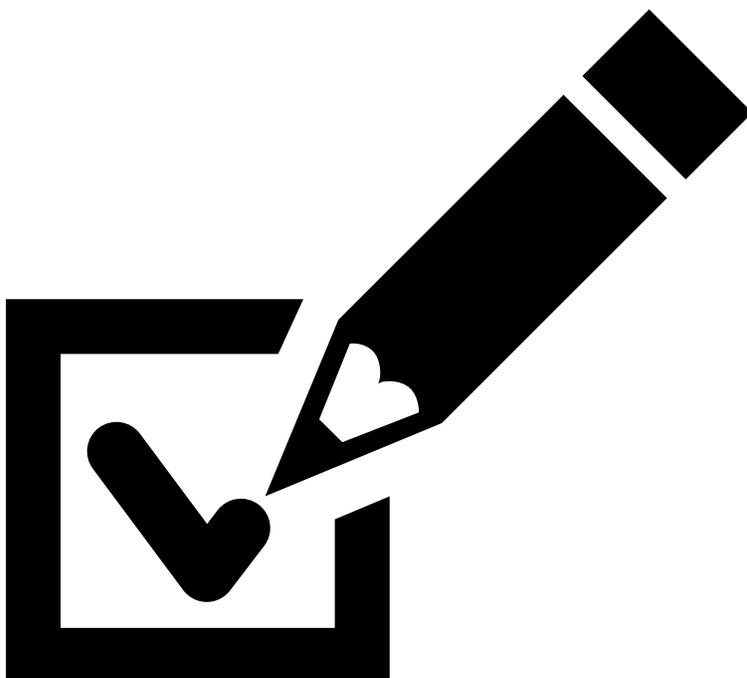


Participatory Budgeting in Cambridge 2015

BALLOT



Voting Instructions

- All Cambridge residents ages 12 and over may vote.
- You may vote for up to five (5) projects.
- You cannot vote for the same project more than once.
- Ballots marked with more than five (5) votes are invalid and will not be counted.
- Mark boxes clearly with an "X," a check mark, or fully shade them in.
- Use black or blue ink. Ballots marked in pencil will not be counted.



Culture & Community Facilities



A. Mural Project at Russell Field \$22,000

Russell Field FieldHouse, Rindge Ave

A middle-school student in North Cambridge proposed installing a mural in his neighborhood that “shows the community of Cambridge.” The mural will be installed on the Russell Field Fieldhouse.



B. Furniture for the O’Connell Library \$36,000

East Cambridge (48 Sixth Street)

The furniture at the O’Connell library is quite worn down. This proposal would provide the library with new tables, chairs, computer workstations, and loveseats for parents and children to read together.



C. Bilingual Books for Children Learning English \$7,000

Citywide

This will fund the purchase of 300+ bilingual books for Cambridge children in the “Agenda for Children’s Literacy” Initiative project who are learning English, learning to read, & have limited/no access to books in their home language.



D. Little Free Libraries (Book Exchanges) \$13,000

13 locations - 1 in each neighborhood.

Informal Book Exchanges are already popular in Cambridge on streets and at the DPW yard. This project would install 13 Little Free Libraries to support literacy, community engagement, and fun throughout the streets of our city.



E. Computers for the Community Learning Center \$27,000

Community Learning Center, 5 Western Avenue

At the CLC, students can improve their English or pursue a High School Equivalency Diploma. The CLC has 18 laptops and 12 ThinkPads for 630 adult learners. Project would fund 20 additional laptops, keyboards, mice and storage cart for the students.



Streetsmarts



F. Bike Repair Stations \$12,000

8 locations around Cambridge

Install 8 bike repair stations with tools and bike pumps around the City for cyclists to quickly, easily, and freely fix routine bike problems. Locations include 2 libraries, 2 T stops, 3 parks (includes Inman Sq), and Fresh Pond Parkway.



G. Renovation of Bus Shelter at Comeau Field & Rindge Ave. \$75,000

Rindge Avenue at Comeau Field, North Cambridge

This project entails a major redesign and renovation, with community participation, of the #83 bus shelter. New features will include acrylic panels with cut-out figures and a roof element reflective of nearby recreation and natural habitat.



