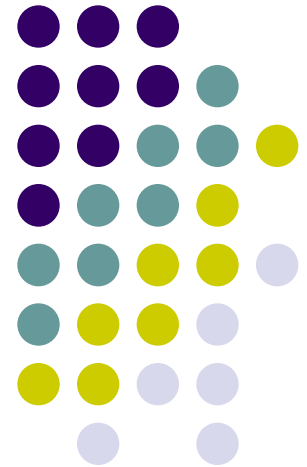


A CITIZENS GUIDE

PART 1: THE COOK COUNTY BUDGET FY 2010



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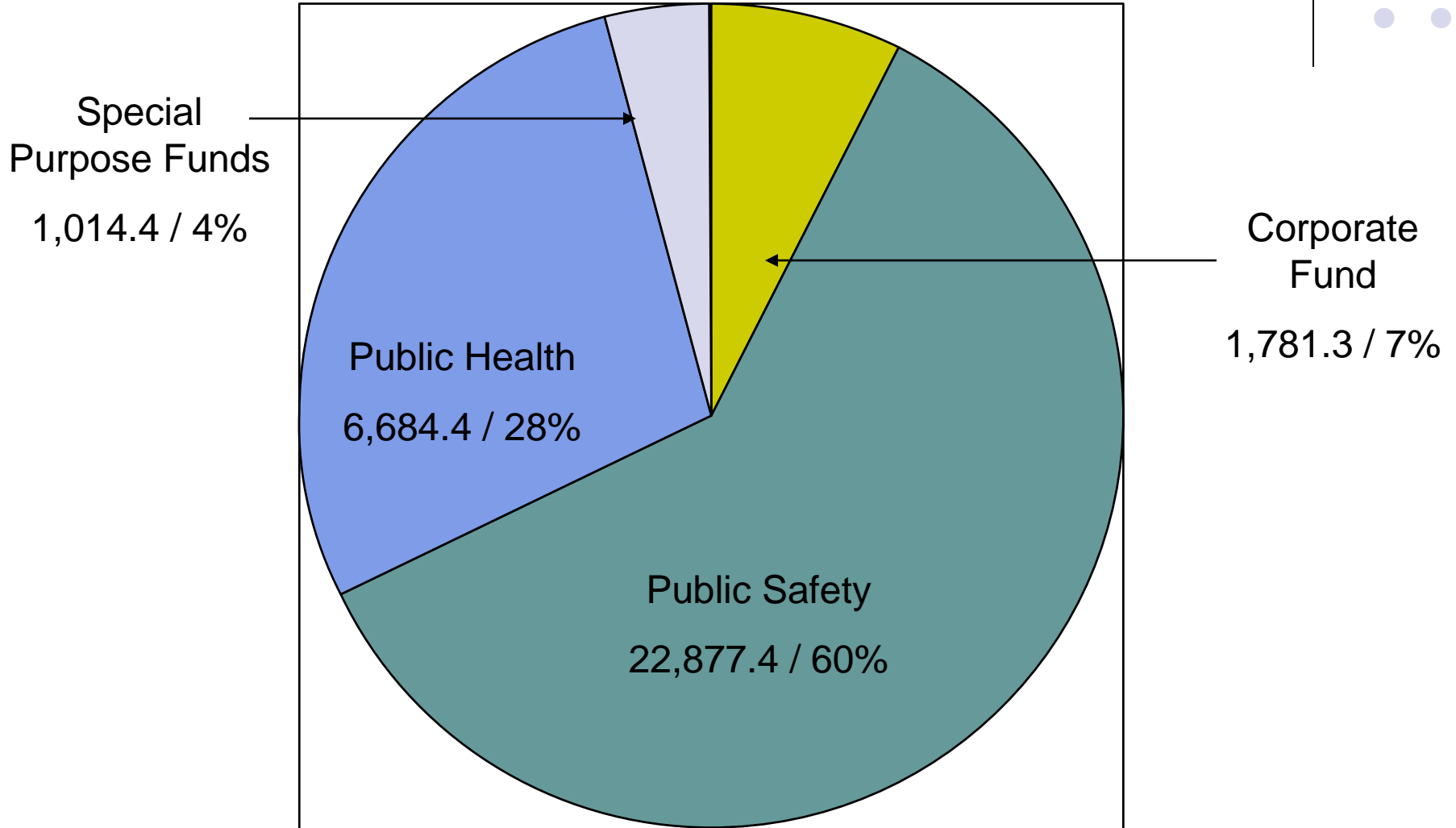
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Cook County Budget at a Glance

