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THE PROJECTS THAT WIN THE MOST VOTES WILL BE GRANTED FUNDING OF UP TO \$30,000 AND IMPLEMENTED WITH THE SUPPORT FROM AURARIA STAFF OVER THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

You and other students submitted over 400 ideas earlier this semester about how to spend \$30,000 to improve the Auraria campus and student life, and it was Auraria students who turned those ideas into viable proposals. Now you can vote on which projects should get funded as part of the first-ever Auraria participatory budgeting process! In this booklet you will find more details about the projects on the 2018 ballot.

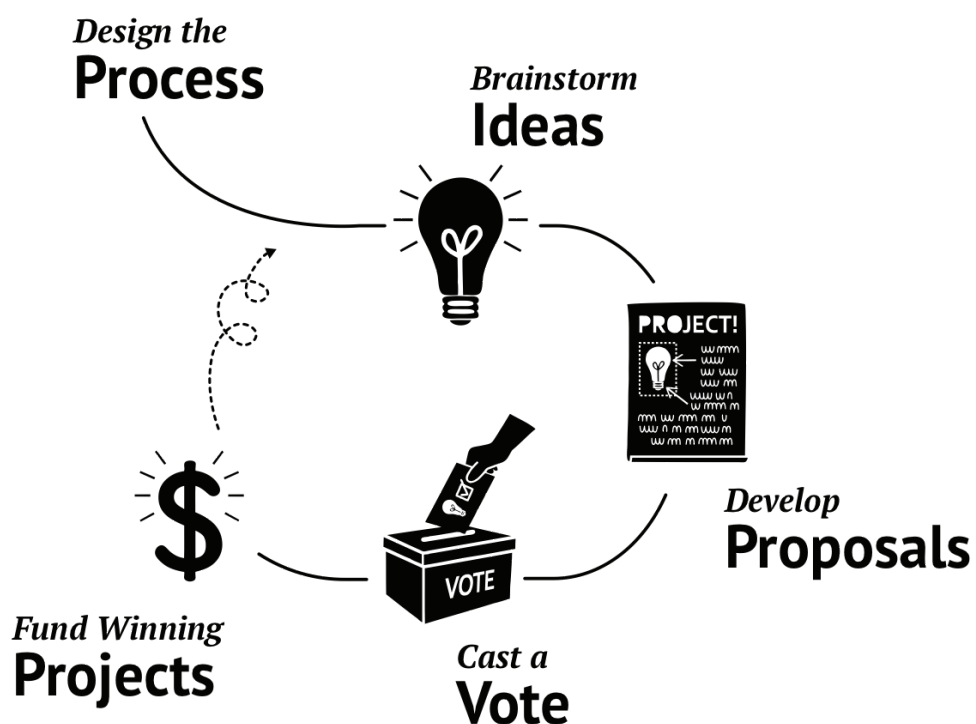
WHAT IS AURARIA PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING ANYWAY?

Auraria Participatory Budgeting is a tri-institutional group led by students from all three Auraria institutions aimed at supporting democracy, student voice, and collaboration on campus by engaging students and the broader campus community in a process known as participatory budgeting, a democratic process for communities to decide how to spend shared money.

To find out more, follow us @AurariaPB on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Invite your friends to vote with you using the Auraria PB voting Facebook event.

WHAT IS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING?

Participatory budgeting – also known as "PB" – is a democratic process that offers an alternative to the traditional model of allocating public or shared funds by giving a community a portion of the fund to spend on projects in their communities at their discretion. Stakeholders come together to propose ideas for using funds to improve their neighborhoods or campuses, design project proposals, and host a vote to decide which projects are implemented. In a nutshell, PB gives communities more than a voice in the decision-making process: It gives them real decision-making power over real money.



ACCESS, SERVICES, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Textbook Rental Pilot at the Auraria Library

Auraria students would use their money to fund the pilot project for a tri-institutional textbook lending and rental process for the Auraria Library. The funding would allow Auraria Library to purchase and lend a limited number of textbooks to students enrolled on Auraria campus across all three institutions. The Library would choose the textbooks based on a set of criteria established by the Library, such as textbooks that cost over a certain amount of money or textbooks that are used in a large number of classes. If the Library receives funding for this project, it would reach out to the various textbook lending libraries and student groups on campus to discuss future partnerships and ways to alleviate the costly burden of purchasing these materials. The Library would also provide the option for faculty teaching these courses to have an open educational resource consultation with a Library expert who can help them identify no-cost textbook options and provide them with the support they need in order to make the transition from their current textbook to an open one.

