



CITY OF  
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## Empower Eau Claire Voting to Begin Soon!

Help decide how to spend up to \$300,000 on projects that benefit our community! Last year, the City of Eau Claire asked residents what projects they would like to see to help enhance Eau Claire. Ideas have been collected, fine-tuned, and now, it's time to make your voice heard by voting for the projects you want to see funded. \$300,000 of the City of Eau Claire's budget have been designated for this groundbreaking participatory budgeting process. Any resident of the City of Eau Claire, whether permanent or temporary, who is aged 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older, can vote for up to five of the fourteen eligible projects. Residents can preview projects on the ballot now by visiting [EauClaireWI.gov/Empower](http://EauClaireWI.gov/Empower).

**VOTING PERIOD:** April 26 –May 13

### VOTE IN PERSON

- L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, 2725 Mall Drive, during regular Library hours.
- L.E. Phillips Senior Center, 1616 Bellinger Street, May 7 Only, 7 am – 7 pm.

**VOTE ONLINE:** [EauClaireWI.gov/Empower](http://EauClaireWI.gov/Empower)

“Empower Eau Claire” is the first participatory budgeting program by a city in the state of Wisconsin. Participatory budgeting is a democratic process that gives residents the power to directly decide how to spend part of the City's budget on community projects that will impact their lives. This first cycle began in October 2021 and project ideas from the public were collected during December 2021. Project advocate committees helped refined the ideas into the most viable projects that met program goals and funding eligibility for capital projects. Goals of participatory budgeting include equity, inclusion, diversity, sustainability, civic empowerment and transparency.

Those who would like to know more about “Empower Eau Claire” can visit the program's web page at [www.eauclairewi.gov/empower](http://www.eauclairewi.gov/empower).

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