



Budget 101

OFFICE OF THE BUDGET DIRECTOR

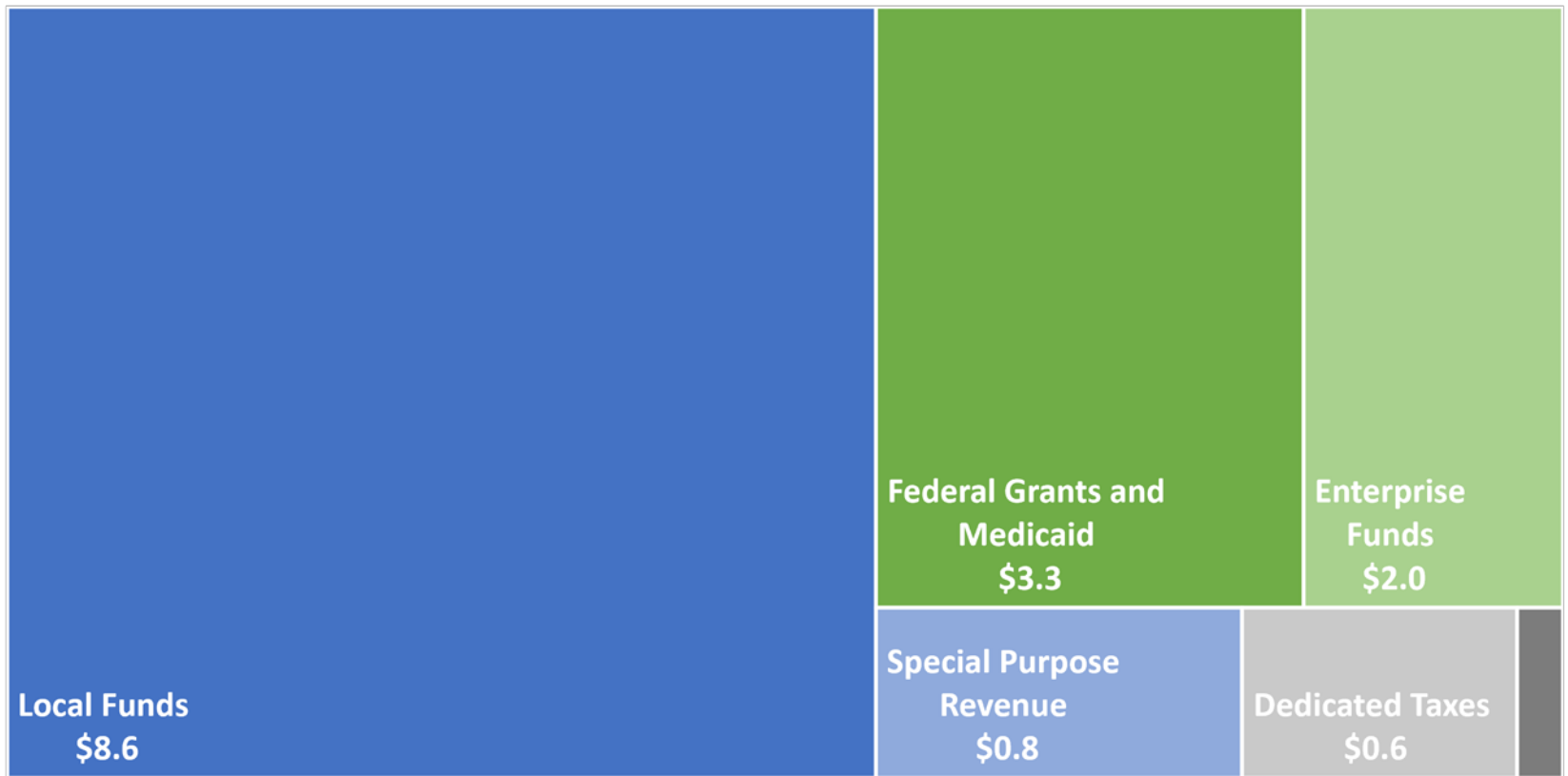
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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What is the budget?

