



RVA PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

STEERING COMMISSION MEETING 1 - 9/22/2022

WELCOME

AGENDA AND GOALS

1. GET TO KNOW EVERYONE
2. WHAT IS PB?
3. LOGISTICS

Recording



INTRODUCTIONS

WHO IS GOING TO BE INVOLVED

City Council

City Staff

Storefront for Community Design

Resident/Commission Members

Consultant

SHARE . . .

Name

Neighborhood

How long have you been in Richmond

Answer either or both -

- What do you love about Richmond?
- What is important about your neighborhood?



DESIGN THE PROCESS

A steering committee that represents the community creates the rules and engagement plan.



BRAINSTORM IDEAS

Through meetings and online tools, residents share and discuss ideas for projects.



DEVELOP PROPOSALS

Volunteer "budget delegates" develop the ideas into feasible proposals.



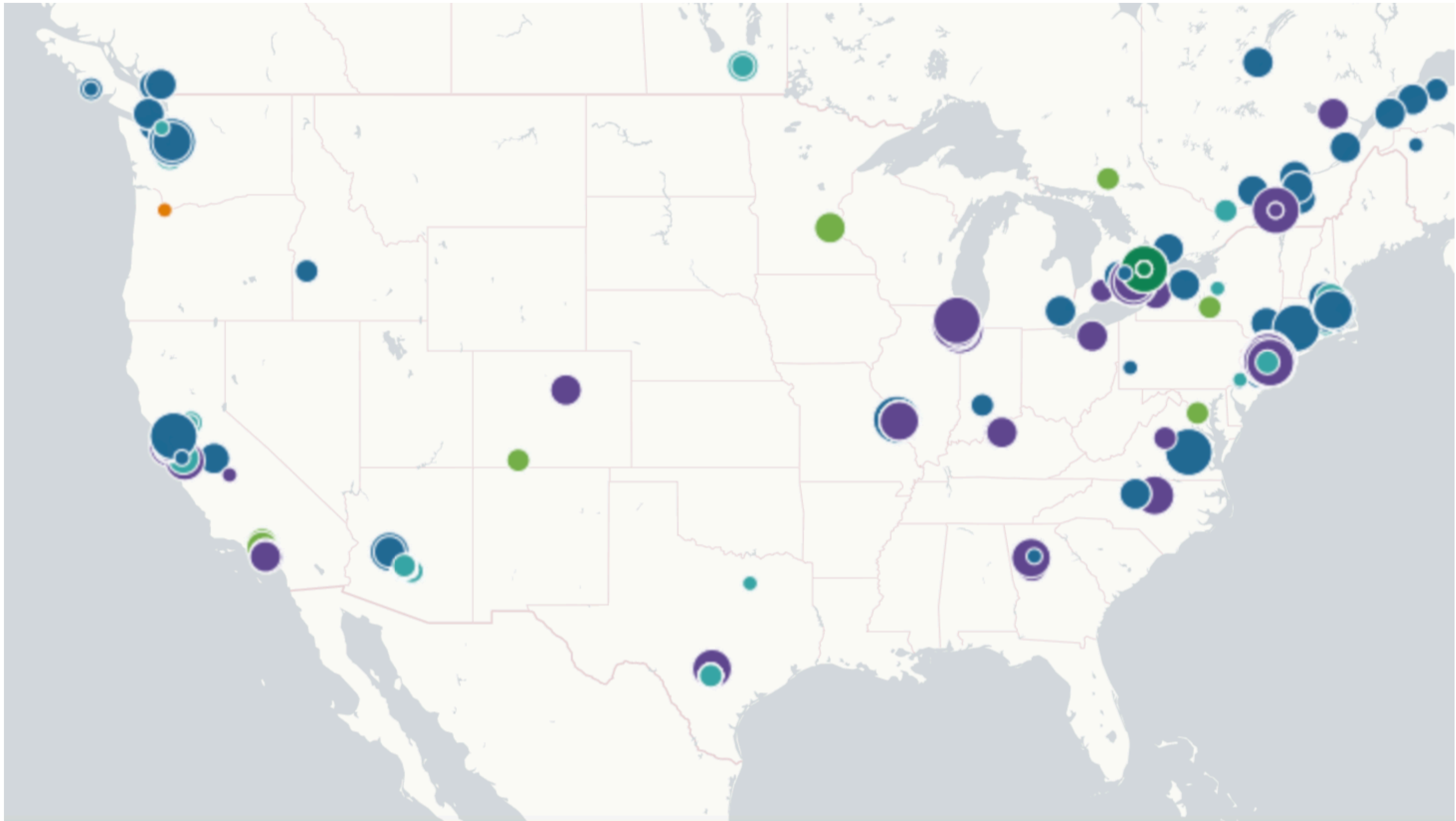
FUND WINNING PROJECTS

The government or institution funds and implements the winning ideas.



VOTE

Residents vote on the proposals that most serve the community's needs.





Participatory Budgeting

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a citizen engagement process through which community members decide how to allocate a portion of a public budget. Citizens make direct decisions about how government money is spent in their community by identifying and prioritizing public spending projects. Communities can choose to use the PB process to deepen citizen engagement, including for the use of eligible Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing and Community Development funds.

On December 6th 2013, the second U.S. Open Government National Action Plan was released, announcing 23 new or expanded open-government commitments that will further advance these efforts. This included a commitment to promote community-led participatory budgeting as a tool for enabling citizens to play a role in identifying, discussing, and prioritizing certain local public spending projects, and for giving citizens a voice in how taxpayer dollars are spent in their communities. The language from the commitment is as follows:

