## Neighborhood Park & Street Fund 2017 A.K.A.

# Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets

Participatory Budgeting Seattle







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TRAIL/PATH MAINTENANCE & UPGRADES

#### **OTHER EXAMPLES INCLUDE:** natural area renovations, minor playground improvements

#### **Neighborhood Park and Street FUND**

**Specified amount of City funding** 

**Capital projects in Parks & SDOT Right of Way** 

Up to \$90K per project

**Geographically-Based** 

**<u>Community decides on projects</u>** 

City plans & constructs projects in the next year

#### Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets

Specified amount of City funding = \$2 Million

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**Geographically-Based** = 7 City Council Districts

**Community decides on projects** 

= Participatory Budgeting

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#### Participatory Budgeting

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## The PB Process: *Phases*



## Idea Collection

This is where we collect ideas from the broader community. Idea Assemblies Both organized and mobile Provide information necessary to understand scope and limitations (Facilitation) > No idea is off the table at this point Co-Hosting Public Meetings w/ other agencies Online Submissions Social Media Push

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#### **Proposal Development**



The process of taking all of the ideas collected and preparing them for the ballot

#### Community Budget Delegates

- Consolidate ideas into concrete proposals
- Develop scopes and budgets for projects
- Work in teams or committees organized by theme

#### City/Organization Staff

- Brief Budget Delegates on technical information
- Provide feedback on proposals for implementation feasibility
- Answer questions about current or planned work related to proposals

## Vote on Projects

**Broad Community Participation:** Mobile and Online Voting Multiple opportunities for people to participate Simple, clear language on ballot about proposals, cost and scope Leveraging Partnerships Work with organizations with shared mission or focus population to boost voting Use locations for voting sites that are popular with focus populations (i.e. community centers, libraries, sporting events, etc.

## Fund & Implement **S**

# Elements for Accountability & Transparency Working Internally Ensure projects are delivered as scoped and voted on by the public Work with internal partners to ensure participation throughout the process Reporting Externally

Communication to voters and public about project status Changes in project scope should include public participation to ensure changes are aligned to the intent of the proposal

#### **Timeline**



Community Members brainstormed ideas for potential projects Volunteers develop ideas into concrete proposals for the ballot Community votes on which projects they wanted to see implemented The City will now fund and carry out the winning proposals!

## The PB Process: *Outcomes*

Increase civic engagement in the budgeting and planning process

Broaden political participation in decision-making

Grow new community leaders and cultivate active citizens

Build stronger relationships between government, organizations and residents

Move towards fairer and more effective spending

Build trust between government and residents