In the most basic terms, the budget is the District's spending plan for the fiscal year – what we are spending our money on and what type of money we are using to pay for that spending.

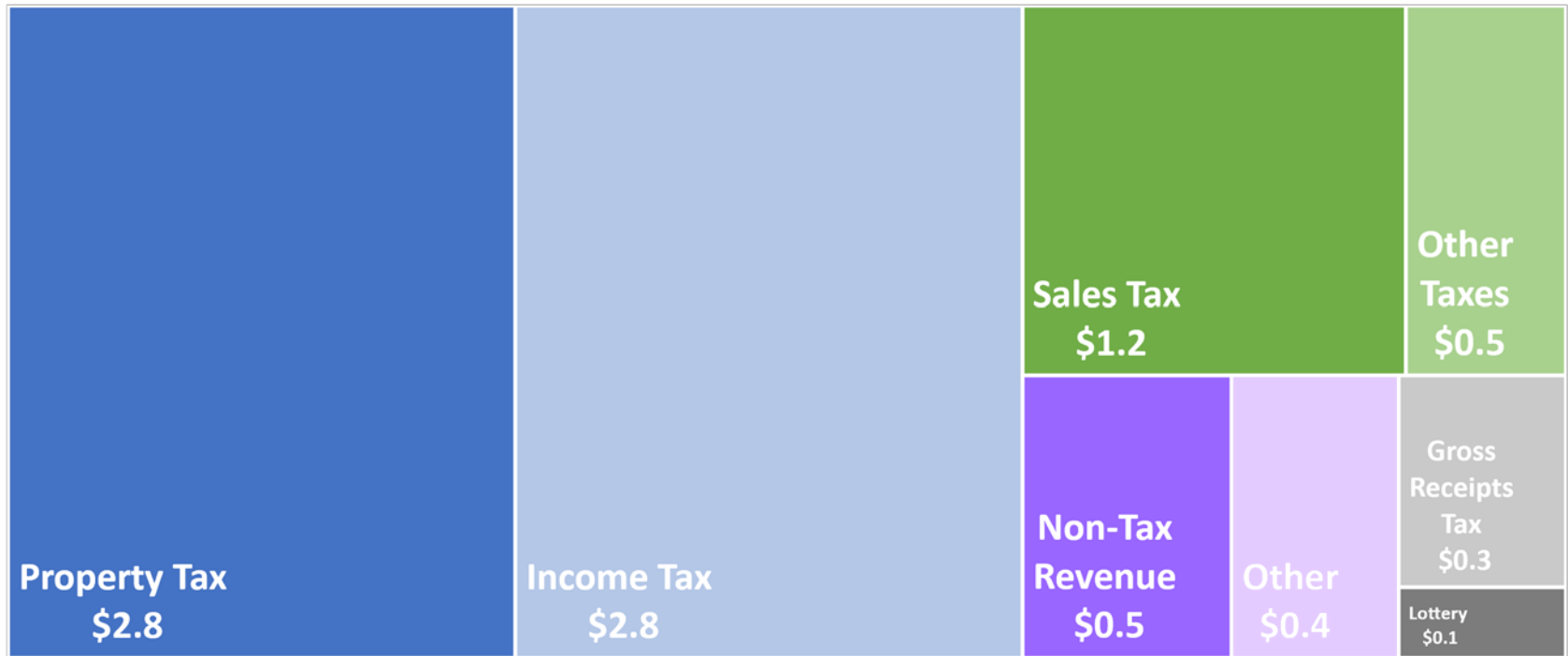
FY 2020 \$15.4 Billion in Gross Revenues



(#'s in billions)

Where does DC's money come from?

