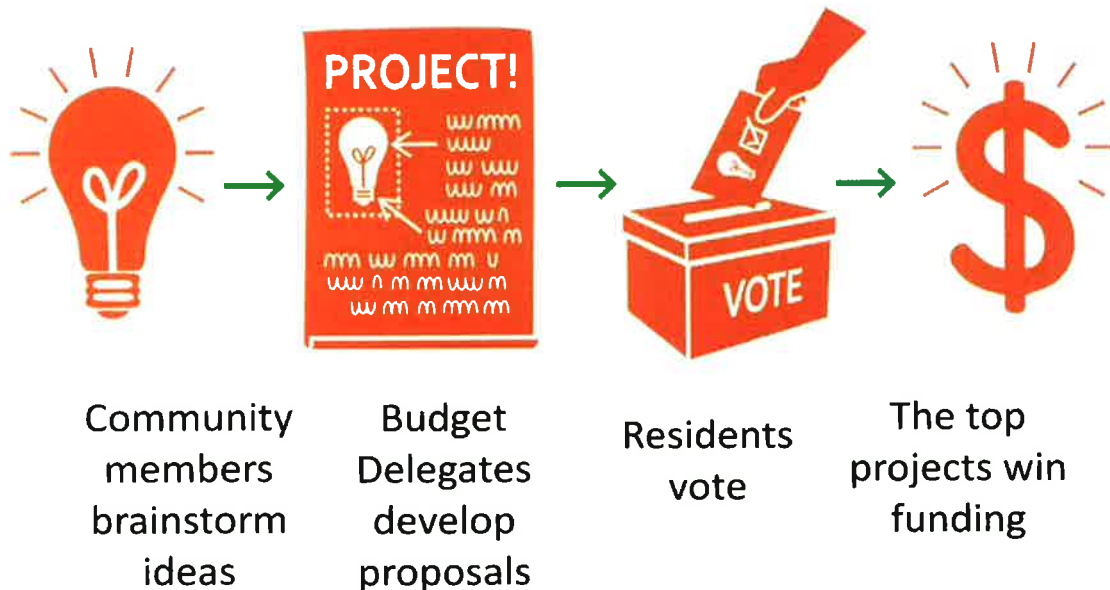
The City is setting aside **\$500,000 in capital funds** for the 2014-2015 pilot PB process. Projects are eligible for funding if they:

- ✓ Benefit the public. Projects that only benefit private individuals or groups are not eligible.
- ✓ Are a one-time expenditure that can be completed with funds from this year's PB process.
- ✓ Are implemented by the City of Cambridge on public property.

Examples of Eligible and Ineligible Project Ideas:

ELIGIBLE	INELIGIBLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Street and sidewalk paving• Community garden• Park renovations• Redesigning an intersection to make it safer• Bike racks and shelters• Replacing playground equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hiring additional police and firefighters• Extending hours at the library• Grants to community organizations• Early childhood education programs• A block party or community event• Running a youth basketball league

How does PB work?



Participate!

- Learn more about PB and submit your ideas at www.cambridgema.gov/yourbudget.
- Question? Please contact the City's Budget Department at PB@cambridgema.gov or (617) 349-3266.