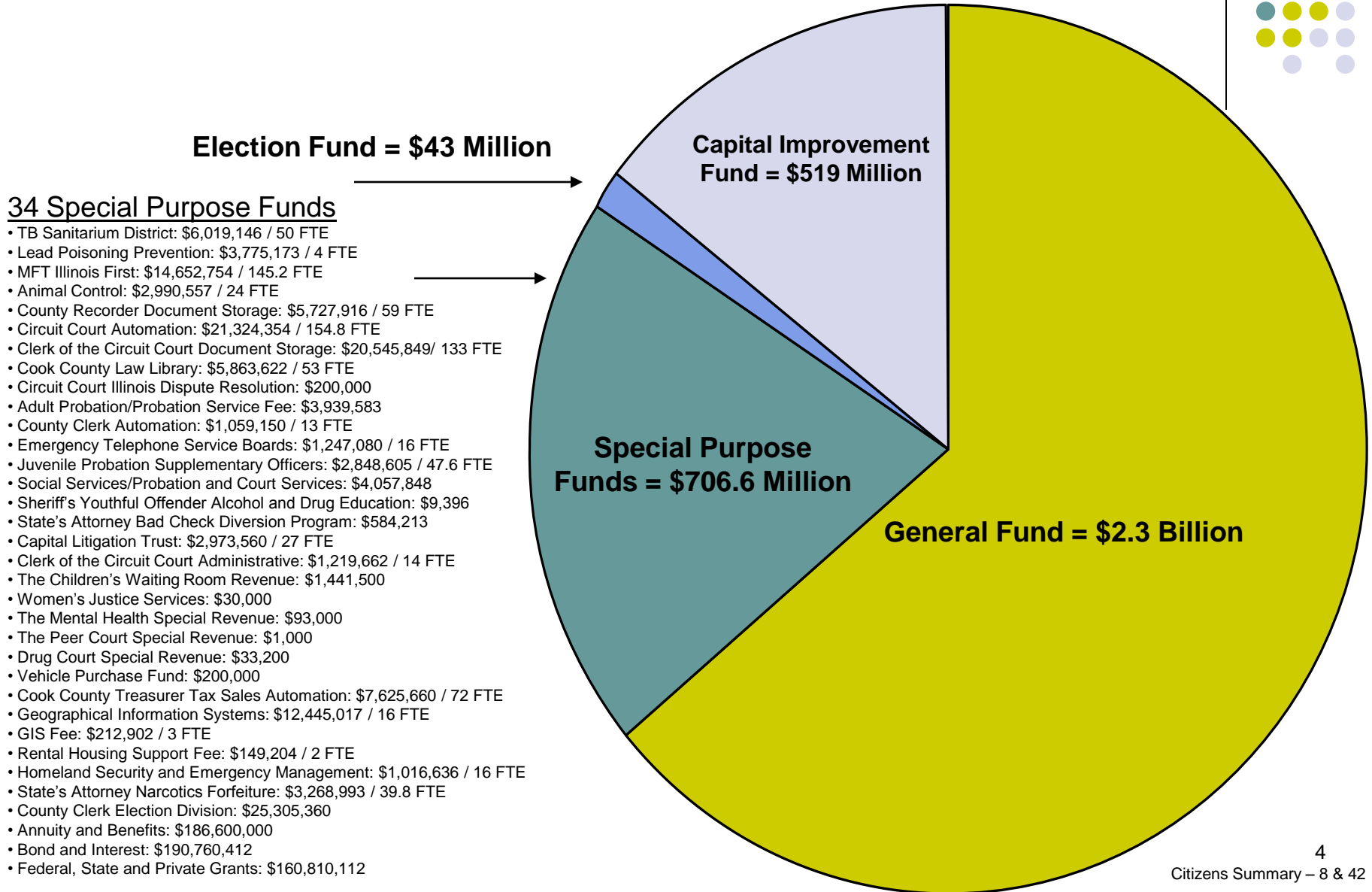
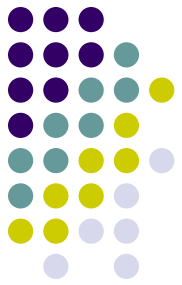


- FY2010 budget = \$3,575,600,000
- Cook County has approximately 24,000 employees
- The three main functions of the County are:
 - Public Health
 - Public Safety
 - Tax and Real Estate Administration
- 61% or \$2.1 Billion of the County budget is dedicated to personnel
- Cook County Board Commissioners also act as the Board for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.
 - Forest Preserve Budget for FY2010 = \$198,228,262 and 537 full-time employees

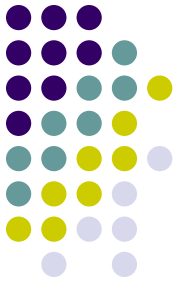
The Distribution of the 24,000 County Full-time Employees