After the pilot year, the Library would conduct assessment on the project to determine impact. This assessment, as well as, securing campus partners and funding, will factor into determining if the Library could continue this program, or a similar one, beyond the pilot year.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

Auraria Library and Technical and Financial Services

COST: \$11,000

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

No itemized cost available.

\$1,000 -- 10% of total cost added in case of unforeseen expenses

ACCESS, SERVICES, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Tri-Institutional Native and Indigenous Retreat

Auraria students would use their money to fund Auraria's first Tri-Institutional Native and Indigenous Retreat. The purpose of this retreat would be to address a critical need to bridge the gaps in connection between Native and Indigenous students at UCD, CCD, and MSU and build long term capacities and connections to support them. Potential components of the retreat include:

- Professional development opportunities tailored to support and sustain the next generation of Native and Indigenous community leaders in our community.
- An "Elders-in-Residence" Program – an opportunity for Native and Indigenous leaders from the community to lead workshops on traditional leadership.
- Workshops and conversations led by Native and Indigenous leaders from traditional communities who will share their social justice work.
- Students will also be guided and trained to connect with one another, build trust, and create a strong and more cohesive Native and Indigenous community here on the Auraria Campus.

This retreat will foster a much needed space for community building, generating a diversity of perspectives, contributions, projects, and leadership that will benefit Auraria as a whole.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

American Indian Student Services (AISS)

COST: \$5,500

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

\$2,000 for travel	\$500 for marketing
\$1,200 for food	\$300 for rental fees
\$1,000 for supplies	

ARTS, CLUBS, & EVENTS

Concert on Campus

Auraria students would use their money to fund a concert series on campus. The concerts would likely feature 10-15 musicians or groups. They would all be musicians that are from the three schools on campus, giving our members a chance to showcase their talents. This would probably take place in the Tivoli bandshell or on the Quad, depending on when it is hosted. The main cost for this event would be the sound and lighting equipment needed to put on a concert. This would cost between \$4,000 - \$7,000 depending on where it is hosted. If this takes place on the Quad, there is a rental fee of \$500. This concert would be paired with a small art festival, giving Auraria artists a chance to showcase their talent as well. \$1,000 would be allocated to getting displays for artists to show their works. Weather permitting, this event would also have multiple food trucks on site in order to provide a wide variety of choices for students, and to make it easier to include any students with dietary restrictions. It would not cost anything to invite these food trucks.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

AHEC

COST: \$7,600

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

\$500 for Quad Rental

\$7,000 for sound and lighting equipment rental

\$1,000 for displays for artists

ARTS, CLUBS, & EVENTS

Campus World Record Day

Auraria students would use their money to fund the hosting of a day-long event where Auraria students will be invited to attempt to break on or more Guinness World Records. The five records to be broken are:

1. Largest game of heads or tails (currently 1,775 people).
2. Largest game of rock, paper, scissors (currently 2,950 people).
3. Largest macarena dance (currently 2,219 people).
4. Longest handshake relay (currently 1,730 people).
5. Largest limbo dance (currently 1,208 people).

The proposal would fund the advertising needed as well as catering, rental fee for space and minimal equipment, and the fees associated with Guinness World Book of Records services.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

AHEC

COST: \$5,500

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

\$1,000 for priority services with Guinness World Records

\$2,000 for marketing materials & clean up

\$2,000 for food

\$500 for rental fees

ARTS, CLUBS, & EVENTS

Modern Languages Panel Series

Auraria students would use their money to fund a panel series that would bring in experts in the following languages: Spanish, French, German, Chinese and Arabic or Latin. With the series, more students could be involved as it would be bilingual and free. Campus members would show up to the panel and interact with the experts. The panel would involve at least 1 professional and 1 faculty member. In this informal educational environment students would learn about other cultures for free. Food would not necessarily need to be provided. The proposed budget is \$8,000 which would cover the costs for professionals that would be welcomed to the panel. This budget also allows for advertising: posters and flyers.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

UC Denver Department of Modern Languages

COST: \$8,000

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

No itemized cost available

ARTS, CLUBS, & EVENTS

Campus Mural Installation

Auraria students would use their money to fund the installation of up to three murals on walls around campus, one for each institution. The funds would pay for art materials like panels, paint, and brushes and honorariums for artists. A committee would be formed to create and implement a selection process for artists. This committee would be made up of teachers and staff pulled from each institution's art departments.