Promote Public Participation in Community Spending Decisions: Participatory budgeting allows citizens to play a key role in identifying, discussing, and prioritizing public spending projects, and gives them a voice in how taxpayer dollars are spent. Over a dozen cities around the country, such as Chicago, New York, Boston, Vallejo, and Greensboro, NC, already have had success in participatory budgeting processes to help determine local budgeting priorities. *One way participatory budgeting can be utilized by cities is through eligible Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing and Community Development funds, which can be used to promote affordable housing, provide services to the most vulnerable citizens, and create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses.* The Administration is working in collaboration with the Strong Cities, Strong Communities initiative (SC2), the National League of Cities, non-profit organizations, philanthropies, and interested cities to: create tools and best practices that communities can use to implement projects; raise awareness among other American communities that participatory budgeting can be used to help determine local investment priorities; and help educate communities on participatory budgeting and its benefits.



PB RVA

PAST AND PRESENT TO FUTURE

2017|18 - Early Engagement

2019 - City Council Passes Resolution

2020 - Planning/Pandemic

2021 - Commission

2022 - Planning

2023 - Education and Implementation

2024 - RVAPB Cycle 1 is completed



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HOW WOULD YOU SPEND \$1 MILLION OF THE CITY'S MONEY?

COME TELL US HOW:

