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Federal Budget and Appropriations Process Timeline

NOTE: Exact dates vary.

- ◆ Congressional Activity
- ★ Executive Branch Activity

JANUARY	★ President signals priorities in State of the Union Address
FEBRUARY	★ President's Budget request sent to Congress (first Monday) ◆ Budget Committee hearings on Budget Resolution
MARCH	◆ Appropriations/Authorizing hearings on President's budget ★ Federal agency heads testify on President's budget request ◆ Budget Committees draft annual resolution (possible action) ◆ Members send priority requests to Appropriations Committees
APRIL	◆ Budget Resolution debate continues ◆ April 15 = Statutory deadline for budget resolution completion ◆ Appropriators prepare priorities for funding
MAY	◆ Budget Resolution is finished ◆ May 15 = Statutory date after which appropriators can begin to consider appropriations bills (even without finalized budget resolution) ◆ Appropriations Committees issue 302(b) allocations to subcommittees (the cap on spending for each of the 13 appropriations bills)
JUNE	◆ House Appropriations subcommittee/full committee markups ◆ House floor debate on the bills
JULY	◆ Senate Appropriations subcommittee/full committee markups ◆ Senate floor debate on the bills ★ Federal agencies begin to formulate the next FY's budget proposal
AUGUST	◆ House/Senate appropriations staff begin conference negotiations
SEPTEMBER	◆ House/Senate Appropriations conference negotiations begins ◆ House/Senate reconciliation and approvals ★ President signs/vetoes bill after conference bill is approved by Congress
OCTOBER	**October 1 = New Fiscal Year** ◆ Any unfinished appropriations activity is addressed ◆ Continuing Resolutions begin (if necessary; maintains funding for any agencies affected by appropriations bills that have not been passed and signed by the beginning of the fiscal year) ★ Federal agencies send proposals for next FY's budget to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
NOVEMBER	★ Federal agencies and OMB negotiate the next year's budget
DECEMBER	★ Federal agencies and OMB finalize the next year's budget ★ Final appeal for federal agencies to OMB