

## Blocks Together Peoples Budget Initiative

The Blocks Together Economic Justice Committee has been working for the past 7 years to ensure more **Transparency, Accountability** and **Direct Benefit** within the Chicago/Central Park TIF district.

**For 7 years BT's Economic Justice Committee has worked to organize:**

- An Annual **State of the TIF Town Hall**, where residents, the Alderman and the Department of Housing and Economic Development go over the accounting, job creation, and community benefit for projects that were funded by the TIF.
- **Chicago/Central Park TIF Advisory Council** whose main responsibility is to inform residents, maintain accurate and updated accounting data and ensure community residents have an opportunity to make recommendation for projects within the TIF district.

Residents living in the Chicago/Central Park TIF will have the opportunity to allocate **2 million dollars** from the TIF utilizing Participatory Budgeting Methods.

Residents will have the opportunity from now thru **September 14, 2014** to submit a proposal for a community project.

If the proposal meets all the criteria's for funding the project will be included on the ballot, where residents will vote for projects that will receive funding.