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 Time Line

- **February**
  - President’s budget submitted to Congress
  - House Budget Committee: formulate budget resolution
  - Senate Budget Committee: formulate budget resolution
  - House floor votes
  - Senate floor votes

- **March**
  - Budget Conference Committee: report out conference resolution on budget
  - House votes on reconciliation
  - Senate votes on reconciliation

- **April**
  - House authorizing committee report forges each to comply with budget resolution
  - House Appropriations Committee reports appropriations measures to comply with budget resolution
  - Senate Appropriations Committee reports appropriations measures to comply with budget resolution
  - Senate authorizing committee reports changes to bills to comply with budget resolution

- **May**
  - House votes on each conference report
  - Senate votes on each conference report
  - The President signs or vetoes bills

- **June**
  - Budget Reconciliation Conference Committee: reconcile differences with subcommittees
  - Senate votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act
  - House votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act

- **July**
  - Senate votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act
  - House votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act

- **August**
  - Senate votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act
  - House votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act

- **September**
  - Senate votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act
  - House votes on omnibus budget reconciliation act

The President signs or vetoes omnibus budget reconciliation act.

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