

FAIRWOOD

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING GUIDEBOOK 2023-2024

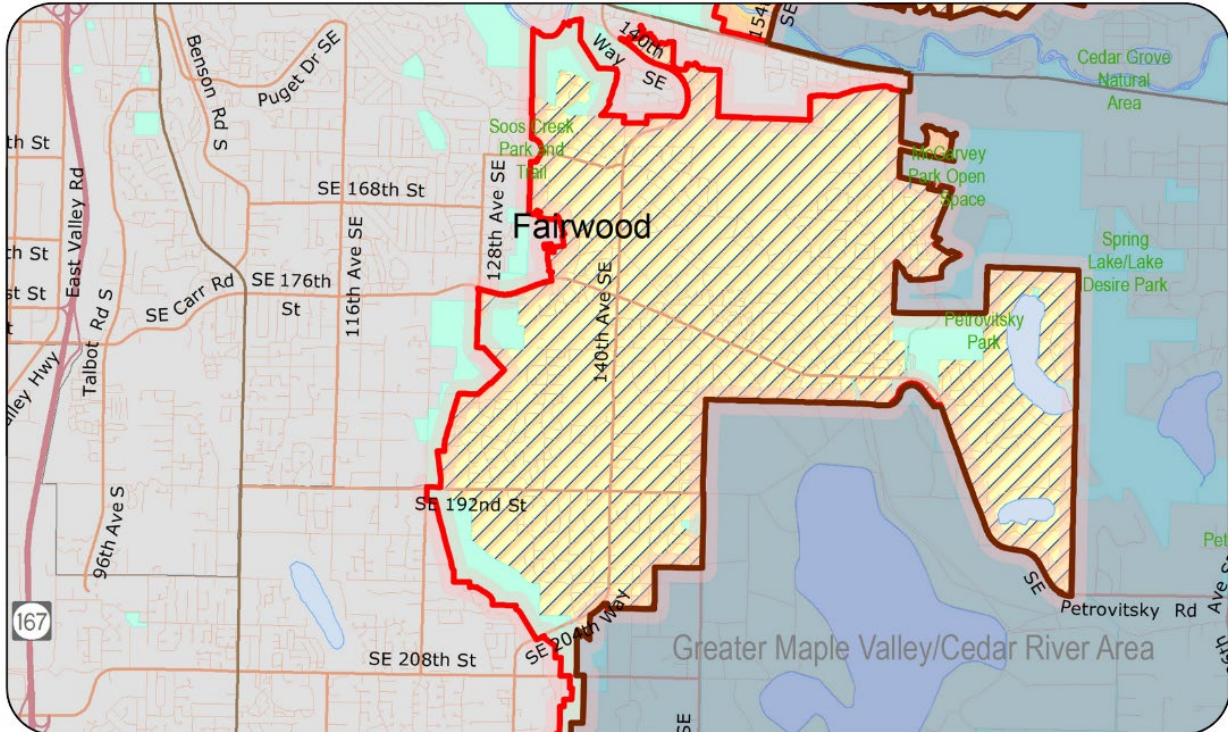


**How do you want to spend funds
in your area?**



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FAIRWOOD UNINCORPORATED AREA



The Fairwood community in urban unincorporated King County has \$754,000 to use in our second cycle of participatory budgeting (2023-2024).

Community members will decide how to spend these funds on capital projects, programs, and services to benefit their community.

Capital projects: **\$754,000**

HOW CAN **YOU** BE PART OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING?

Be a volunteer – various positions and roles are available

- ▶ Apply for **Steering Committee** membership
- ▶ Serve as a **Proposal Advocate**
- ▶ Share information about participatory budgeting in your community by becoming a Participatory Budgeting **Ambassador**
- ▶ You or your organization can become a Participatory Budgeting **Community Connector** and host community events

Be part of the process!

- ▶ Attend community events and/or meetings
- ▶ Submit an idea or give input
- ▶ Become a volunteer
- ▶ Take part in participatory budgeting activities
- ▶ Share information with your family, friends, neighbors, and networks about participatory budgeting in your area



WHO CAN...

