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Sample Budget Calendar

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Sincerely,

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SAMPLE BUDGET CALENDAR

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For the Fiscal Year 20__

PHASE ONE: *Adoption of Budgeting System*

Dates	Responsibility	Procedures or Action To Be Taken
November 1-January 1	Committee & Department Heads	Develop procedures, budget forms and budget calendar
January 2-31	CountyLegislativeBody	Adopt budgeting process Transmit budget instructions, related statistical data, procedures, forms, and budget calendar to all department heads responsible for preparing the department's budget
February 1	Budget Coordinator	

PHASE TWO: *Departments Prepare Budgets*

Dates	Responsibility	Procedures or Action To Be Taken
February 1	Department Heads	Prepare information for proposed budget
April 1-10	Department Heads	Provide complete information to budget coordinator
April 1	Budget Coordinator	Assemble information for presentation to county legislative body
April 10-15	Operating Department Heads	Present budgets to county legislative body

PHASE THREE: *Review, Analysis and Recommendations*

Dates	Responsibility	Procedures or Action To Be Taken
April 15	CountyLegislativeBody	Review budgets with department heads
May 15	Budget Committee	Analyze budgets; review alternatives and priorities as to funding and expenditures; prepare recommendations
May 15-30	Budget Coordinator	Prepare consolidated budgets and recommendations

PHASE FOUR: *Review of Budget by County Legislative Body*

Dates	Responsibility	Procedures or Action To Be Taken
June 1-20	CountyLegislativeBody (CLB)	Review budgets
June 20-30	CLB	Negotiate budget changes and hold budget hearings
July 1 - August 31	CLB	Adopt budget

PHASE FIVE: *Preparation and Dissemination of Adopted Budgets*

Dates	Responsibility	Procedures or Action To Be Taken
June 30 - August 31	Budget Coordinator	Prepare adopted budget in printed form; disseminate budgets to department heads as their authority to receive and expend funds

Recommended Practice: Develop a Budget Calendar

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