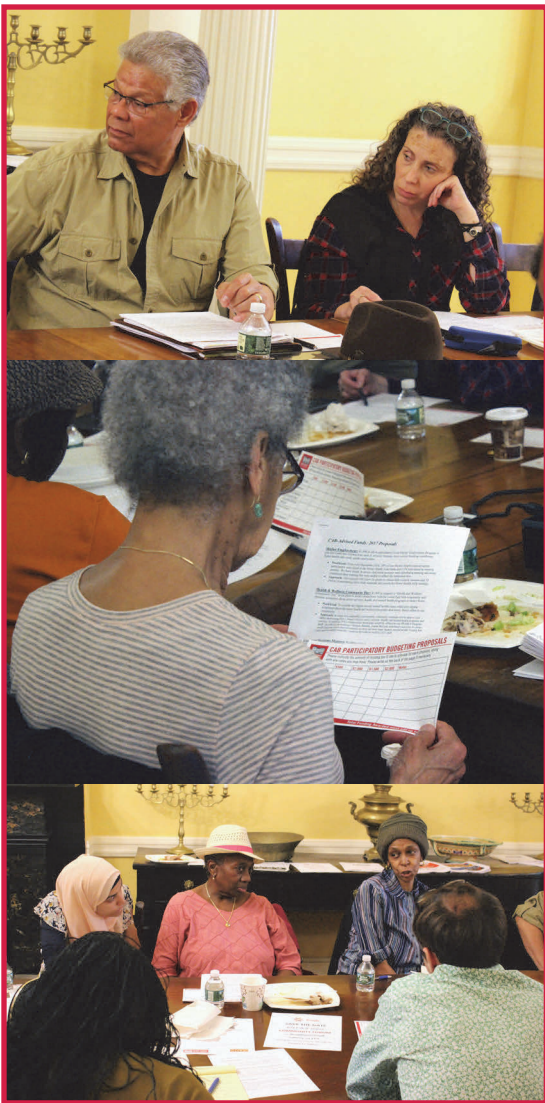




COMMUNITY funding the COMMUNITY

Henry Street Settlement's **Community Advisory Board (CAB)** consists of a diverse range of Lower East Side residents and program participants from across the agency. Because of their proximity to and knowledge of community and program needs, these stakeholders have a unique and insightful role on how additional financial support can bolster program operations.

In 2017, the Settlement began allocating \$5,000 in its general operating support resources to the CAB for its **Participatory Budgeting Initiative**. The CAB invited Henry Street programs to apply for funding of anywhere from \$500-2,000 to enhance individual programs, support program collaborations, meet a community need, and/or bolster overarching agency effectiveness. Once applications were in, the CAB held meetings with program staff and participants, site visits, and discussions to determine the amounts awarded to programs.



▲ CAB members discuss how to allocate funds at one of their meetings.

In its inaugural year, the Participatory Budgeting Initiative awarded grants to five Henry Street programs:

Shelter Employment

\$1,500 to allow participants in Henry Street's Shelter Employment Program to pay for vocational training fees such as security licenses, food service handling certificates, home health aide study guides and scrubs.

Health & Wellness Community Day

\$1,000 to organize a "Health and Wellness Community Day" in an effort to foster connections with the Lower East Side community and increase awareness about senior services, health, and mental health programs at Henry Street.

Expanded Horizons Mentors

\$1,500 to launch a new peer mentorship model component at Henry Street's college success program.

Selfie Wall of Fame

\$500 to develop a "Selfie Wall of Fame" at 99 Essex Street that will include nine self-portraits, each with a brief paragraph sharing the story of successful, high-achieving clients from the Workforce Development Center.

Back to School Community Event

\$500 to fund the School Based Mental Health Clinic/Parent Center's popular back to school event, now in its third year, in order to open it up to the entire community.