2010 Cook County Budget = \$3.5 Billion



Sources of Revenue: \$3,575,558,218



Intergovernmental Revenues

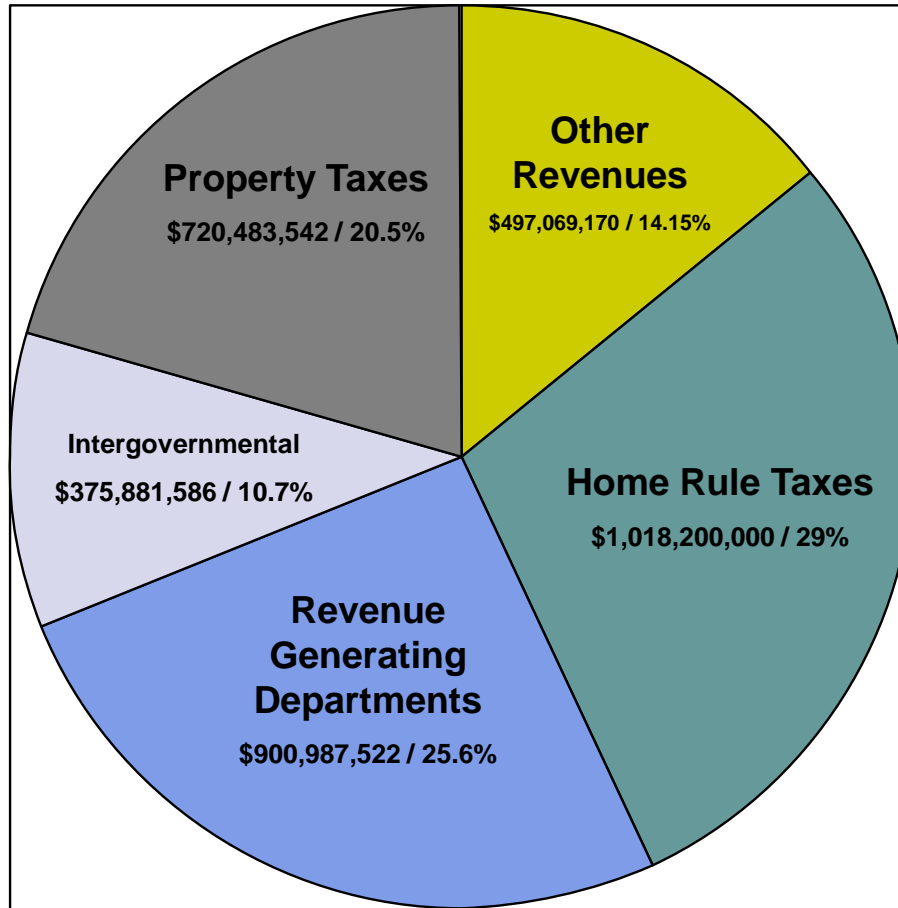
- Federal, State and Private Grants
- Motor Fuel Tax Grant
- Retailer's Occupation Tax
- State Income Tax
- Personal Property Tax
- Off Track Betting Commission
- Probation Officers
- Reimbursement from Other Governments

Revenue Generating Departments

- Treasurers Office
- County Clerk
- Recorder of Deeds
- Building and Zoning
- Environmental Control
- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Public Administrator
- Assessor
- Sheriff
- Public Guardian
- Supportive Services

Fees:

- Cable TV Franchise
- Red Light Cameras
- Liquor Licenses
- Court Services Fee



Other Revenues

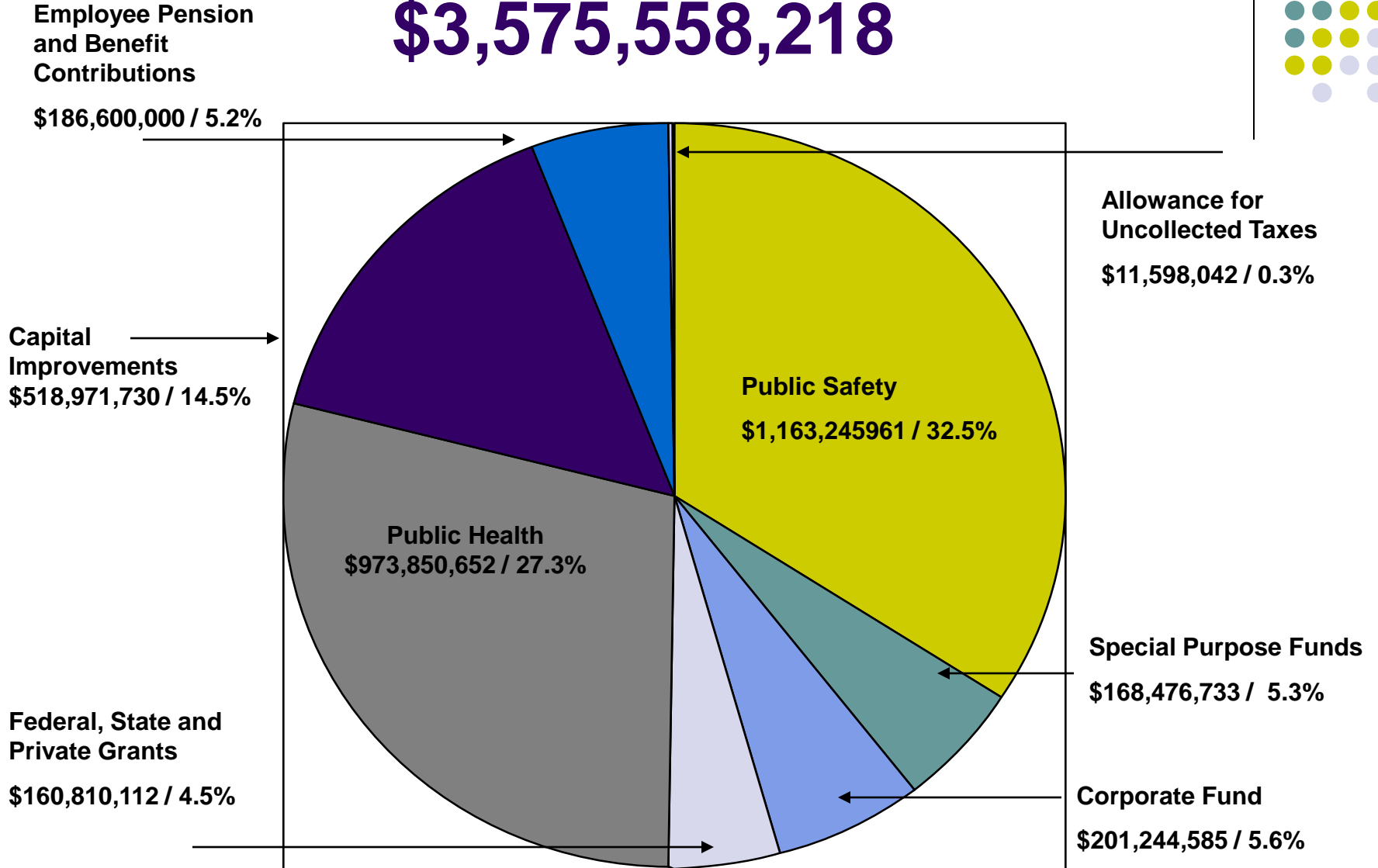
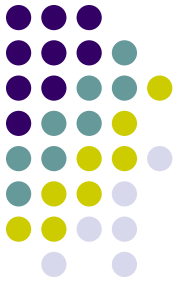
- Capital Improvements
- Interest Earnings/Working Cash Transfer
- Licenses, Leases and Rentals
- Real Estate Management
- Commissions on Public Telephone Use
- Highways Sales of Permits
- Medical Examiner Fees
- CCHHS Revenue (Cafeteria, parking, medical records, etc)
- Dept. of Public Health Grants
- Dept. of Public Health Environmental Fees
- Permits
- Election Revenue
- CC Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund
- Vehicle Purchase Fund

