



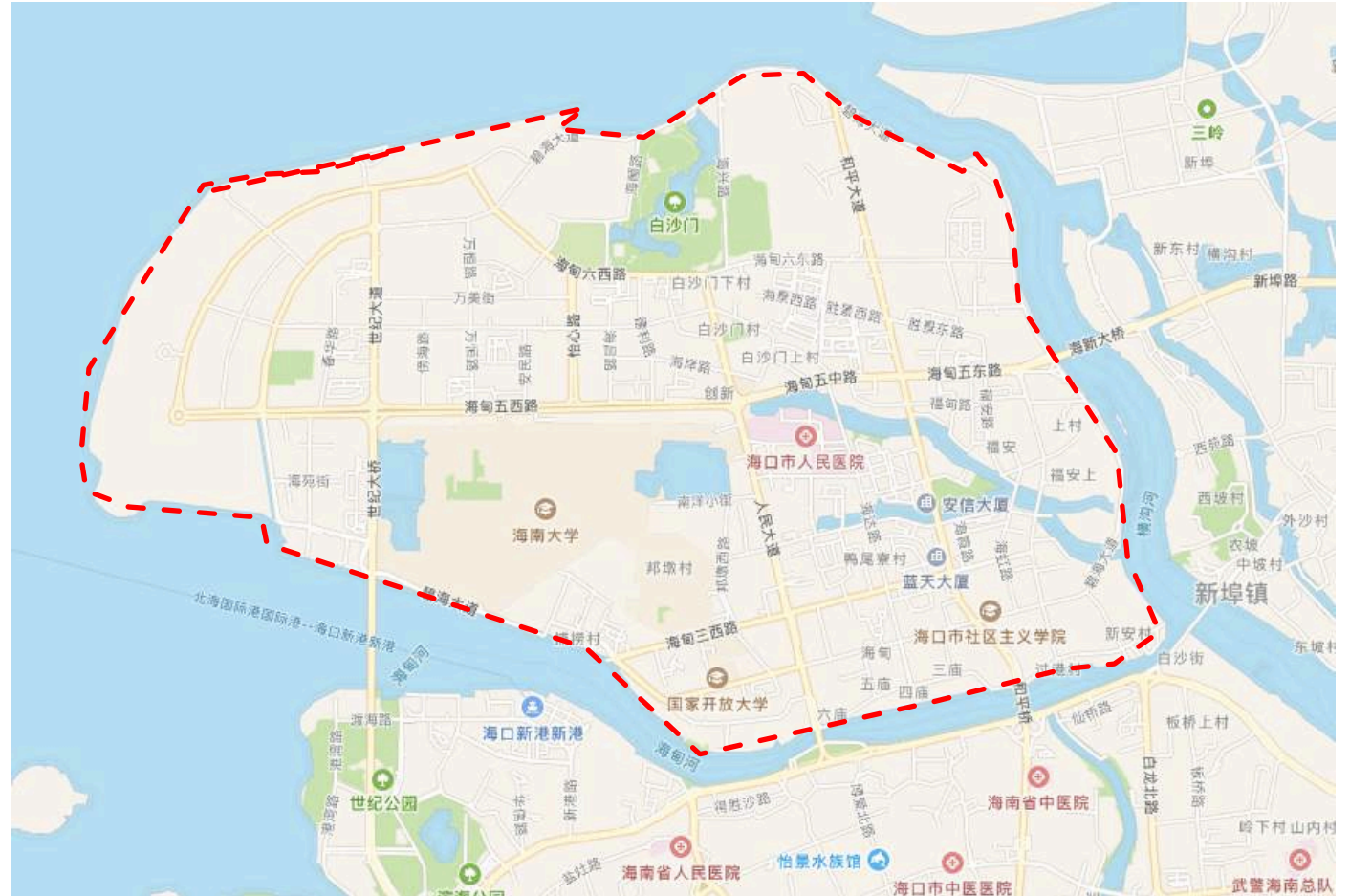
Participatory Budgeting in Meilan

The World and China Institute

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OVERVIEW

- **Location:** Two subdistricts on Island of Haidian in Meilan District
- There are 13 communities in two subdistricts
- **Population:** 144,423
- **Area:** 14.57 sq. km.
- 6 million yuan of the government budget of 2017 was set aside as the PB projects funding.
 - 2.1 million was allocated to do the subdistrict projects. (1.05 million each)
 - 3.9 million was allocated to do the community projects. (0.3 million each)



OUR ROLE

The World and China Institute worked as the advisory group in this PB project. We have done the following work in the process:

- Organize an expert group to train the working staffs in local government.
- Help local government formulate the PB schemes and rules.
- Help local government design the posters, flyers and ballots.
- Help local government organize the community meetings.
- Work as volunteers in mobilizing the residents to submit ideas and vote.
- Write the PB report for the local government.



Preparation:

Dec. 8, 2016-Dec. 25, 2016

- Organize the PB project leading group
- Formulate the PB schemes
- Train the working crew



Collect projects ideas:

Dec. 26, 2016-Feb. 10, 2017

- Hold household and street mobilization
- Organize community workshops to let residents brainstorm the project ideas

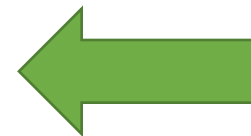


THE PB PROCESS (4 Months)

Voting and Publicizing:

Mar. 26, 2017-Apr. 7, 2017

- All the residents lived, worked or studied in Island of Haidian vote on which projects to fund.
- Subdistrict office confirms the final projects according to the votes.
- Subdistrict office publicizes the final result for 7 days.