Monday, Oct 24, 2011

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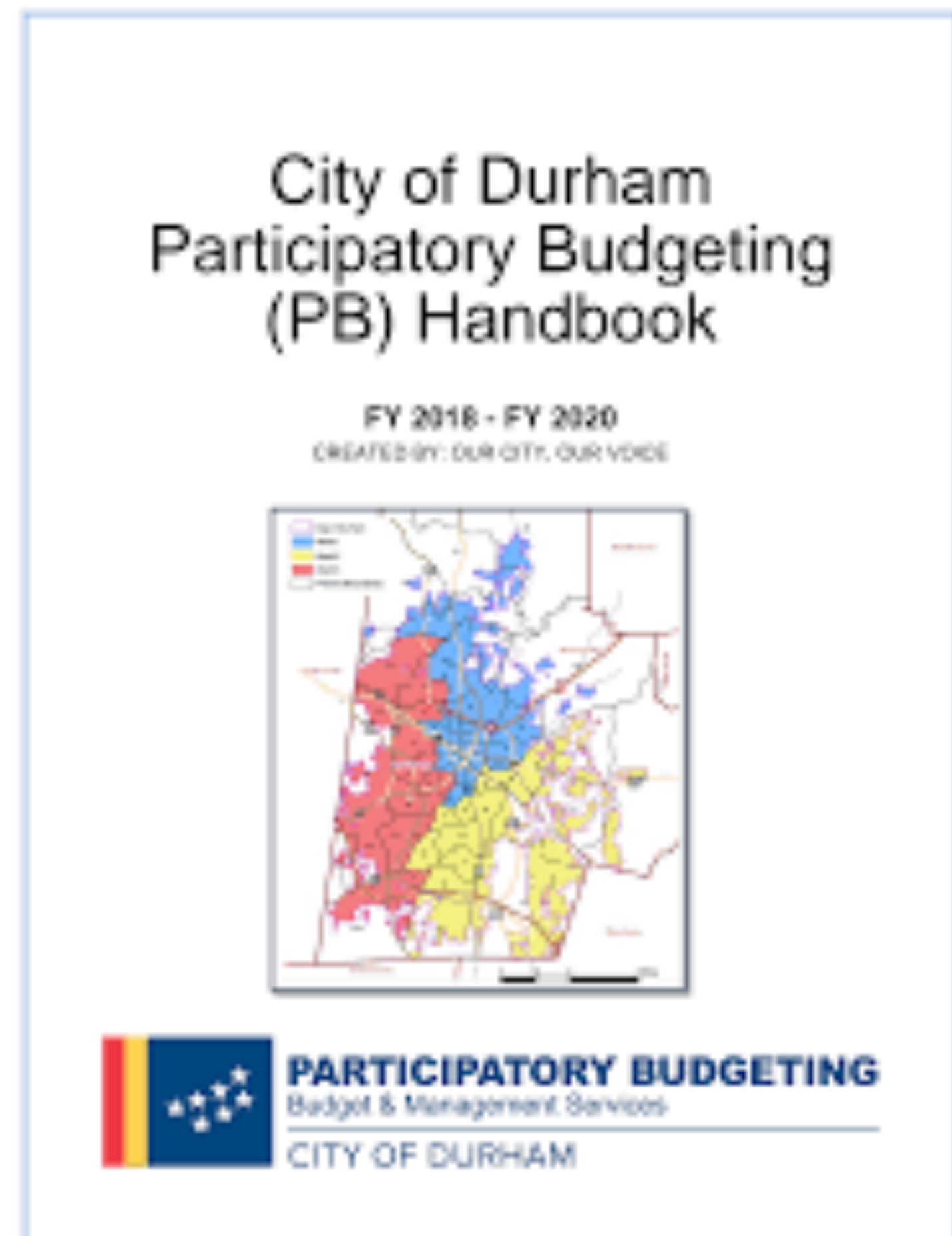
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**PARTICIPATORY
BUDGETING** 



WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Aligns public fundings with community needs/values.

Builds the capacity of residents to be active participants in budgeting process.

Meets people where they are at and scaffolds engagement.

The focus is on tangibility, transparency, accountability, actionable, equity.

Pair Community lived experience with City Hall knowledge.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

***HOW ARE WE GOING TO
DO THIS?***

LEADERSHIP/ VOTING

LEADERSHIP - TOP-DOWN/SHARED

CONSENSUS - MAKING COLLECTIVE DECISIONS



SCHEDULE

IN PERSON/ONLINE/HYBRID - HYBRID
WHAT DAY/TIME IS BEST - REGULARITY
HOW LONG - 1.5 HOURS
HOW OFTEN - 1 OR 2 PER MONTH
TIMELINE



DRAFT TIMELINE

| | September | October | November | December | January | February |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| Goals | Introductions | Learn about PB Goals/ | City Budgeting/ Communication | Engagement | Idea Collection/ Proposal Development | Voting/Wrap Up |
| Number of Meetings | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Date/Weeks | 9/22 | 1st/3rd | 1st/3rd | 1st | 2nd/4th | 2nd/4th |