Home Rule Taxes

- Cook County Sales Tax
- Use Tax
- Alcoholic Beverage Tax
- Cigarette Tax
- Gas/Diesel Tax
- Retail Sale of Motor Vehicles
- Wheel Tax
- Parking Lot Tax

Uses of Revenue:

\$3,575,558,218



Uses of Revenue by County Function:

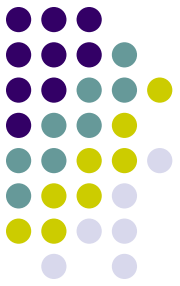


- 42% - Safety
- 32% - Health
- 18% - Government Management & Supporting Services
- 2% - Tax Assessment and Collection
- 2% - Transportation
- 1% - Elections

Uses of Revenue by Budget Classifications:

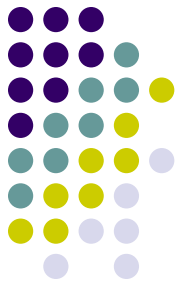


- **61% - Personal Services**
 - Salaries and wages
- **15% - Capital Improvements and Equipment**
 - Payment for expenses related to the improvements of buildings and for equipment that is generally expected to last more than five years and cost more than \$500
- **9% - Contractual Services**
 - Accounts that are used to make payments for services that can only be preformed by persons or companies with specialized skills and knowledge
- **5% - Supplies and Maintenance**
 - Accounts that are used for purchases of consumables, items of equipment with a unit cost of less than \$500, which are considered supplies and not capital equipment
- **5% - Contingency and Special Purpose**
 - This category includes accounts established to provide funds for general expenses, special programs and other expenses which fluctuate each fiscal year and require contingent funding.
- **4% - Operations and Maintenance**
 - Purchases or expenses related to the operation and maintenance of facilities, office equipment, automotive, road repair equipment and all other plant or institutional equipment
- **1% - Rental and Leasing**
 - Accounts under this category are used for payments related to the rental or leasing of automotive, institutional, medical and office equipment and rental of offices or other facilities as required by various departments of the County.



The Public Health System

- The public Cook County Health and Hospital system comprises 27.3% of the County budget, approximately \$1 billion and supports:
 - The flagship hospital of John H. Stroger Jr. and satellite hospitals Provident in Hyde Park and Oak Forest in south suburban Cook County.
 - 16 clinics county run clinics that provide primary and specialty care to patients in communities throughout the County.
 - The Department of Public Health which provides public health programs, services and education
 - Cermak Health Services, providing comprehensive health care to the nearly 100,000 men and women that enter the Cook County Jail each year.
 - JTDC Health Services, providing comprehensive primary care as well as mental and dental health care to the 7,000 children that enter the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center each year.
 - The Ruth Rothstein CORE Center, a national model for the care for the patients with HIV/AIDS and other related infectious diseases.