The murals would be painted on panels and then installed outside at campus locations approved by AHEC. These panels have the benefit of being temporary, allowing for future Auraria artists to display their work easily, and they also allow for damage free mounting to building walls.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

UCD Art instructors: Vivian George and Melissa Furness

COST: \$7,000

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

\$3,000 for art materials

\$1,000 for forklift rental

\$3,000 for artist honorariums

ARTS, CLUBS, & EVENTS

Tri-Institutional Internet Radio Station

Auraria students would use their money to fund an internet radio station run by students from all three institutions that would be able to record and broadcast all school events, except for theater performances. The internet radio would free the institutions from radio tower fines. For instance, with internet radio the radio station would not need to have a member in the studio at the top of every hour announcing the channel. This means having a more accessible platform for students to be a part of or enjoy a campus wide connected entertainment platform. Students would be able to record music, play music, and record events and podcasts for free with an internet connection. The proposed budget is \$7,000 plus \$1,200 for the first year of a Radio.co membership. The budget allows for the purchasing of radio equipment and advertising to put the word out there about the radio station.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

Met Media at MSU

COST: \$8,200

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

\$7,000 – No itemized cost available.

\$1,200 – first year of Radio.co membership fees

CAMPUS SPACES & SHARED RESOURCES

Improving Library Cafe Wifi

Auraria students would use their money to put \$5,000 toward the total cost of improving the Library Café's Wifi. The Library's Information Technology Department has committed to gathering the rest of the funds necessary to finance the improvement.

The PB money would go toward actively improving the Wifi signal strength in the Cafe area. Ideal consideration for the improvement would come from using maximum occupancy of the space where each individual would be using at most a laptop and a smartphone. The Library would consider providing surveys about Wifi access to students, faculty, and staff during high occupancy and usage times, such as during the extended hours provided for finals week. The surveys would be taken prior to the system changes and in a similar circumstance after the changes have been made.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

Auraria Library Information Technology Department

COST: \$5,500

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

\$3,000 for wireless access points (estimated quantity: 3)

\$1,500 - \$2,000 for pulling data cables

\$500 -- 10% of total cost added in case of unforeseen expenses

CAMPUS SPACES & SHARED RESOURCES

More Microwaves on Campus

Auraria students would use their money to fund the purchase and installation of six new, industrial microwaves on campus. The intention is to accommodate students and staff who prefer to bring their own meals to campus. This would ensure that students have better access to a reliable heating source on campus, and hopefully ensuring students do not go hungry and are not late to class due to lack of having a microwave nearby.

Each individual microwave unit costs \$270. The proposal allocates an additional \$100 per microwave to cover installation costs, which would include securing the microwave to a wall. The locations would be as follows: two in the Auraria Library, one unit in the Library Cafe and one unit in the Community Zone area of the Library; one unit in the vending area on the second floor of the Central Classroom; one unit in the existing vending area of the second floor of the PE / Event Center; two units in the Food Atrium on the first floor of the Tivoli Student Union.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

AHEC

COST: \$2,350

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

\$1,620 for 6 microwaves (\$270/unit)

\$600 for installation costs (\$100/unit)

\$130 -- 5% of total cost added in case of unforeseen expenses

SUSTAINABILITY, WELLNESS, & TRANSPORTATION

11th Street and Larimer Bus Shelter

Auraria students would use their money to fund the construction of a bus shelter for the on-campus bus stop at Larimer and 11th Street. The RTD bus system and Regency Student Housing shuttle provide essential transportation for students in all three institutions to and from Auraria Campus. Both services stop on campus at the intersection of 11th Street and Larimer Street, northeast of the Tivoli Quad and adjacent to the UCD soccer fields. Currently, students have to weather the elements while waiting for a ride which discourages the use of public transportation. Bus shelters have been shown to not only retain but increase ridership by providing protection from the wind, rain, and snow. Simply stated, installing a bus shelter decreases the carbon footprint of Auraria Campus in the long term. A vote in favor of this project would result in a new 5'x10' partially enclosed structure with three walls and a 6' long bench. This shelter would also be ADA compliant and set back from the sidewalk to not impede the walkway.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