Submit an idea?

Anyone: Must live, work, go to school, or worship in, and/or be able to demonstrate a strong connection to, this community.

Serve as a proposal advocate?

Age 12 and up: Must live, work, go to school, or worship in, and/or demonstrate a strong connection to, this community.

Vote?

Age 16 and up: Must live, work, go to school, or worship in, and/or demonstrate strong connection to, this community.

There are no citizenship or identification requirements.

FOCUS AREAS

Fairwood steering committee members decided to focus the process on, but not restrict it to, investments related to the following:

Capital projects

- ▶ **Youth awareness**
Share information with the community through digital kiosks
- ▶ **Intergenerational connectedness**
Projects that will foster positive and enlightening community interactions between generations, such as walking trails
- ▶ **Community center**
A community space where youths have access to technology, business, and community leaders who can help them prepare for the future
- ▶ **Mobility**
Ensuring safe access to travel for residents via public or private means
- ▶ **Skill development**
Spaces and environments where the community can learn career and computer skills, such as a cultural innovation center
- ▶ **Digital access**
Free public Wi-Fi, enhanced broadband infrastructure



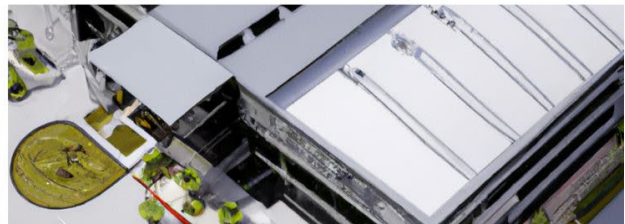
PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

What are capital projects and investments?

Definition: A capital investment must be for a physical thing that is bought, built, installed, and/or fixed up, including infrastructure, roads, buildings, land, parks, and equipment. Each project must generally be usable for at least 10 years and must provide a public benefit. Depending on the funding source, there may be additional requirements.

- ▶ There is **no minimum** and **no maximum** cost for capital projects in unincorporated Fairwood.
- ▶ There will be no more than seven capital projects for this community on the ballot.

Feasibility: We embrace projects of all scales, accommodating both small and large endeavors. We eagerly encourage ideas of any magnitude, recognizing the potential for innovation and creativity in projects of various sizes.



VOTE PLANNING & PROCESS

Method: Ranked choice

Voters rank their top five favorite projects, regardless of cost.

Voting contingency

If the top three projects tie but cannot all be funded, the steering committee has decided to prioritize based on:

- ▶ Promoting meaningful racial equity
- ▶ Within the budget, finding a way to fund all three
- ▶ Making budget considerations to fund all three projects with an even vote count

If the top two projects in terms of votes can be funded but the third project cannot be fully funded based on the remaining budget, the project will be funded at a range approved during proposal development.

If the third project cannot meet the range to be funded, move to the next project with the most votes. The goal is to use the full budget.

If, for some reason, the project becomes infeasible after being funded by a community vote, project funds will be used to fund the highest-voted project that did not receive funding, and/or to provide additional or contingency funds for funded projects.

Other project considerations

Project eligibility

- ▶ Focus on eliminating racial barriers and biases
- ▶ Services must be accessible to those who are underserved
- ▶ Focus and intent must be to serve those who are underserved, underrepresented, and/or displaced
- ▶ Empower and enlighten/educate the community about those who are unheard

For existing projects

- ▶ Existing projects should be able to demonstrate how they will focus on people who are underserved, displaced, and/or underrepresented and on eliminating racial barriers and biases
- ▶ For new and continued projects, each phase should be operational and sustainable. This should be considered in the ranking of projects. For example, a project may have an organization that provides an operational budget or volunteer support.

2021-22 (CYCLE 1) **FUNDED PROJECTS**

Capital improvement projects

- ▶ Splash Pad/Cooling Center at Petrovitsky Park (\$720,000)

Project status (Aug 2023): First phase of construction/design is in progress.
Estimated completion: 2025