OUR VALUES
TO LOVE
TO SERVE
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FOR JUSTICE

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
CHERISHING THE DIVINE WITHIN ALL
**BUDGET CYCLE**

- **May**: DBM reviews budget and sets agency budget targets.
- **June**: Expenditure estimates are set and DBM issues targets.
- **June - August**: Agencies prepare their budget requests.
- **September - December**: Budget review and preparation.
- **83rd Day of the Legislative Session**: The budget bill must be enacted by the General Assembly.
- **3rd Wednesday in January**: Governor submits the budget to the General Assembly.
- **January - April**: The General Assembly reviews the budget.
- **July 1**: Fiscal Year begins

Adapted from “Citizen’s Guide to the Budget.” Maryland Department of Budget & Management. www.dbm.Maryland.gov
Separate Legislation

- Need Legislative support
- Binding in out years
- Generally need to wait 1 year before funding becomes available unless also in budget bill
- Vote is on this one issue

Budget Bill

- Need Administration and Legislative support
- Only binding for one year
- Funding included in upcoming fiscal year
- Full vote is on the budget as a whole
RESOURCES

- Agency
- Department of Budget and Management – www.dbm.maryland.gov
  - Budget Books
  - Agency Testimony
- General Assembly - http://mgaleg.maryland.gov
  - Budget Analysis
  - Briefings and Hearings – livestream and archive
  - Bills
- Advocacy Groups
QUESTIONS

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