



**King County**  
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# SKYWAY/WEST HILL

## PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING GUIDEBOOK 2023-2024

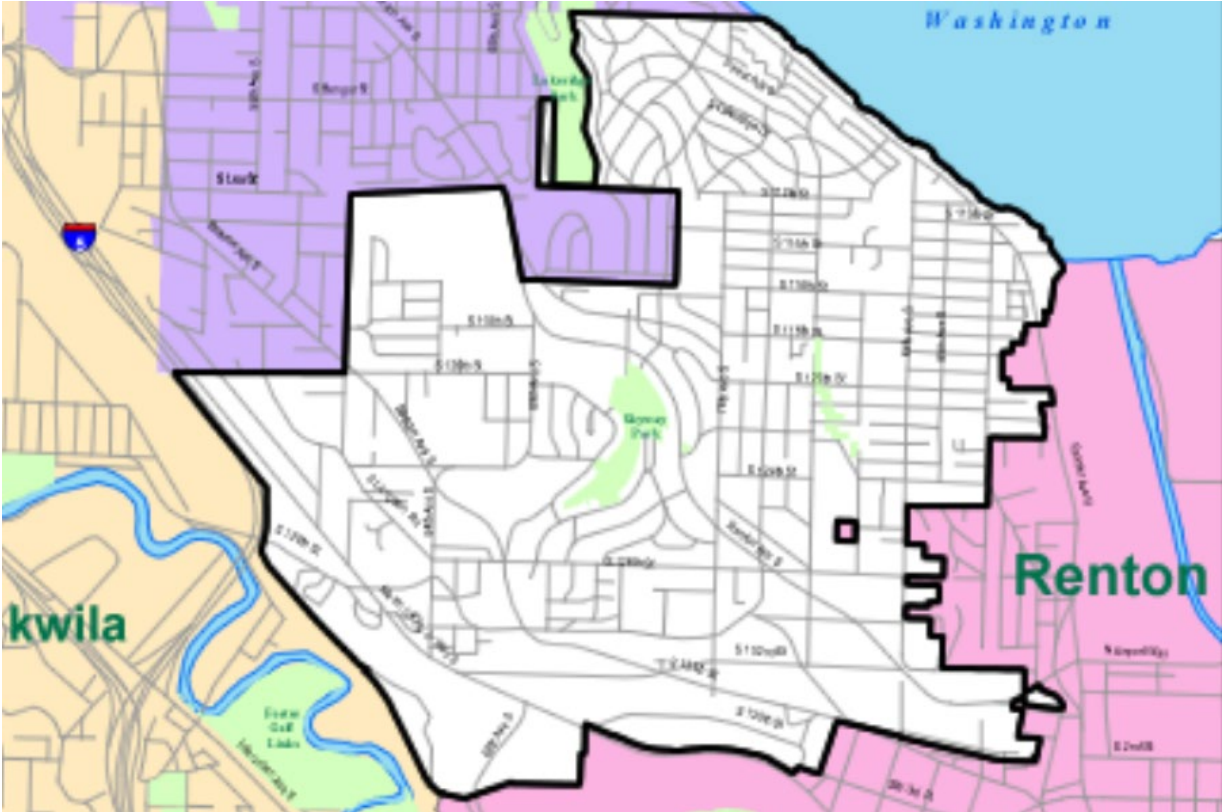


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The Skyway/West Hill community in urban unincorporated King County has \$4,780,000 to use in our second cycle of participatory budgeting (2023-2024).

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

Capital projects: **\$3,040,000**  
Programs/services: **\$1,740,000**

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

Those who are age 16-17 must participate with a mentor through the process.