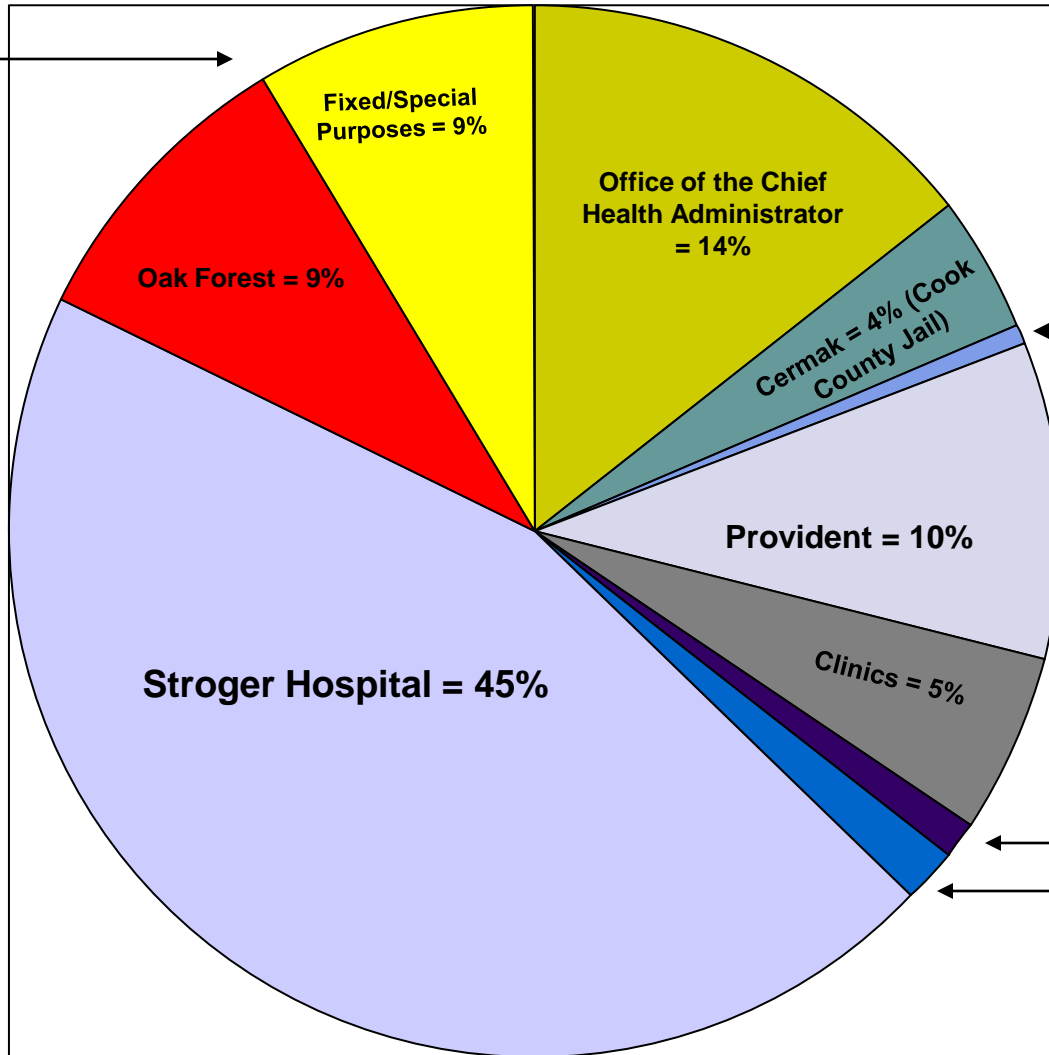
Public Health System Major Uses

\$974 million/ 27.3% - Total FTE 6,684.4

Special Purpose Funds within Health System

TB Sanitarium District -
\$6,019,146 / 50 FTE

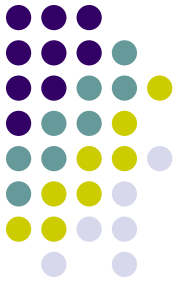
Lead Poisoning
Prevention Fund
\$3,775,173 / 4 FTE