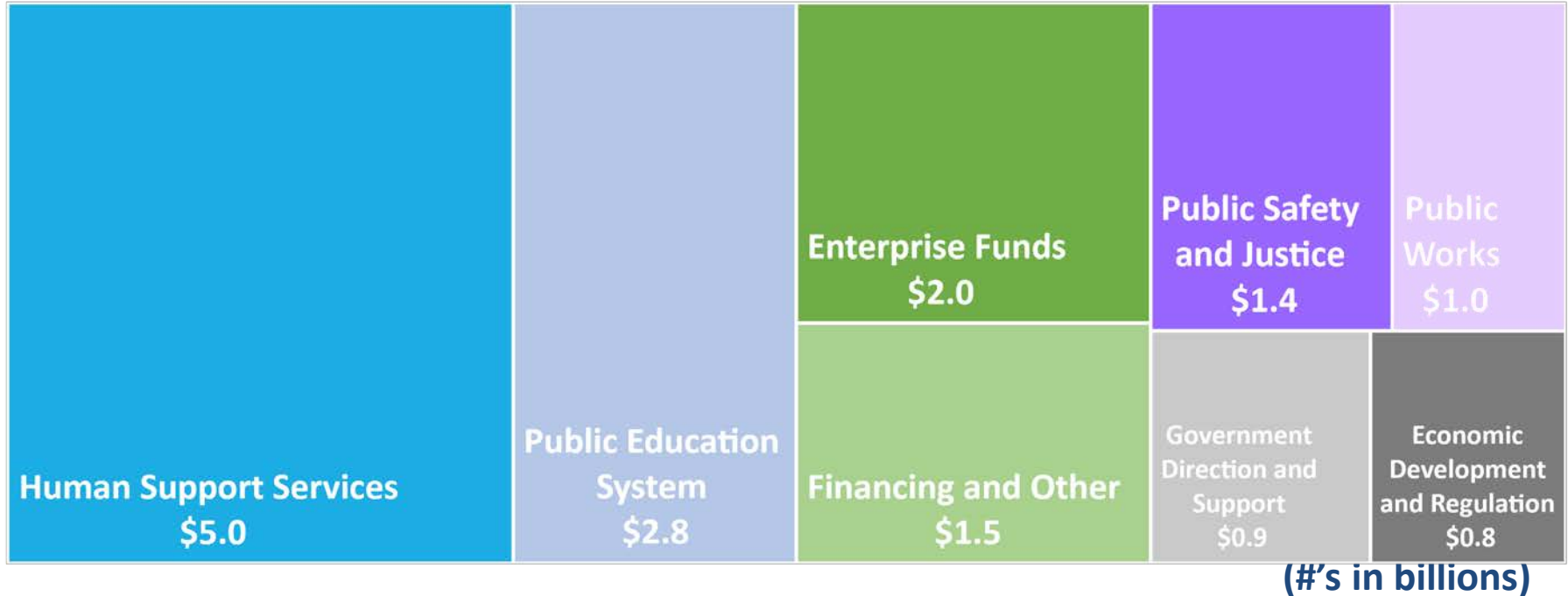
FY 2020 \$8.6 Billion in Local Fund Revenue



