Overview of Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations

Click on a link below to view AGI's analysis of the President's Budget Request and Appropriations Bills, including detailed program and account information for key geoscience-related federal agencies.

- FY 2018 Commerce, Justice, Science
- FY 2018 Energy and Water
- FY 2018 Interior and Environment?

You can stay up-to-date on the budget process and appropriations by fiscal year with the Library of Congress Appropriations and Budget page. The AAAS R&D Budget and Policy Program provides information on trends in federal research and development funding, including information on the president's budget request and appropriations bills. AIP's Federal Science Budget Tracker also has information on the status of budgets and appropriations relevant to the physical sciences.

The Budget Process

Below is a diagram of the congressional budget process that first appeared in Following the Budget Process, which was published in the March 1996 issue of Geotimes. It is adapted from a diagram developed by the House Budget Committee. Click on the image to open a larger version.
The Budget Process and Timeline

February
- House Budget Committee formulates budget proposal
- Senate Budget Committee formulates budget proposal
- House approves budget
- Senate approves budget

May
- House approves budget
- Senate approves budget
- Budget Conference Committee reports joint conference report on budget

June
- House votes on conference report
- Senate votes on conference report
- Joint conference committee recommends budget bills
- Budget Reconciliation Committee acts on budget reconciliation bills

July
- House votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act
- Senate votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act
- The President may sign or veto omnibus budget reconciliation act

September
- House votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act
- Senate votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act
- The President may sign or veto omnibus budget reconciliation act

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