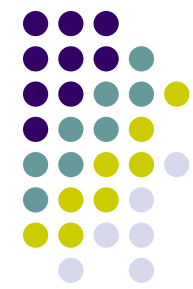
JTDC Health
Services = .38%

CORE Center = 1%
Department of Public
Health = 2%

The Public Safety System

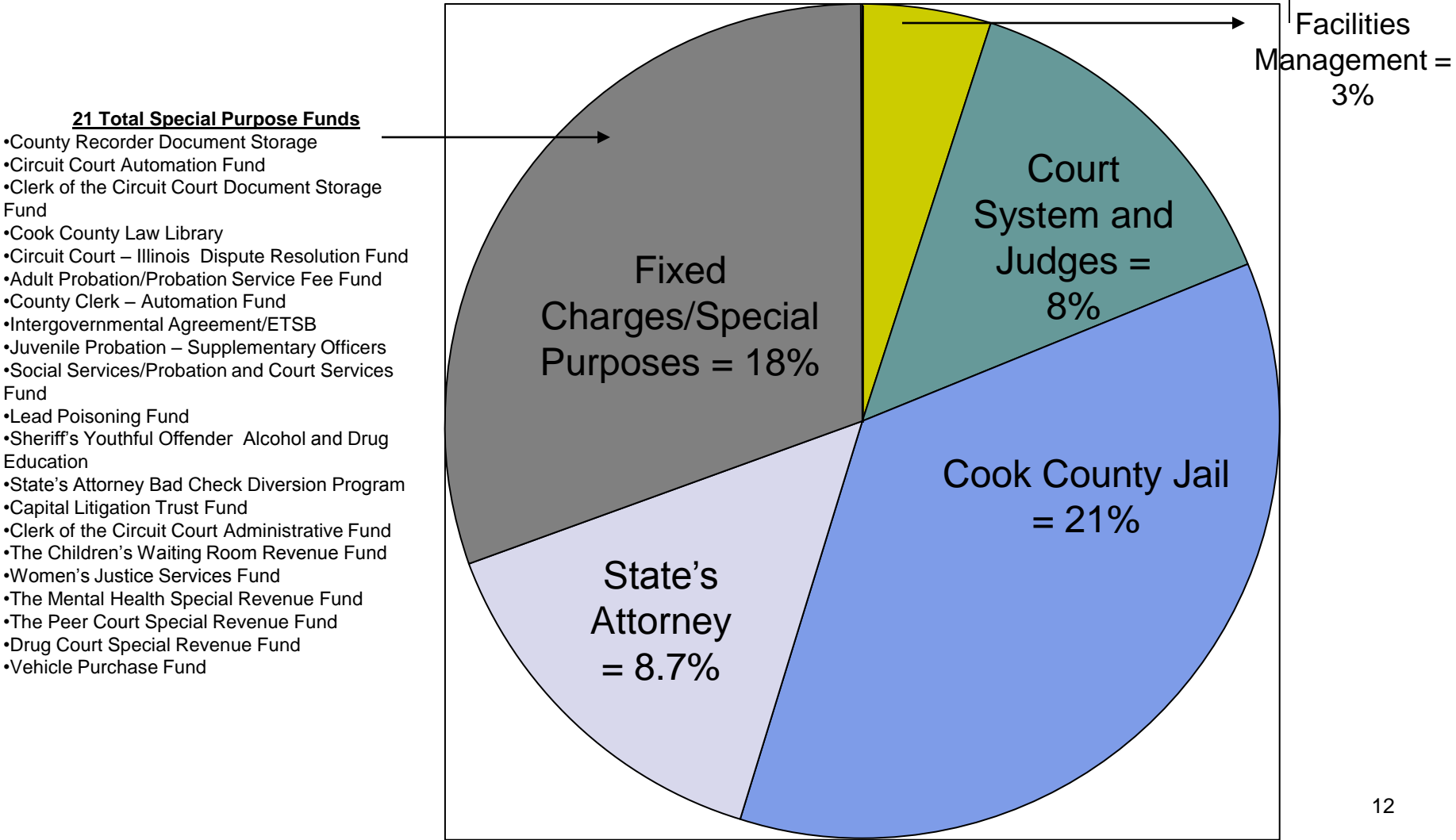


- The public safety fund comprises 32.5%, or over \$1.1 billion, of the Cook County Budget and **supports the largest single site jail complex and the second largest unified Court system in the nation.**
- The principal offices supported by the public safety fund are the Sheriff, the Chief Judge, the State's Attorney, the Public Defender, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
- The Cook County Sheriff is responsible for overseeing the Cook County Jail, providing security and services to all County court facilities, and policing unincorporated areas of the County. Nearly 100,000 people cycle through the Cook County jail each year and at any given time there are approximately 9,000 detainees in the Cook County Jail.
- The Cook County State's Attorney is the County's attorney, with more than 1,360 employees, the office prosecutes criminal offenses and assists victims and witnesses in those cases. The State's Attorney also represents the County in all civil litigation against the County.
- The Cook County Public Defender, the second largest indigent defense organization in the country, provides free legal counsel to those who are charged with a criminal offense who are unable to afford private representation. These legal services are required under the United States Constitution and the Illinois Public Defender Act. The Public Defender is also statutorily required to represent those subject to the Juvenile Court Act, which includes abused and neglected minors.
- The Chief Judge's Office is responsible for the administration of the Circuit Court of Cook County, which is part of the state judiciary branch. The Chief Judge oversees approximately 400 judges and an additional 2,100 non-judicial employees who provide logistical support and legal research to the judges who hear civil and criminal cases. The Chief Judge also oversees the Adult and Juvenile Probation Departments who monitor and provide treatment services to adult and juvenile offenders.
- Similar to the Office of the Chief Judge, the Office Clerk of the Circuit Court is part of the state judicial branch. The Clerk of the Circuit Court is an independently elected official who is charged with keeping all of the records for the Circuit Court of Cook County including civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile cases. Under Illinois law, clerks are required to attend all sessions of the Circuit Court and collect and disburse all filing fees and fines for the Circuit Court. Over 1.6 million new cases are filed in Cook County each year.



