

# You asked, we answered.

## How are the priorities identified through Community Action Plans related to the PB process?

Participatory Budgeting is an excellent resource that will be used to support Community Action Plan priorities.

## What is the difference between capital and non-capital projects through the PB process?

- **Capital projects:** Tenant decision-making for capital projects is **no longer** part of the PB program. Facilities Management will now lead this process. Tenants can provide input on capital projects for their building to the Facilities Management team.
- **Non-capital projects:** Tenants will have full decision-making power for community improvements.
- Every third year, there will be no allocation day. Instead, funding will be allocated to every community.

## Who makes the decisions about PB?

- PB is a tenant-led decision making process. Toronto Community Housing staff will be available to support tenants through building meetings and provide key information that will help them make decisions about their projects. Once the community makes their decision, staff will purchase the items. The community delegate will sign off once the project is completed.

## Will PB Monitoring Committees still exist?

- Yes. PB Monitoring Committees will be created on Allocation Day. Anyone who attends Allocation Day is eligible to become a member.

## Need more info? Just ask.

- Contact your local **Community Services Coordinator**
- Call the PB Hotline at **416-981-4011**
- Email **[ncpb@torontohousing.ca](mailto:ncpb@torontohousing.ca)**
- Visit **[torontohousing.ca/pb](http://torontohousing.ca/pb)**



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# Non-Capital Participatory Budgeting



## Learn more about changes to the program



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# About Participatory Budgeting

For the past 15 years, Participatory Budgeting (PB) has given Toronto Community Housing tenants the opportunity to decide how to allocate funds to improve their buildings and developments. The total PB budget for all communities is \$800,000.

## A PB program that works for you

Toronto Community Housing put PB on hold in 2017 so we could work with tenants on what an improved model should look like.

### What we heard from tenants:

- Have a separate tenant engagement process for non-capital and capital items.
- We need a process that is clear and less complicated for tenants and staff.
- Tenants want more of a say about selecting projects and less staff control throughout the process.

## How did we get here?

- Four meetings were held in early summer 2017 to get feedback from members of the current PB Monitoring Committee to help us identify two potential models for the new PB process.
- Four city-wide tenant consultation meetings were held in August 2017 to collect feedback on the two potential models and on other areas of PB that need to be improved.
- Three meetings were held in September and October 2017 to finalize the new model.

## PB timeline



### Phase one:

#### Identify local needs

- Tenants will be educated on the process and encouraged to participate.
- Staff will support tenants to develop their ideas and provide key information about items.



### Phase two:

#### Decide on projects

- Communities will decide which non-capital items to present on Allocation Day, and select a delegate and an alternate.
- On Allocation Day, delegates will vote on projects.
- PB Monitoring Committees will be formed.



### Phase three:

#### Implement decisions

- Staff will purchase selected items.
- Monitoring committees will meet monthly until all projects are signed off and complete.
- PB Monitoring Committees will meet at the end of the year to assess the program.