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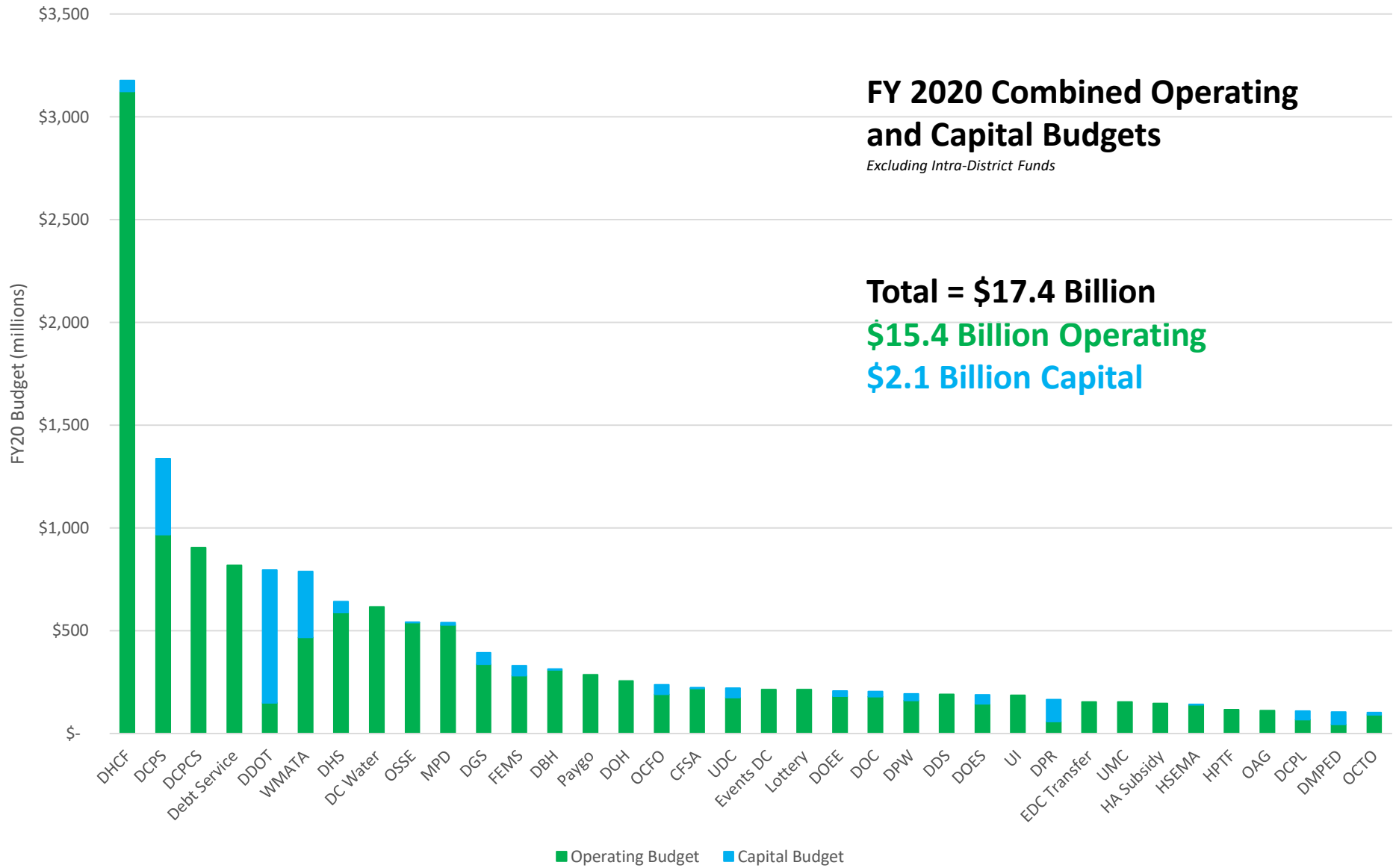
How does DC raise its local funds?

FY 2020 \$15.4 Billion Gross Funds Expenditures



What does DC spend its money on?

A budget reflects the priorities of the city...



Types of Spending

District government spending happens in two distinct places:



The **operating budget** includes the funding necessary to keep the government running from day to day.

“Where is the spending?” – Programmatic attributes: Agency, program, activity, and service
“What are you spending on?” – Comptroller Source Group and Comptroller Source Object



The **capital budget** includes the funding for procuring or renovating District-owned capital assets: expensive, durable things like buildings, roads, vehicles, or IT systems.