Public Safety Fund Major Uses

\$1.1 billion / 32.5% - Total FTE 14,411.5



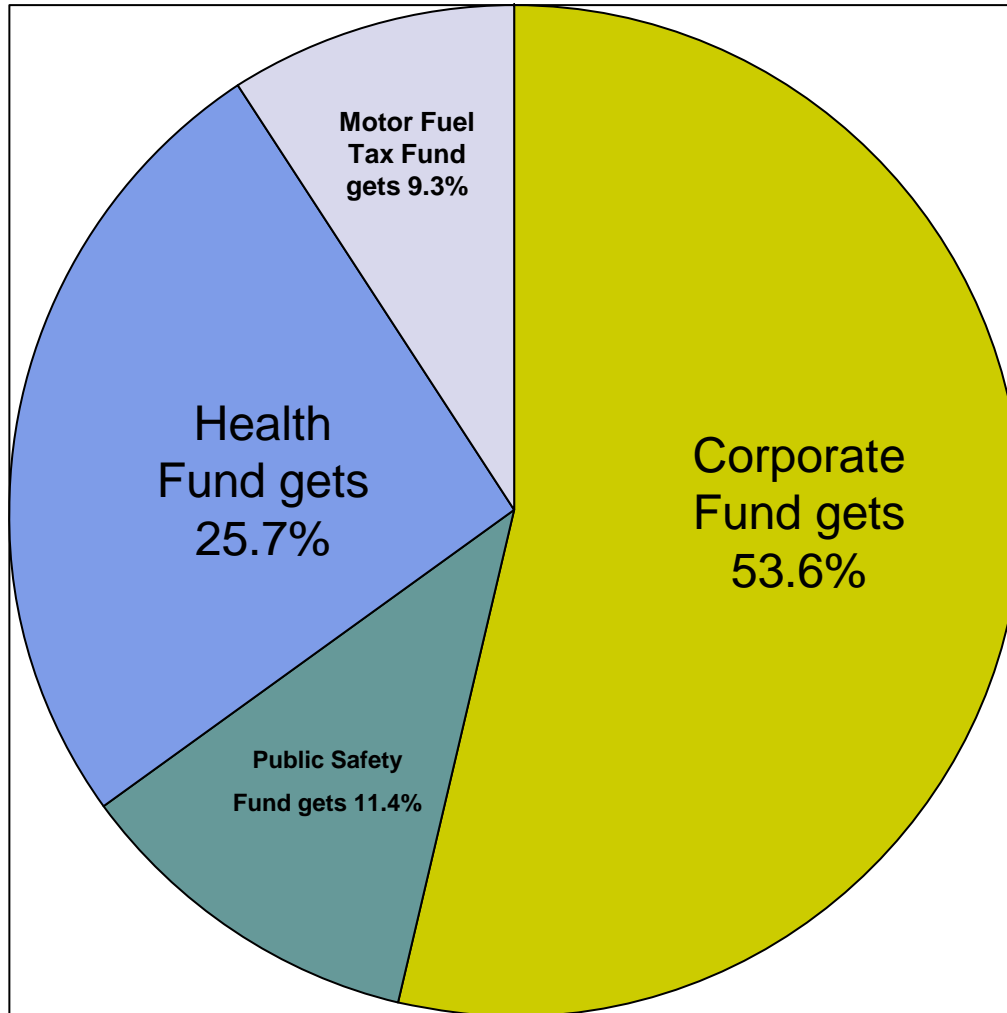
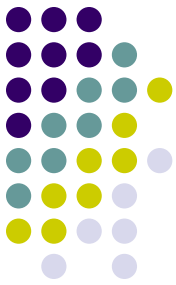
Administration and General Taxing Bodies

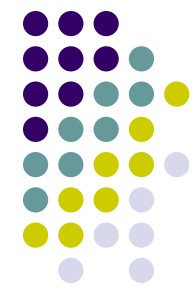


- The Corporate Fund comprises just 5.6%, or about \$201 million of the Cook County Budget. This fund supports the general government management and support services for the County. Although, the corporate fund amounts to a small fraction of the Cook County budget it is the portion of the budget that most impacts all Cook County Citizen's daily lives.
- Includes financial oversight and reporting functions, payment of bills and contract awards and oversight, economic and human development, the maintenance of highways, and environmental monitoring and control, homeland security coordination, capital planning and policy. This fund also supports the assessment, administration and collection of the property tax, sales tax, and various fees.
- The Corporate Fund also supports several independent elected officials whom together oversee the property tax system. The Cook County Assessor is responsible for assessing the value of each of the 1.7 million parcels of real property in Cook County. The Cook County Board of Review then hears citizen's appeals of the property tax assessment made by the Assessor. The Cook County Treasurer is the County's banker, responsible for mailing the tax bills, collecting the taxes on those parcels of real property and distributing the revenue throughout the County. The Cook County Recorder of Deeds maintains the land records for the County including records of all real estate transactions.
- The Cook County Clerk maintains all of the County records and books including birth, death and marriage records.