H. Wayfinding Banners - Neighborhood & Commercial Identity \$15,600

13 City Profile Areas of Cambridge

Hang banners in 13 strategic high-traffic, high-density business and neighborhood areas to identify commercial and/or neighborhood-specific local areas in Cambridge. This would support commerce, diversity, and neighborhood integrity.



I. Traffic Garden \$200,000

Location will be determined through a community process

A Dutch Traffic Garden, called “Safety School” in the U.S., is a permanent park for children to learn transportation etiquette by role playing. Kids take turns biking, walking, and driving a miniature streetscape in a safe environment.



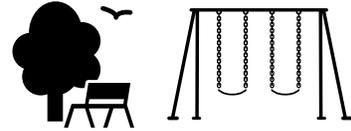
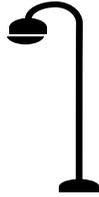
J. Bus Shelter Monitors with Real Time Arrival \$30,000

Inman Square

Install 2 real time bus arrival monitors with digital displays at the bus shelters at Cambridge Street & Hampshire Street and Cambridge Street & Inman Street.



Environment, Public Health & Safety



Parks & Recreation



K. Materials for Planting by Residents on Public Land

\$40,000

Throughout Cambridge

Raised beds for food plants, placed at sites around town determined by city staff, consulting with residents. Plant materials, such as flower bulbs, for planting on other city land, distributed to residents in several locations.



P. Free Wifi in 6 Outdoor Public Spaces

\$42,000

Public space outside 4 Youth Centers, the Golf Course, and Water Department

Install special outdoor wifi access points to offer free public wifi in the public space surrounding the Area IV, Frisoli, Gately, and Moore Youth Centers, as well as the Fresh Pond Golf Course and Cambridge Water Department.



L. Healthy Trees for a Healthy Cambridge!

\$119,400

Sidewalks in East Cambridge, Wellington/Harrington, Area IV/Port, and Cambridgeport

Street trees cool the city, absorb pollution, & make our neighborhoods more livable! Vote to plant 100 new trees & build tree wells in the areas that need them most, along with educational signage so you can learn about your "green neighbors."



Q. Outdoor Bodyweight Fitness Equipment in Danehy Park

\$65,000

Danehy Park

Install outdoor body-weight fitness equipment for stretching, strength building, and plyometric exercises at Danehy Park.



M. Toilet for All

\$320,000

Central Square (location will be determined through a community process)

24-hour access public toilet near Central Square, similar to the one currently underway in Harvard Square. The exact location will be determined through a public process.



R. Raymond Park Community Garden Improvements

\$20,000

Raymond Park

Beautify the community garden at Raymond Park through the addition of fencing, a partial retaining wall, landscaping and plantings, and furnishings.



N. North Cambridge Community Garden

\$240,000

Russell Field where Harvey Street meets Alewife Linear Park

The new North Cambridge Community Garden in the northeast corner of Russell Field will build community, provide healthy food, and promote wellness and environmental awareness



S. Dog Park at Gore Street Park

\$250,000

Gore Street Park, East Cambridge

Convert part of Gore Street Park (Gold Star Mother's Park) into a dog park with clear signage, a clean area for dogs to run, benches, and water fountains for dogs and owners.



O. Cambridge Garden of Peace

\$340,000

An area within Riverside Press Park at River Street & Memorial Drive.

The Peace Garden memorial will include benches and stones or objects reflecting names of loved ones from Cambridge who lost their lives to violence. An area of Riverside Press Park will be transformed into a place of tranquility & reflection.



T. Amphitheater in Danehy Park

\$350,000

Danehy Park

Build an amphitheater in Danehy Park for outdoor performances, music, stories, and other cultural events that the whole community can enjoy.

What is Participatory Budgeting?

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a democratic process that empowers community members to directly decide how to spend part of a public budget. PB was first developed in Brazil in 1989, and is now practiced in over 1,500 cities around the world.

In the fall of 2014, the City began the first PB process in Cambridge. In December, community members submitted over 380 ideas for how to spend \$500,000 of the capital budget to improve Cambridge. From January to March, volunteer Budget Delegates distilled and developed those ideas into proposals to meet community needs. Now, Cambridge residents are invited to decide which projects the City should fund. Make your voice heard!

www.participatorybudgeting.org

Credits

Special thanks to the PB Cambridge Steering Committee, the Budget Delegates, City of Cambridge staff, the Participatory Budgeting Project, and all the volunteers and participants!

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