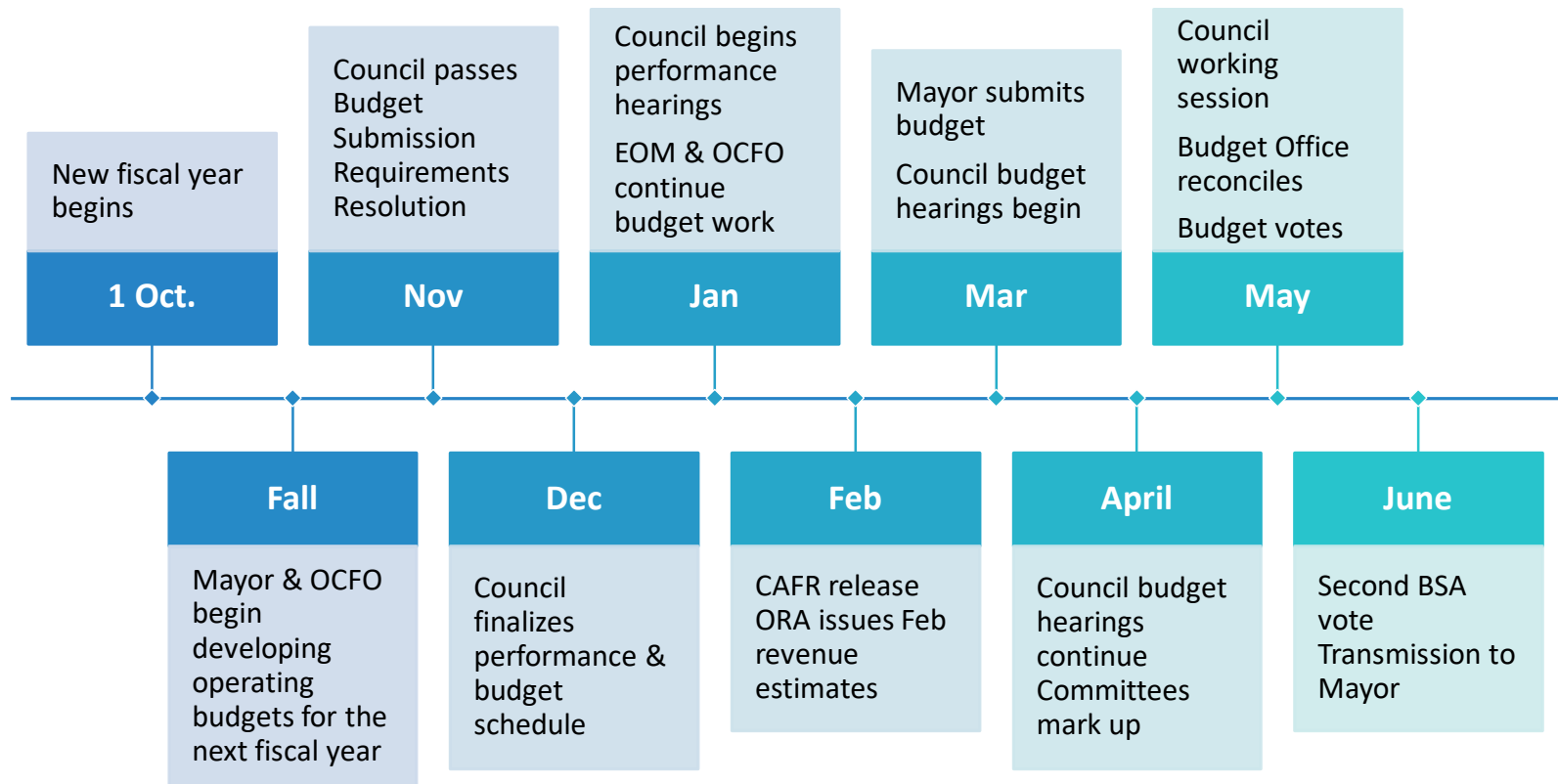
Budget Roles

The Mayor: The Home Rule Act requires the Mayor to prepare and submit to the Council an annual budget. The proposed budget must be balanced – that is, proposed spending cannot exceed estimated resources.

The Council: The Council is tasked with reviewing, modifying, and approving the Mayor's proposed budget. The Council takes an active role in adjusting the budget and incorporating its legislative priorities within the budget – and it must do all this within 70 days of the Mayor's transmission.

The Chief Financial Officer: The OCFO is charged with monitoring and safeguarding the District government's financial affairs. The Home Rule Act sets forth the duties of the CFO, including the publication of quarterly revenue estimates for the District, the maintenance of accounting and internal control systems; preparing the budget and financial plan for use by the Mayor, maintaining custody of the District government's funds and investments, and certifying the availability of funds to pay for proposed contracts.

Budget Timeline



Budget Legislation



Budget Submission Requirements
Resolution



Local Budget Act



Budget Support Act



Federal Portion Budget Request Act



Supplemental Budget

Questions?

Future Brown Bag Topics?