## Vote?

**Age 12 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

The Skyway/West Hill steering committee members decided to focus the process on (but not restrict it to) investments related to the following:

## Capital projects

- ▶ Accessibility
- ▶ Arts
- ▶ Culturally relevant community spaces
- ▶ Medical services/access
- ▶ Culturally relevant spaces (community garden/community gathering)
- ▶ Health/wellness
- ▶ Housing/home ownership

## Marijuana Tax Revenue funds for programs, services, and/or capital projects

- ▶ Apprenticeships, trades, job development programs
- ▶ Arts
- ▶ Culturally relevant community spaces
- ▶ Culturally relevant youth programs (after-school, weekend, summer)
- ▶ Mental health services
- ▶ Legal systems, education
- ▶ Economic development programs and services
- ▶ Financial literacy programs and services

# PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

**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 that resides in projects of various sizes.

## What are capital projects and investments?

**Definition:** A capital investment supports 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 a **\$50,000 minimum** and **no maximum** cost for capital projects in Skyway/West Hill.
- ▶ There will be no more than 20 capital projects for this community on the ballot.

**Key considerations:** We will consider capital projects and/or programs and services that create intersections between themes and focus areas we are looking to prioritize. An example might be a capital project to create low-income housing that could intersect with hiring people in the White Center community for employment (as construction laborers, security officers etc.).



## What types of projects can marijuana tax revenue funds be used for?

Funds may be used to pay for programs, services, building maintenance, operational costs, community events, art installations, and/or capital investments/projects. The projects must benefit members of the Skyway/West Hill community.

- ▶ There is a **\$20,000 minimum** and **no maximum** cost for capital projects in Skyway/West Hill.
- ▶ There will be no more than 20 capital projects for this community on the ballot.\*  
\*Subject to change based on the number of ideas submitted

**Additional considerations:** Projects that aim to repair harm done by past criminalization of marijuana use will receive additional consideration in the prioritization of ideas for the ballot.



# VOTE PLANNING & PROCESS

## Method: Knapsack

A budget cap is set for the ballot. Voters will then choose any number of projects, keeping their total cost at or below the budget cap. After all votes are cast, winning projects are chosen in order according to the total number of votes they received until the budget cap is reached.

## 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
- Anti-displacement plus welcoming back those who have been displaced
- Within the budget, finding a way to fund all three
- Making budget considerations to fund both 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 in proposal development for funding.

If the third project cannot be fully funded, the committee will attempt to partially fund it if possible. If it can't be partially funded, the committee will move to the next project with the most votes. The goal is to use the full budget.

If for some reason a 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.



## 2021-22 (CYCLE 1)

# FUNDED PROJECTS

### Capital improvement projects

- ▶ Strolling Safe on 57th Avenue S (\$1.4 million)
- ▶ Campbell Hill Community Track (\$750,000)
- ▶ Street Beautification – Skyway Business District (\$500,000)
- ▶ Grocery Outlet – Outdoor Community Space Upgrades (\$250,000)
- ▶ Welcome Home – Down Payment Assistance (\$250,000)
- ▶ Where is My Bus? – Metro Bus Stop Upgrades (\$250,000)
- ▶ Redevelopment of Cynthia A. Green (\$200,000)
- ▶ Hewet Skyway – Community Garden (\$100,000)
- ▶ Community Garden Fund (\$100,000)
- ▶ Rahwa Ogbe Habte – Memorial Project (\$50,000)
- ▶ Utility Box – Cultural Art Mural Projects (\$50,000)

### Programs and services (funded by Marijuana Tax revenue)

- ▶ Grant Program – Youth and Education Programs and Services (\$280,000)
- ▶ West Hill Community Association – Capacity Building (\$150,000)
- ▶ Acts on Stage – Summer Youth Theater program (\$50,000)
- ▶ Green STEM apprenticeship program (\$50,000)
- ▶ Refining Impact – Mobile Food Bank (\$50,000)
- ▶ We.App – Speak with Purpose (\$35,000)
- ▶ Double Dutch Divas (\$30,000)
- ▶ Beyond High Schools – College Tours (\$25,000)
- ▶ Rainier Avenue Radio Apprenticeship Program (\$25,000)
- ▶ Skyway Business Revitalization Project (\$25,000)
- ▶ Colorful Communities Parent Support in Schools (\$20,000)
- ▶ Skyway Arts Commission (\$20,000)
- ▶ Art in the Park (\$15,000)
- ▶ Shine Nail Lab – Nail Art Workshops (\$15,000)
- ▶ So Fresh, So Clean! – Laundromat Fund (\$10,000)