

## **Resolution of the Civic Engagement Commission:**

WHEREAS, the New York City Civic Engagement Commission is charged with the mission of enhancing civic participation, in order to enhance civic trust and strengthen democracy in New York City; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is charged under section 3202 of the New York City Charter with implementing a citywide participatory budgeting program to promote the participation of residents; and

WHEREAS, the Commission ran from September 2021 through June 2022 the first cycle of a participatory budgeting program in 33 neighborhoods hardest hit by COVID-19 identified by the Taskforce for Racial Inclusion & Equity, resulting in the selection of programs that target a variety of community needs, including programs that address hunger, mental health and gun violence and facilitate youth programming;

WHEREAS, the Commission intends to run borough-wide participatory budgeting programs in the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, and Staten Island that will entail the solicitation of proposals for local projects, voting, and selection of projects for funding; and

WHEREAS, the Commission seeks to enhance civic engagement throughout the five boroughs and particularly in areas of the City with the greatest need; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding methodology described below was developed with advice and feedback from the participatory budgeting advisory committee and the participatory budgeting intergovernmental working group;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that:

1. The Commission adopts a proposed funding methodology as described in this resolution, provided that such methodology may be subject to alteration in the course of future rulemaking.
2. Such methodology sets forth target allocations per borough that may be adjusted in future cycles as necessary.
3. Borough allocations shall be informed by a weighted average of borough population and percentage of borough population below the poverty guidelines, as set by the city poverty measure, as follows:

- a. Calculate the citywide population that is under a 100% poverty level
- b. Calculate the borough population that is under 100% poverty level for each borough
- c. Calculate the percent of borough population that is under 100% poverty level based on the citywide population that is below 100% poverty level
- d. Allocate funding proportional to percent of borough population that is under 100% poverty level

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