



King County Urban Unincorporated

Community Investment Committee

King County is recruiting community members to serve on a new Community Investment Committee.

This committee will help King County spend...

- \$10 million on capital projects in Skyway-West Hill, North Highline, East Renton, Fairwood, and East Federal Way. These capital funds can be used for anything that needs to be built or replaced, such as buildings, sidewalks, bike lanes, landscaping, signs, and play structures.
- \$1.3 million for services or programs in Skyway-West Hill and North Highline. This funding can be used for almost anything, such as after-school programs, job training, building maintenance, food, art supplies, and investments in play structures and sidewalks.

The Community Investment Committee will design and carry out a budgeting process. The process will be centered on racial equity, will build on community strengths, and will address priorities that the community has identified. The committee will make sure that communities have control over what the money is spent on, so the projects that are funded will address real community challenges and have the most benefit.

King County approved funding for this project in its current two-year (2021-2022) budget, and will spend the funds as directed by the communities.

Urban unincorporated King County communities

The work of the Community Investment Committee will focus on the following urban unincorporated areas:

- Skyway-West Hill
- North Highline/White Center
- East Federal Way
- Fairwood
- East Renton Plateau

Scope of work

Community Investment Committee members will develop and lead a participatory budgeting process in each of the five communities listed above. Members will be asked to act as ambassadors to their communities by recruiting participants and leading project development in those communities.

Members will be expected to attend 2-4 committee meetings, spending about 4-8 meeting hours, per month. The first membership term will last through December 2022. Members will be compensated for their time. King County staff members will provide support to committee members for all meetings.

The committee will focus on:

1. **Equity:** Create a process that uses authentic community engagement to reach those who are farthest away from traditional power, resources, and opportunities. Create and participate in those outreach efforts throughout all phases (idea collection, project development, voting, planning, and evaluation). When choosing projects, consider investments that address the greatest community needs.
2. **Access:** Allow all community members to participate in the process. Provide language interpretation and translation, and accessibility accommodations for meetings. Engage the community in ways that meet the needs of people of different ages and with different amounts of education.
3. **Accountability:** Develop ways to measure how the committee is actively engaging people who have not been involved in past government or budget processes. Inform and engage residents of each community about the process, timelines, project identification, submittal, and selection.
4. **Prioritization and cost estimation:** Validate each area's community needs list (a list of needs created using community input and discussions). Prioritize projects and evaluate cost estimates for the projects that will be considered by the community for investment.

King County's responsibilities and roles

Support the committee with administration, education, project management, facilitation, cost calculation, and determinations regarding legal use of funds. Provide training, mentoring, and coaching to help the team navigate government systems effectively. The county will also provide a committee budget for services related to the participatory budgeting process.

Membership and selection process

Community Investment Committee membership is open to all members of the public who live, work, attend school, play, and/or worship in the communities they seek to represent. However, King County staff members will take steps to recruit people of color and those who are LGQBTIA, youths, seniors, immigrants, refugees, and those who have low incomes or disabilities, as well as people from other underrepresented groups.

The committee will include representatives from each community listed above. Each service area delegation will be a mix that includes representatives from businesses and community-based organizations, youths under age 21, and "at-large" members who represent the community as a whole.

King County will partner with community organizations in each community to recruit and select local applicants.

To apply to serve on this committee, fill out the online application form in English, Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, or Vietnamese at <https://kingcounty.gov/UrbanChoices>. **The deadline to apply is Friday, April 16, at 11:59 p.m.**

To request this information in another language or format, please call 206-477-3800 or email AskLocalServices@kingcounty.gov.