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# Charlotte County 2025/26 – 2026/27 Budget Process

Citizen Input  
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CHARLOTTE COUNTY  
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# Budget Overview



# What is a Budget?

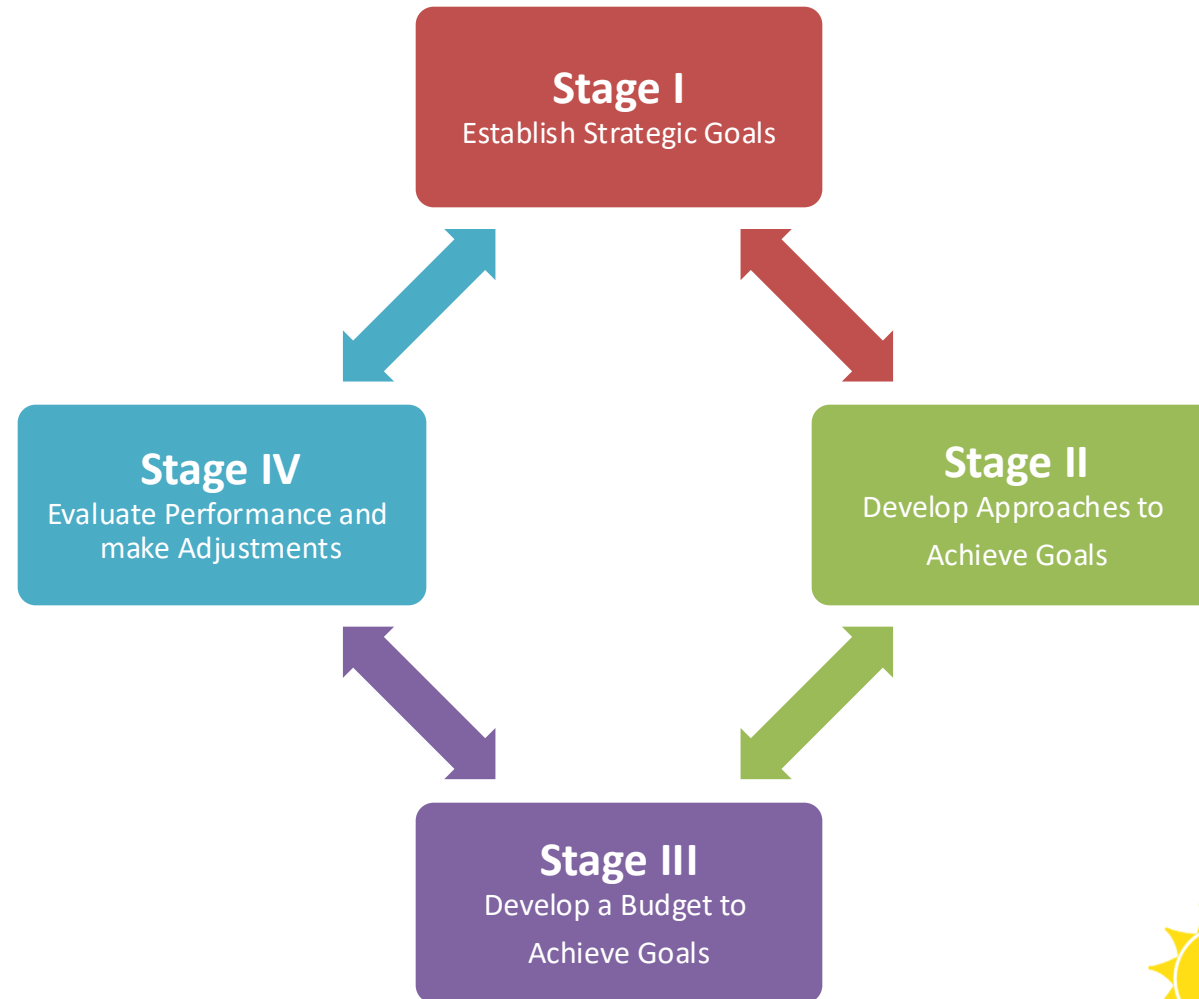
- A Policy Document – policies, vision, mission, goals
- An Operations Guide – structure, processes, resource allocation
- A Financial Plan – fiscal stability, capital management, debt management
- A Communication Device – user friendly, transparency

# What is a Budget?

**Process is as important as the product:**

*The mission of the budget process is to help decision makers make informed choices about the provision of services and capital assets and to promote stakeholder participation in the process*

# Stages of the Budget Process



# Proposed Calendar

December	Review of proposed process with BCC Results from Employee Survey
January	Prepare review packet for BCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employee Survey</li><li>• Financial Trends and Projections</li><li>• Organization and Community Plan</li></ul>
February	BCC Strategic Plan Workshop (BCC Retreat) Board Workshop for Capital Projects Department to update PBB Information
March	Budget Process Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assumptions and projected financial status</li><li>• Confirm direction to organization</li><li>• Review of Policies</li></ul> Goals Workshop each Focus Area Department budget submission Due Department meetings with Budget to review operations and programs, confirm requests and prepare for meeting with Admin

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April	Departmental Budget meetings with Admin
May	BCC Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of operations, service levels and cost by strategic focus area</li><li>• Review efforts to advance BCC Goals</li><li>• Update Revenue Picture</li></ul>
June	Internal balancing of budget
July	Presentation of Recommended Budget MSBU Public Hearings
September	Public Hearings on Recommended 2025/26 – 2026/27 Budget BCC adoption of 2025/26 - 2025/27 Budget

