

# EAST RENTON

# PARTICIPATORY

# BUDGETING GUIDEBOOK

## 2023-2024

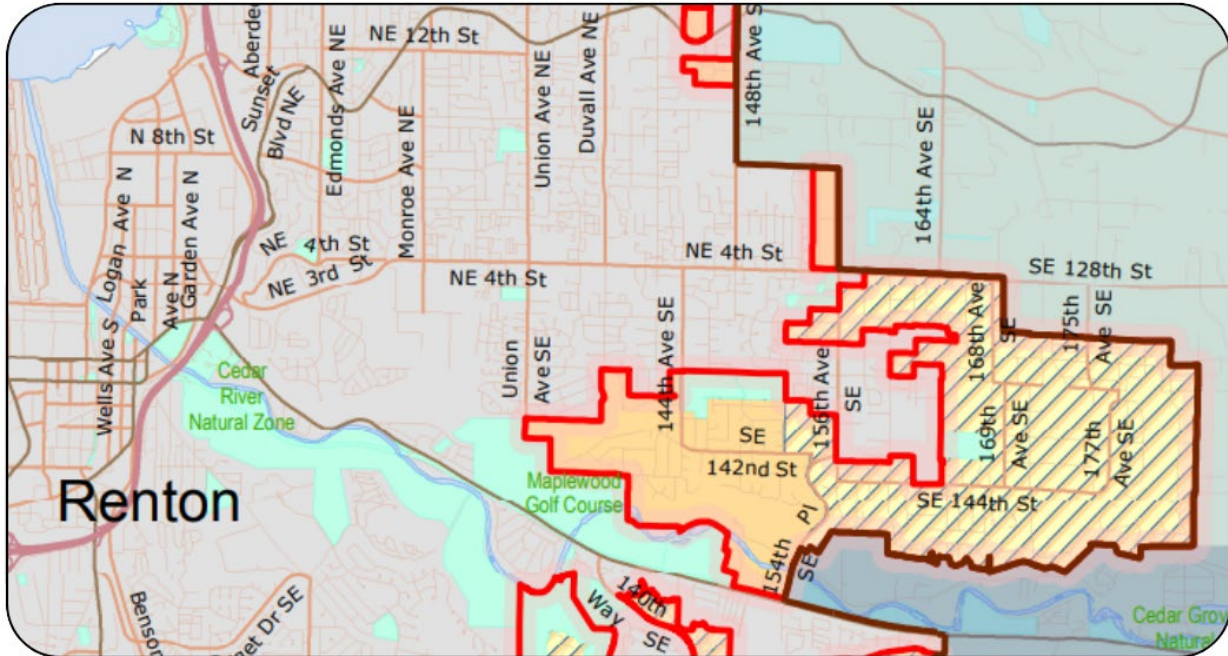


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# EAST RENTON UNINCORPORATED AREAS



The East Renton 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 16 and up:** Must live, work, go to school, or worship in, and/or demonstrate a strong connection to, this community.

## Vote?

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**There are no citizenship or identification requirements.**

# FOCUS AREAS

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

## Capital projects

- ▶ Community gathering spaces
- ▶ Safe routes and road Improvements
- ▶ Sidewalks and trails
- ▶ Health
- ▶ Youths
- ▶ Increasing mobility options

The focus area for capital projects encompasses projects that prioritize the promotion of community well-being, inclusivity, and sustainability.

These projects must demonstrate a clear commitment to addressing specific social and economic challenges faced by the East Federal Way community.



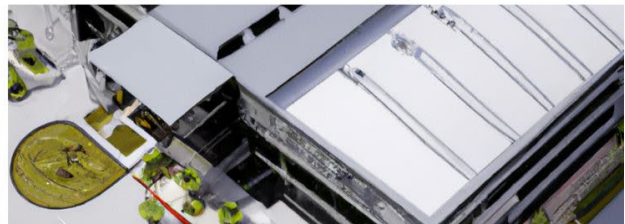
# PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

## 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 a **\$50,000 minimum** and **no maximum** cost for capital projects in unincorporated East Renton.
- ▶ There will be no more than 10 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 two or more projects have the same number of votes, use racial equity to decide which project to fund (projects that support black, brown, and indigenous people).

If there is not enough funding left to fully fund the next project in line, then that project will not be funded. The remaining funds would be applied to the other winning project.

**Option:** Money to be spread evenly among projects

## Other project considerations

### Project eligibility

- ▶ Focus/intent must serve those who are underserved and/or displaced and underrepresented
- ▶ Focus on eliminating racial barriers and biases
- ▶ Existing projects should be able to demonstrate their merits to focus on underserved, displaced, and underrepresented people and on eliminating racial barriers and biases
- ▶ For new and continued projects, each phase should be sustainable. This should be considered in the ranking of projects. For example, a project may have an organization providing an operational budget or volunteer support.

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

### Capital improvement projects

- ▶ Revive our Basketball Court at Maplewood Park (\$100,000)
- ▶ Home Repair Fund (\$100,000)
- ▶ Cemetery Pond: Acquisition – Critical Green Infrastructure (\$50,000)
- ▶ Community LCD Reader Board – Help Spread Community News! (\$40,000)
- ▶ Cemetery Pond and Wetland: Upgrade Public Access and Amenities (\$35,000)