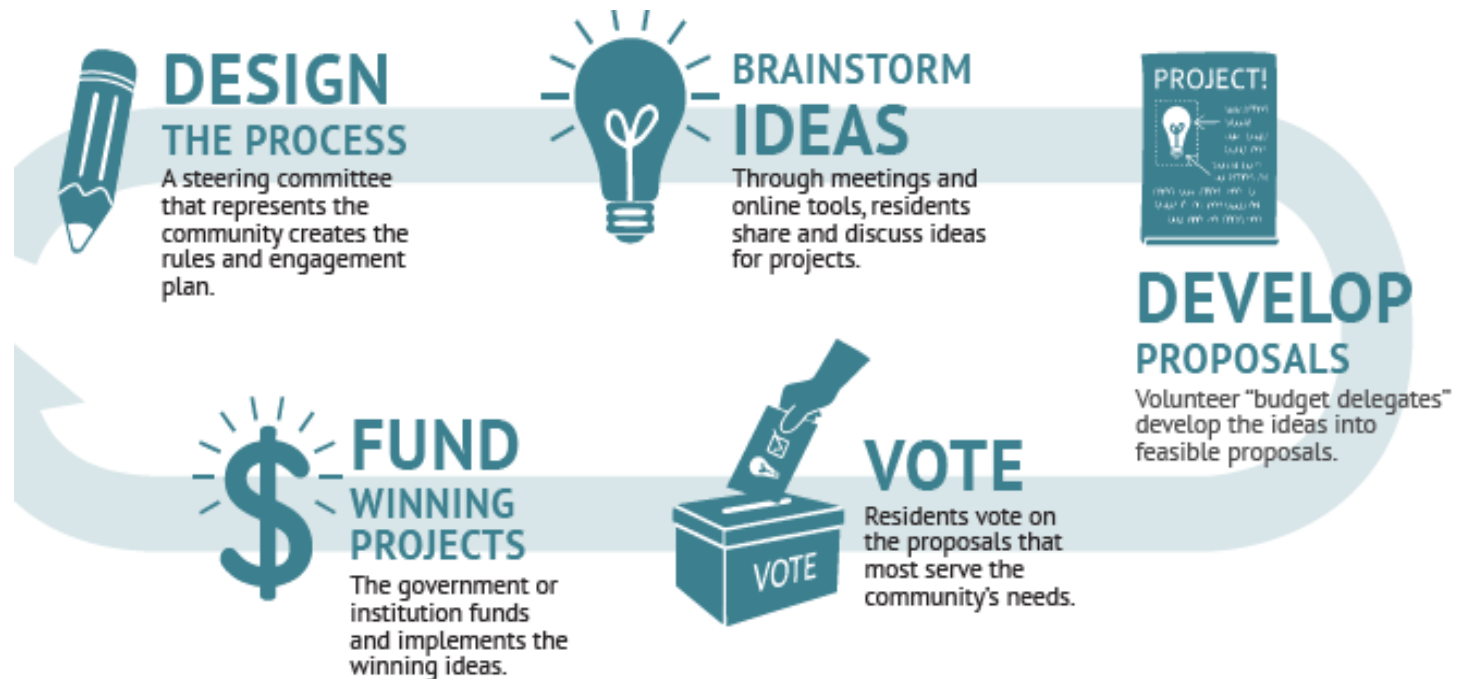


Mashantucket Pequot Participatory Budgeting Project Overview

Encouraging PB Mash Steering Committee Participation for
Members of MPTN Standing Committees

PB Mashantucket Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is participatory budgeting (PB)?**
 - Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget. It gives people real power over real money. *2 min. PB history video* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epvtyc2dPVE>
- **How does PB Work?**



(Continued) PB Mashantucket FAQ's

- ***Who conducts the PB process?***
 - The PB Mashantucket Steering Committee with the help of a non-profit named PBP
- ***Who can be involved in the process and what do they do?***
 - Any Pequot person who at least 11 years old can be fully involved in PB Mashantucket – kids are empowered to share ideas and cast votes just like adults
 - Involvement includes attending meetings (online or live), suggesting and narrowing down Tribal Community projects that are proposed, promoting the effort & voting.
 - A key first step in launching PB is to assemble a diverse and representative Steering Committee of local residents to oversee the process and make important decisions about how it will work, such as who is eligible to participate and what kinds of projects are eligible for funding from the \$300,000 allocation by the Tribal Council.
- ***What project steps will the PB Mashantucket Steering Committee oversee?***
 - i. *Design*
 - ii. *Idea Collection*
 - iii. *Proposal Development*
 - iv. *Vote*
 - v. *Evaluation*
 - vi. *Implementation & Monitoring*

What Can PB Mash Do For Committee Members?

- Help them embrace & strengthen their personal skills and Pequot family relationships through a community collaboration process that has worked around the world
- Create an opportunity to share all of their Tribal Community-focused project ideas
- Enable them to share the authority to make project decisions, NOT just make recommendations
- Allow their kids to fully participate with them to identify community project ideas and make Tribal civic decisions about how to spend the \$300k Community projects budget

Process & Schedule of PB Mashantucket Events

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Community Outreach/Recruiting | JUNE-AUGUST |
| 2. Design | SEPTEMBER |
| 3. Idea Collection | JULY - DECEMBER |
| 4. Proposal Development | JANUARY 2022 |
| 5. Project Voting | FEBRUARY 2022 |
| 6. Evaluation | MARCH and APRIL 2022 |
| 7. Implementation | APRIL - DECEMBER 2022 |
| 8. Monitoring | APRIL - DECEMBER 2022 |

- *Project Team oversees steps 1-2, Steering Committee oversees steps 3-8*