

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Budget Director



FISCAL YEAR 2021 - BUDGET TIMELINE

OCTOBER 2019

October 1, 2019	New fiscal year begins.
Early October	OCFO begins Local Budget Act Formulation.
Early to Mid-October	District agencies begin developing operating budgets for the following fiscal year.
Early to Mid-October	Office of Budget and Planning (OBP) conducts capital budget meetings with District agencies, by cluster, to begin initial review of capital budget priorities.

NOVEMBER 2019

November	Council considers PR23-516, the FY2021 Budget Submission Request Resolution of 2019, which sets the requirements for the Mayor's submission of the following fiscal year's budget to Council.
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DECEMBER 2019

Early-Late December	District agencies begin finalizing operating and capital budget submissions.
December 3	Council approved preliminary performance oversight and budget hearing schedules.

JANUARY 2020

January 6, 2020	Council begins performance oversight hearings.
Early-Late January	District agencies meet with the Executive Office of the Mayor and OBP to review budget submissions, cost saving proposals, projected spending pressures, and other policy initiatives in Budget Review Team meetings.

FEBRUARY 2020

February 1	Inspector General's deadline for releasing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR is the audit of the previous fiscal year.
February 5	Public briefing on the FY19 CAFR.
Late February	Council Budget Office submits common budget questions to District agencies in preparation for agency budget hearings.
Late February	Office of Revenue Analysis issues the District's final revenue estimates. These estimates will be used to formulate the District's upcoming fiscal year budget.

MARCH 2020

March 19	Mayor submits the Proposed Budget and Financial Plan to Council. The Council must adopt the District's budget by act within 70 calendar days of receiving it from the Mayor.
March 20	Council holds a briefing where the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer testify on and provide an overview of the budget.
Mid-Late March	Council Budget Office posts District agency responses to budget questions on the Council website.
March 23	Council begins budget oversight hearings.

APRIL 2020

April 1 – April 9	Agency budget hearings continue.
April 10 – April 18	Council recess (no hearings)
April 20	Council holds a hearing on the Local Budget Act, the Federal Portion Budget Request Act, and the Budget Support Act.
April 21 – 23	Each Council committee marks-up the Proposed Budget and Financial Plan for agencies within its purview.
April 29	Council holds budget work session.

MAY 2020

May 12	Council Budget Office circulates the Committee of the Whole's version of the Proposed Budget and Financial Plan.
May 13	Council holds first vote on the Local Budget Act, the Federal Portion Budget Request Act, and the Budget Support Act.
May 27	Council holds second and final vote on the Local Budget Act.

JUNE 2020

Early-Late June	Council holds a second vote on the Budget Support Act.
Early-Late June	The Mayor has a 10-day period to disapprove an item/provision and exercise a line-item veto on the District's budget. The Council subsequently has 30 calendar days to reenact a disapproved item/provision by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Council present and voting.
Late June- Late September	Following her signature, the Mayor submits the federal portion of the annual budget to the President for transmission to Congress and inclusion in a federal appropriations act to be approved by Congress. The Chairman transmits the Local Budget Act and the Budget Support Act to Congress for a 30-day passive congressional review period, as with any other law.

OCTOBER 2020

October 1	The new fiscal year begins.
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