

Review of: "Participatory budgeting for public involvement in environmental sustainability at a Thai university"

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The manuscript "Participatory budgeting for public involvement in environmental sustainability at a Thai university" explains the merits of a participatory budgeting by providing interesting insights from a natural experiment conducted at the higher education institution in Thailand. I find the manuscript well-written and potentially interesting to the readership of the journal.

The paper provides a novel contribution to the developing body of knowledge on participatory budgeting. I can highlight two specific sub-topics that can be explained in-detail, as listed below:

#1 the author states that "that projects with low costs, such as the smart sprinkler project, are more likely to be selected since the majority of respondents attempted to use as much of the budget as possible." I would like to see the in-depth explanation and discussion for this phenomenon. This might be an interesting contribution to the PB body of knowledge, since only rarely has this been touched upon in the concurrent literature.

#2 For the more generalizable findings - the author should further explain any possible uncontrolled interaction between the proposers and voters for this specific PB initiative. In the public administration practice, however, only rarely does it happen that proposers can directly communicate and advocate for their proposals. If such communication has not been controlled, it would be beneficial to explicitly state that in the limitations and further recommendations part of the conclusion section of the manuscript.