

A large graphic featuring a yellow sun with rays on the left and a green leaf on the right, both partially overlapping a white circular shape. A thick, curved teal line sweeps across the bottom of the graphic.

Charlotte County 2025/26 – 2026/27 Budget Process

Citizen Input
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Budget Overview



What is a Budget?

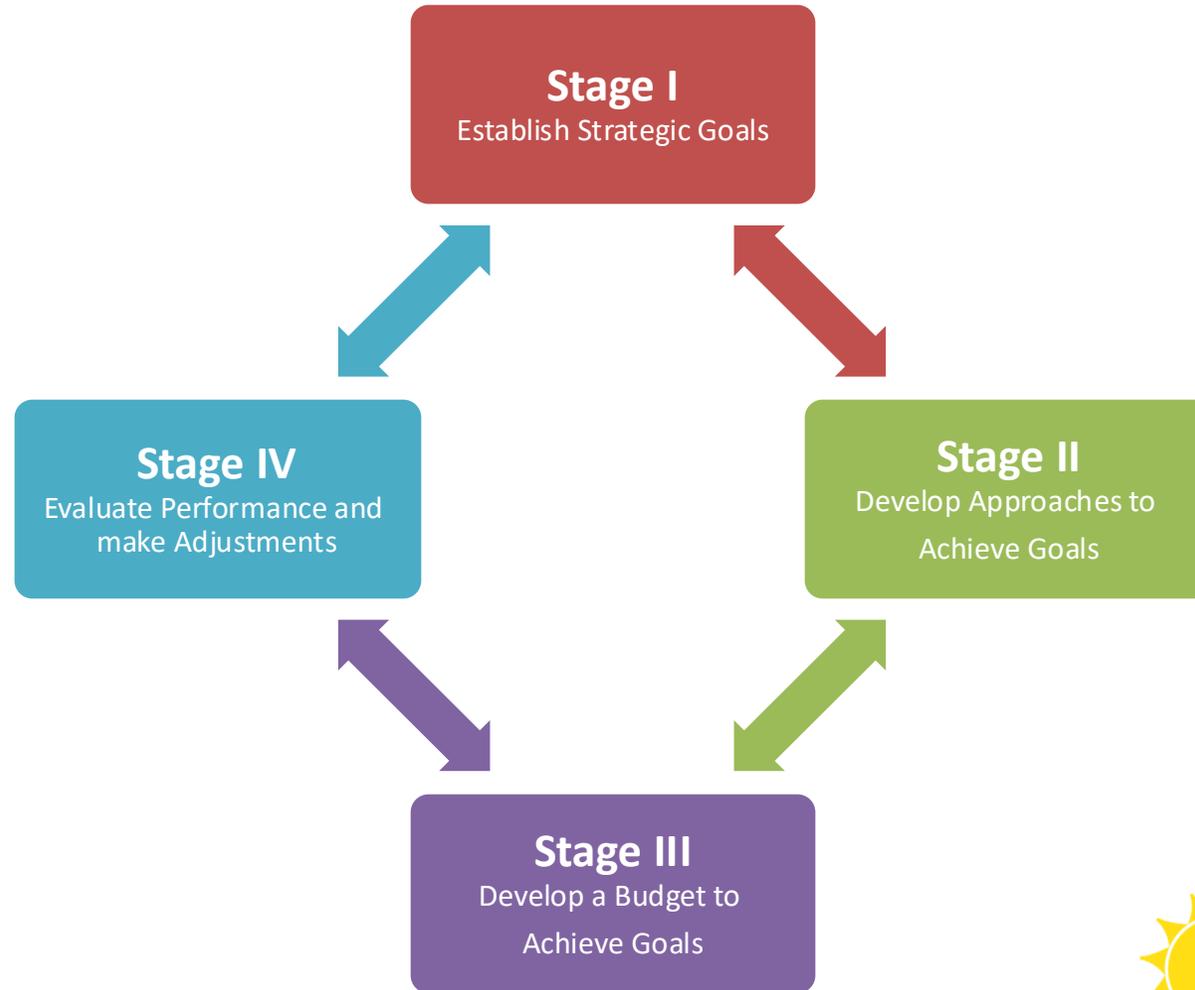
- A Policy Document – policies, vision, mission, goals
- An Operations Guide – structure, processes, resource allocation
- A Financial Plan – fiscal stability, capital management, debt management
- A Communication Device – user friendly, transparency

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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"> • Employee Survey • Financial Trends and Projections • Organization and Community Plan
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"> • Assumptions and projected financial status • Confirm direction to organization • Review of Policies 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

Proposed Calendar

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

