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### **MultCo launches new online forum to gather public input**

*MultCommunity.org captures and displays community suggestions on budget*

Multnomah County is adding a new, [electronic option](#) for people who want to give feedback to Chair Ted Wheeler as he prepares his executive budget for 2011. [MultCommunity](#) is an online forum where members of the public can give suggestions and others can vote on those ideas.

The online engagement tool is one part of an effort to collect information from community members about how Multnomah County can become a more effective government. The [Office of Citizen Involvement](#) and Chair Ted Wheeler are hosting two community budget forums intended to gather input from county residents as a part of the budget process. Those events will take place on [March 4 and March 18](#) in the Multnomah County Commissioners board room. This year, in addition to the forums, people can also give feedback via the web.

“We’ve created a place to share ideas that could make our county government more efficient, more effective and more responsive,” said Chair Wheeler. “Our community is full of people with good ideas and I am urging them to share their creative thinking with me and with anyone who visits our forum.”

The forum sets forth one overarching question to which users may respond: How can Multnomah County help create a safe and healthy community for everyone? By answering this question, and commenting on related topics, MultCo residents will add their perspectives to the current budget process.

Comments can be reviewed by anyone visiting the site, but in order to vote on someone else’s ideas or post a new thread, users must create an account. The forum will take suggestions regarding the budget until March 22.

For more information, visit the [county website](#) to learn about the [current budget process](#), find out more about the [services Multnomah County provides](#) and then [add your thoughts to the forum](#).

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