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

March

House Budget Committee
Formulates Budget Resolution

Senate Budget Committee
Formulates Budget Resolution

House floor votes

Senate floor votes

April

Budget Conference Committee reports out joint/consensus Resolution on budget

House floor votes

Senate floor votes

May

Joint Committee on the Budget (Senate and House)

June

House Appropriations Committee reports appropriations measures to comply with budget resolution (if applicable)

Senate Appropriations Committee reports appropriations measures to comply with budget resolution (if applicable)

House floor votes

Senate floor votes

July

House floor votes

Senate floor votes

August

House conference committee meets to reconcile differences in appropriation bills

Senate conference committee meets to reconcile differences in appropriation bills

September

The President signs or vetoes Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

October

House votes on Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

Senate votes on Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

November

The President may sign or veto Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act