Develop project proposals:

Feb. 11, 2017-Mar. 25, 2017

- Eliminate the projects that do not meet the criteria.
- Organize the community meetings to develop the project proposals.
- Assess the feasibility of proposals and estimate the budget of the proposed projects

WHAT CAN CITIZENS DO

- ✓ Submit the project ideas.
- ✓ Come to the community meetings to discuss and develop the project proposals.
- ✓ Decide the final projects by voting.



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Any resident who meets the following criteria:

- ✓ Live, work or study in the Island of Haidian.
- ✓ Above the age 15.

我们的社区 我们做主

想要改善我们的社区? 双创微实事, 邀您来提议!

美兰区“双创微实事”试点, 您可以做什么?

您可以提议项目, 并投票决定:

- ☑ 海甸街道有**105万**项目资金, 您会如何使用?
- ☑ 各社区分别有**30万**项目资金, 您会如何使用?

谁可以参与提议与投票?

- ☑ 只要您生活或工作在**海甸街道辖区**!
- ☑ 只要您年满**15周岁**!

您可以提议哪些类型的项目?

工程类项目	服务类项目
例如: 设置电子监控设备, 修建健身路径、绿地花园、路灯、垃圾箱等。	例如: 提供书法美术培训, 开展社区文体活动、居民互助关爱活动等。

您可以如何提议?

只要在**2017年1月15日**前通过以下四种方式之一, 提交提议表告诉我们的项目:

1 网络渠道	2 提议点	3 电子邮箱	4 小区信箱
网络渠道: 志愿者可以通过网络提议表并提交给网格员和志愿者。	提议点: 您可以到各社区居委会设置的提议征集点, 告诉工作人员您的点子或现场填写!	电子邮箱: 您可以在“美兰区海甸街道政务公开信息网站”上下载“双创微实事项目提议表”, 在网上填写并通过电子邮箱进行提交。(邮箱: hdybws@163.com)	小区信箱: 您可以把提议表投到物业管理部门的小区信箱。

海口市美兰区海甸街道办事处

ELIMINATION CRITERIA

Project which has following conditions should be eliminated:

- Not under general interest
- Not government's responsibility
- Violate the law and regulations
- Similar projects are being implemented by the government
- Beyond the subdistrict government's competencies
- Technically infeasible
- Beyond the budget limit

KEY FIGURES

- Two subdistricts collected 18,306 project proposal forms which accounted for 12.6% of the whole population.
- After being discussed, assessed and eliminated, at the end of the third stage, there were 136 projects entering the voting stage.
- There was 5 days for residents to vote. The voting period was from March 26th, 2017 to March 31st, 2017.
- 28,484 residents voted which accounted for 20% of the whole population in Island of Haidian.
- At the end of the voting stage, 74 projects were put into the implementation stage.

SUBDISTRICT PROJECTS

Final projects in Renming subdsitriect:

Name	Number of votes	Budget (RMB)
Pavement reconstruction	7,292	100,000
Xili seniors' center rebuilding	6,896	380,000
Sewer cleaning	6,659	354,000
Establishing community psychological counselling center	6,154	183,000

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Final projects in Bangdun community:

Name	Number of votes	Budget (RMB)
Electronic monitoring system	1,391	100,000
Sewer reconstruction	1,370	150,000
Adding Streetlamp	1,344	25,000
Organizing culture and sport activities	1,275	25,000

KEY FEATURES

Wide range of participation

- Participants: lower age limitation; do not require any personal identification; no verification process.
- Voting mobilization entered the school yard. Students could vote in their schools.

Power to decide

- The allocation of the funding was decided by all the residents in the island.
- Residents can vote on both subdistrict projects and community projects.

Deliberation

- Residents were invited to attend the community meetings to discuss and develop the project proposals. The discussion was orderly organized in groups and every resident's chance to speak was guaranteed.

Flexibility

- The procedure of this pilot project was flexible and there was not standard way of operation. The timetable and the operation methods were changed and improved step by step during the whole process.



BENEFITS

- Help the local government get more knowledge of citizens' needs. Provide an alternative way for government to serve the citizens. It improves the relationship between citizens and governments.
- Solve some pressing difficulties faced by local residents. For instance, the project “Building the harbor stairs”, which was the pressing need of the local residents, won the highest vote in Bulao community and will be implemented in this year.
- Lower limit of participation allows the citizens who are ineligible for the traditional ways of civil participation to have a chance to express their needs and to have a say in the government budget decision-making procedures.
- Provide a chance for residents to communicate with each other. Help create a more harmonious environment in the local communities.

THE HARBOR STAIRS CASE

- Bulao community is one of the 6 communities in Renming subdistrict. Most residents in Bulao live on fishing. There are hundreds of ships in this community.
- The harbor on which the fishermen are allowed to berth their ships lacks stairs. Fishermen themselves built simple stairs by using woods and stones. Those stairs are dangerous and have caused accidents each year.
- In the PB process this year, 359 residents collectively submitted the proposal of the project “Building the harbor stairs”.
- In the voting stage, 2293 residents voted for this project and it was the highest vote in Bulao community.

