

## Question Report

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Question

1 Are you planning to explain how PB actually works?

Can you share tips as to how to get started? I'm sold on the concept and I will have allies in some City Council members.

However, there will be ample resistance from those who like the

2 top down status quo model.

I've looked at the PBP webpage. Can you clarify, is this a process where PBP applies to a part of the budget (a line item for PBP) or

3 this a process that applies to an ENTIRE agency budget?

How do you communicate funding limitations to the public in a digestible/accessible way that still encourages participation? For example some funding sources may not allow projects that folks

4 want/need.

5 Can you give us a basic definition of participatory budgeting

How have you seen PB successfully implemented in municipalities? Does it come from councilmembers/policymakers, funding opportunities (like CDBG), or from the ground up? I'm part of an organization working to establish PB in Oakland citywide via

6 a ballot initiative, and it is ROUGH.

what basic recommendations would you give to encourage

7 community groups to get involved in budgeting

Can you explain some different examples of the mechanics/process of participatory budgeting? For example, in Oakland, Community Democracy Project proposes Neighborhood

8 Assemblies with leaders who are liaison to City Council.

Can you speak to your perspective on PB processes that aren't tied to binding decisions? I.e. some PB processes are more consultative, and end up being recommendations to electeds rather than direct

9 decisions

The amounts you are talking about tend to be rather minimal and on the edges of a budget. Does anyone use PB to really look at

10 larger budget issues and amounts?

Can you point us to the research that one of the panelists mentioned, regarding the value of PB? Is there also a list of cities and their PB projects at a website that we can go to to learn  
11 more?

Not really answered. San Francisco's budget is \$14 billion. And your examples say something like \$30 million (even \$100 million in Paris) is a major success. Not that it isn't good, but not really  
12 causing major budget change.

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Asker Name	Answer	Answer Name
Ed Harrington	live answered	SPUR Public Programs
Anonymous Attendee	live answered	Amanda Hudson
Anonymous Attendee	we typically see agencies identify space within a budget to do participatory bugdeting (PB) - it could happen with an entire butdget, but we have seen less instances of that in the US	Shari Davis
Anonymous Attendee	live answered	Amanda Hudson
Anonymous Attendee	live answered	SPUR Public Programs
Kelly Baker	live answered	Amanda Hudson
Anonymous Attendee	live answered	SPUR Public Programs
Stephanie Goode	For sure! one of the big pieces is that community members DECIDE whereas in many instances of community assemblies (while there is important things like deep diologue) it would end in recommendations rather than decisions	Shari Davis
Tara Mohtadi	live answered	SPUR Public Programs
Ed Harrington	live answered	SPUR Public Programs

[www.democracybeyondelections.org](http://www.democracybeyondelections.org)  
[www.pbcan.org](http://www.pbcan.org)  
[www.participatorubudgeting.org](http://www.participatorubudgeting.org)

Anonymous  
Attendee

these are websites to see case studies and research  
on PB

Shari Davis

ED that's right we are seeing a trend of larger PB in  
the last couple of years compared to smaller pilot  
instances of PB. There is a LOT of room to grow  
how much control over public budgets community  
members have with PB. We are just now as a  
society moving passed the "proof of concept" space  
in the US. There is still a lot of work to do

Ed Harrington

Shari Davis