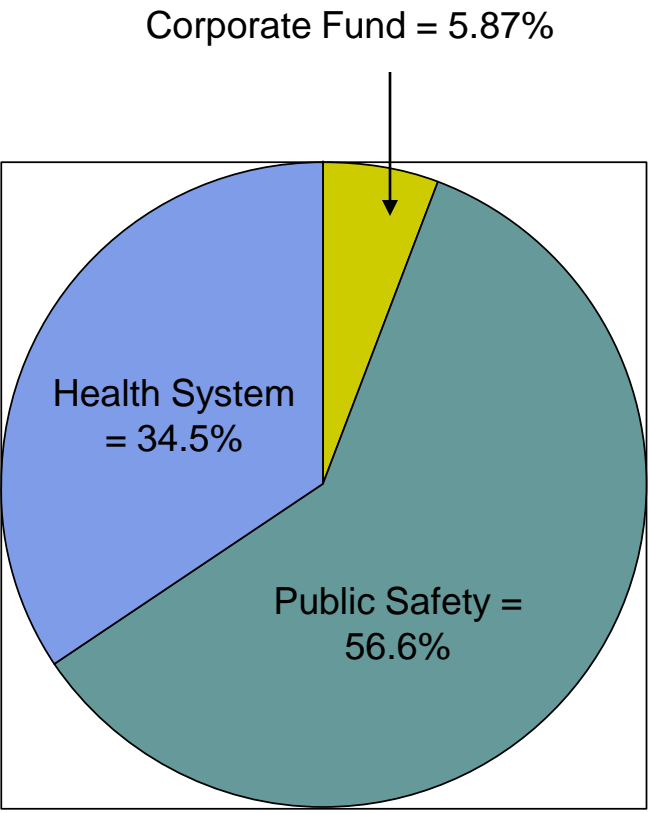
Capital Improvement Projects

Capital Improvement Projects - \$519 million/14.5% of total budget
General Obligation Bonds are issued with the proceeds of the sales purposed to finance the costs of capital projects throughout the County.

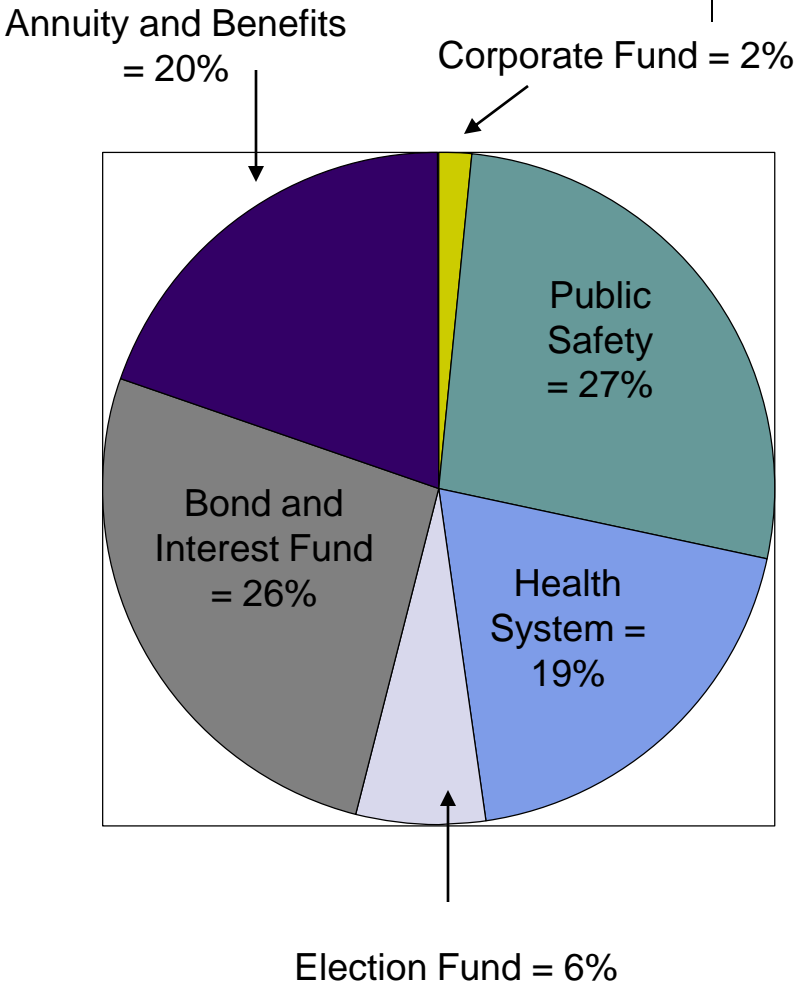




Where does the County Sales Tax go?



Where do your Property Taxes go?





What you can do:

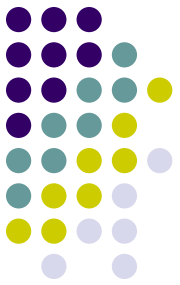
- Come to public hearings – now that you have the big picture you can take an active role during hearings.
 - Contact our office with any questions, comments or ideas
- Do you have capital projects in the neighborhood that you would like to submit for FY2012?
- Do you have vacant land in your neighborhood that you would like to see rented as a working garden? Send us some background information on the property based on what you have witnessed.

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The Budget Process

December	July/ August	September /October	November	December
The fiscal year begins	All agencies and departments submit budget requests	The President conducts budget hearings	Public input / Budget amendments submitted	County Board votes to approve and adopt