

Baltimore's Budget

Process

NOVEMBER

Mayor's Office issues Guidance Documents identifying City Objectives and key strategies.



DECEMBER

City agencies submit budget proposals that are responsive to the objectives and key strategies.

JANUARY TO MARCH

Department of Finance evaluates and ranks proposals, then makes funding recommendations to Mayor.



MARCH

Department of Finance sends recommended operating budget to the Board of Estimates.



APRIL

Board of Estimates holds hearings with Agency heads and amended recommended budget as necessary. Board of Estimates hosts Taxpayers' Night before final Board vote.



MAY

Majority vote by Board of Estimates approves the total budget. Budget is sent to City Council for hearings with citizens and agency heads. City Council hosts Taxpayers' Night before final Council vote.



JUNE

City Council votes on the budget and sends to the Mayor. Mayor may approve the total budget OR disapprove some items and approve the rest.



JULY



Adopted budget begins.