Sustainable Campus Program

COST: \$18,500

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

\$11,000 for cost of shelter, taxes, and shipping

\$5,000 for installation of structure and new concrete slab

\$2,500 -- 15% of total cost added in case of unforeseen expenses

SUSTAINABILITY, WELLNESS, & TRANSPORTATION

Auraria Campus Kitchen

Auraria students would use their money to fund the launch of the Auraria Campus Kitchen in conjunction with the Campus Kitchen Project. The Campus Kitchens Project is part of a national nonprofit that operates as one of five social ventures of D.C. Central Kitchen. With a presence on the campuses of more than 60 education institutions around the country, CKP empowers students to institute the base model of recovering otherwise wasted food from dining services, transforming the food into healthy meals, and then delivering the meals to community members in need. In addition to the base model, The Campus Kitchens Project helps guide all chapters to execute a Beyond the Meal Program which couples the meal delivery with another activity that would help target the root causes of poverty. The Campus Kitchens Project fights hunger at the local level by empowering student leaders to execute food recovery operations. The food recovery relates to a secondary mission of decreasing the amount of food that ends up in landfills creating greenhouse gases. We want to bring a Campus Kitchen to Auraria, to build community through this tri-campus project, help reduce food insecurity on campus by providing students with free healthy meals, and participate in broader sustainability efforts by reducing food waste.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

MSU Hospitality Program or Sustainable Campus Program

COST: \$4,000

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

\$1,800 for food safety education, annual affiliate fee, and printing and advertising

\$1,400 for kitchen supplies and goods

\$600 for Transportation (Zipcar annual fee)

\$200 for additional supplies

SUSTAINABILITY, WELLNESS, & TRANSPORTATION

Tri-Institutional Bike Share Program

Auraria students would use their money to fund the launch of the Semester Bike Rental program: a safe, sustainable, and equitable bike rental program that would provide all students on campus access to affordable, safe bicycles, maintenance, and security. The program would be managed by the Outdoor Adventures department at the CU Wellness Center, but would be accessible to students from all three institutions.

- After signing the liability waiver and paying the semester rental fee of \$40 students would then be fitted to their bike based on their gender and size. Students would also receive a complimentary U-Lock that would be attached to the bike as well as a helmet unless they have a personal helmet that they can physically show to Outdoor Adventures. On breaks and at the end of the semester, students must physically return their bikes to the Outdoor Adventures desk, the last week before classes end or else a fee would be levied upon the student. Said fee would be disclosed to the students in the liability waiver they are required to sign at the beginning of the rental period.
- A bulk of 50 bikes would be purchased initially for the program. The availability of the bikes would be split between the percentage of student body each school represents on the campus. In this case the bulk would be split as follows: 25 bikes to MSU, 18 bikes to UCD, and 7 bikes to CCD. If no more bikes are available for a student, they would be put on a waiting list at which point, after 2 weeks have passed, they would be given preference for whatever bikes are left. If any are left from this point, they would be given out on a first come first serve basis.
- Unused bikes and bikes returned over semester breaks would be stored in the Tivoli parking garage bike security gate, or at another suitable location. Currently this space has been deemed the most appropriate and safest space to store them. Bikes would be available for rental either online, or in person at a central location. Exact location must still be decided upon, but the Outdoor Adventures program at CU Wellness Center would also have access to who each bike is rented out to. A student's ID would be documented along with the bike serial number. As students request bikes they would be given a time to pick them up during the second week of school. During the given pickup time, at least

two people would be put in charge of checking student IDs and distributing bikes to them accordingly. This would likewise happen in the fall when students are required to return their bikes. If for any reason a student must return their bike early they would contact the office in charge of the program and set up a time to return their bike, but they would not be returned any money for less use.

- The rental cost per student would be \$40, \$2,000 per semester. This money would be used for bike maintenance, lock and helmet replacements, the cost of storage (if necessary), and the insurance for bikes or cost of replacing stolen or lost bikes. Should any money be leftover for the program each semester it has been decided that the surplus would be used for either expanding the program, or donating money for future participatory budget on campus.
- We believe that this program would give students, especially international ones, a chance to reduce their environmental impact, get around more efficiently, and participate in a growing bike culture on campus.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZATION, OR INSTITUTION:

Auraria Sustainable Campus Program, Outdoor Adventure Program at the CU Wellness Center, the Auraria Police Department, and AHEC

COST: \$17,600

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

\$14,000 for a fleet of 50 bikes

\$2,000 for 50 helmets and 50 U-locks

\$1,600 -- 10% of total cost added in case of unforeseen expenses

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