COMMUNICATION

PUBLIC MEETINGS

EMAIL/TEXT/PHONE - EMAIL IS PREFERRED/FOIA

CALENDAR INVITES

SHARING INFORMATION - WEBSITE/DOCUMENTS



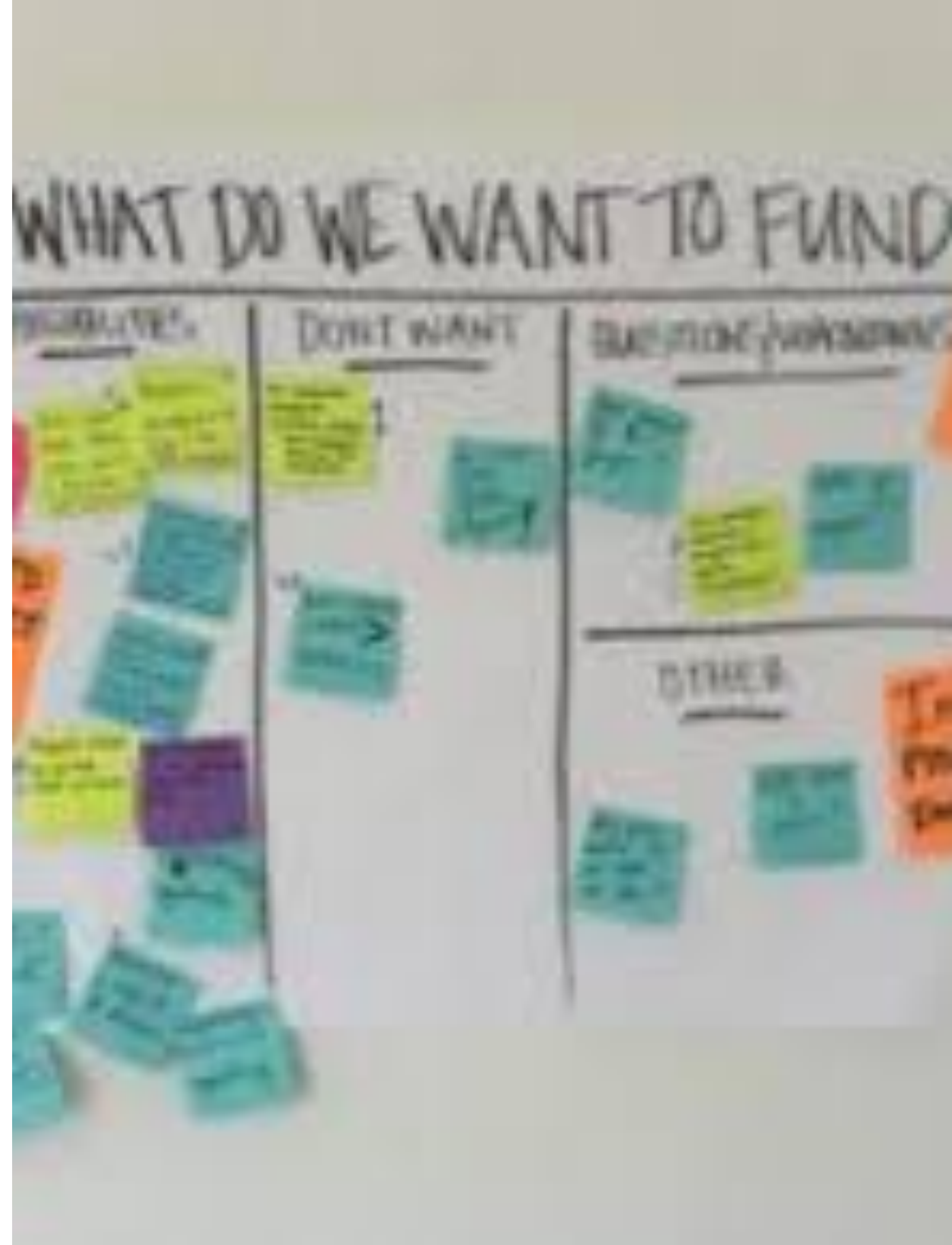
RESOURCES

STIPEND

DAYCARE

TRANSPORTATION/TECHNOLOGY

FOOD



HOMework

PREPARE FOR NEXT TIME

Co-Lead Next Session

Participatory Budgeting Video/Research - Look at how another community is doing this?

Interviews and Coffee

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

THANKS

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