



City of Portland Budget Process

September 2020

WHAT IS THE FALL BMP?

- One of three **budget monitoring processes** during the fiscal year. The BMP focuses on 1) summarizing prior year budget + performance activity and 2) providing an opportunity to adjust current year budget.
- Most changes in the Fall BMP are **small and technical** and include things like truing up costs between fiscal years, reallocating resources to better match anticipated revenues and spending, and other minor adjustments based on City bureaus having better information than when the budget was adopted in June.
- Bureaus may also request contingency resources for **urgent and unforeseen needs**. Due to the uncertainty around next year's forecast, CBO is recommending that the City limit spending to help reduce the need for cuts to core City programs and services.
- **This year, there will be several public engagement opportunities for the Fall BMP. For info, please see:** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/article/622229>

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT

There are several ways for the public to get involved in the City's budget process at various points throughout the year, including the following:

- **Bureau Budget Advisory Committees (BACs):** working bodies that discuss + advise bureau budget decisions. Managed by each bureau and usually begin meeting in the fall. For info: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/article/372116>
- **Online Budget Testimony:** community members can submit public comments or testimony online at any time during the year. All comments are reported to City Council. Please use the following form: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/61969>
- **Budget Outreach Events + Hearings:** there are various opportunities throughout the City's budget processes to provide public comment or testimony on the City's budget in person or virtually to City Council. For up to date opportunities and additional information, see: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/article/622229>
- **Community Budget Advisory Board:** five residents nominated and confirmed by City Council who participate in all Council budget deliberations. For additional info, see: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/76542>

Want to learn more about City spending?

The City Budget Office's interactive dashboard explores how the City spends its resources: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/81054>



BUDGET PROCESS TIMELINE

