

# Ward 11

# **Participatory Budgeting**

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Project Overview



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## *How would you invest in your neighborhood?*

The City of Providence is piloting an exciting new way for community members to decide how to spend neighborhood infrastructure dollars!

Providence is facilitating a participatory budgeting process for \$6.6 million in Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding dedicated to Upper South Providence.

To do so, a community steering committee has been appointed to co-design and oversee the process, with support from staff from the City Council, Department of Planning & Development, and CIVIC, an outside facilitator.

**Participatory Budgeting is a democratic process by which community members decide how funds should be spent in their own communities!**

# Parameters

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## What is eligible for funding?

By CIP rules, the \$6.6M can only be spent on *capital projects* on City-owned property or in the public right-of-way.

Capital projects can be new infrastructure or significant one-time maintenance – but not ongoing maintenance, programming, or staffing.

Projects must also fall within the red boundaries to the right – between the I-95 service road and high schools to the north, Prairie Avenue to the east, Chester Avenue to the south, and Broad Street to the west.



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## **Where did the funding come from?**

The \$6.6M dedicated to the Ward 11 participatory budgeting process is from the City of Providence's Capital Improvement Plan (or "CIP").

These funds were initially dedicated to infrastructure work in the Upper South Providence area of Ward 11 depicted in the previous map - including sidewalks, streets, trees, lighting, and stormwater improvements. This project was delayed because of ongoing utility work in the area.

Other funding has since been identified by the City to potentially complete the previously planned upgrades, which freed up this funding to be spent through a pilot participatory budgeting process.

# Community Engagement Phases

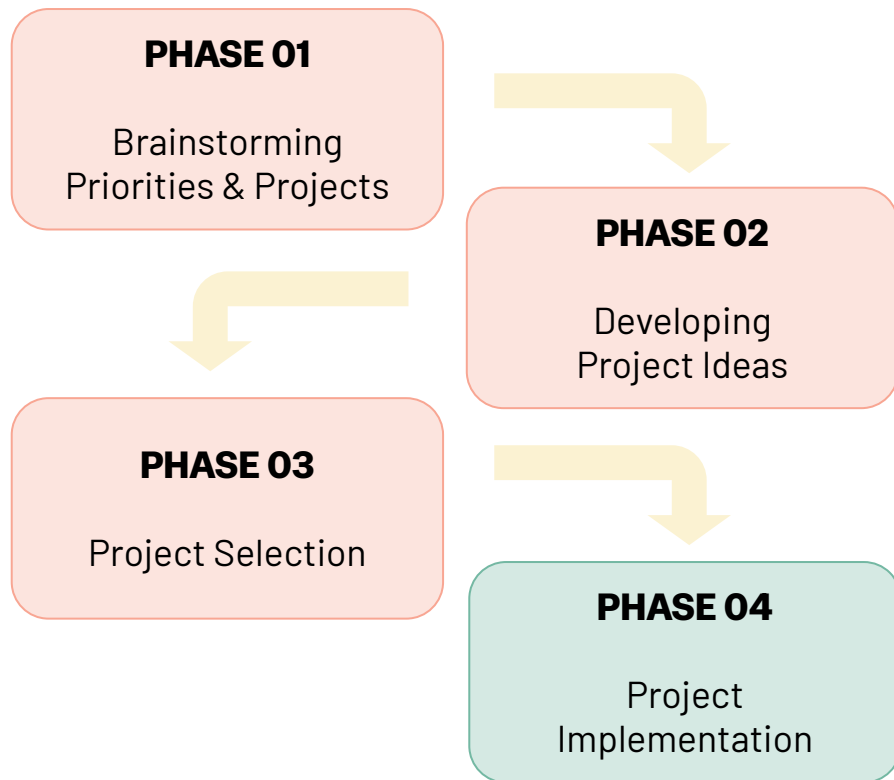
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Over a series of community engagement phases with multiple ways to participate, community members will shape the participatory budgeting process.

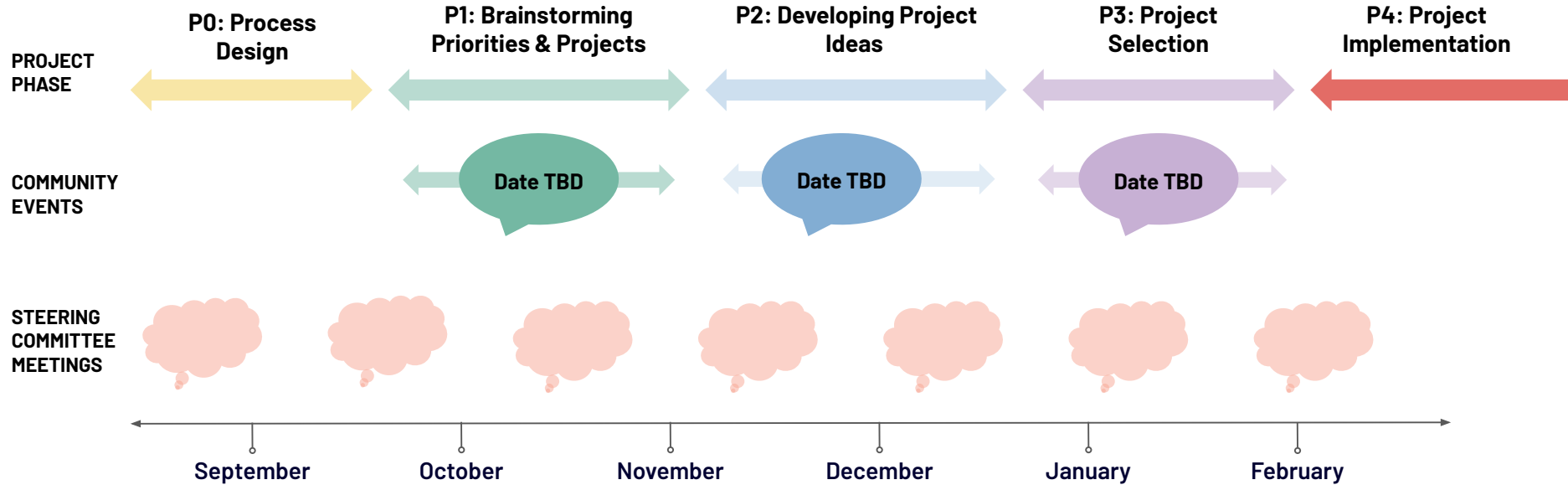
In Phase 01, community members will brainstorm their priorities and begin identifying project types.

In Phase 02, community members will develop specific project ideas and score them based on community priorities identified in Phase 01.

In Phase 03, community members will review eligible projects and cast their ballots!



# Timeline (subject to change)



**Note:** The timeline for the participatory budgeting process is expedited to ensure funding is allocated to projects within fiscal deadlines.