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

1. President's budget submitted to Congress
2. House Budget Committee:
   - Formulates Budget Resolution
3. Senate Budget Committee:
   - Formulates Budget Resolution
4. House floor votes
5. Senate floor votes
6. Budget Conference Committee reports out conference resolution
7. House floor votes
8. Senate floor votes
9. Conference resolution is sent to the President and Congress
10. House authorizing committees report out bills
11. Senate authorizing committees report out bills
12. House votes on reconciliation
13. Senate votes on reconciliation
14. House votes on each conference report
15. Senate votes on each conference report
16. President signs or vetoes bills
17. House passes Budget Reconciliation Act
18. Senate passes Budget Reconciliation Act
19. President signs or vetoes Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act