

# BUDGET BULLETIN

*Department of Budget & Management*

## 2022 Budget Process

The Department of Budget and Management is pleased to announce the start of the Hidalgo County Budget Process for the fiscal year 2022. The Budget Management System (BMS) will open from June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to begin entering your department's budget request.

As we deal with the pandemic our main objective is to maintain our county in a sound financial position. Given the course and duration of the pandemic our financial status is uncertain, for that reason we are asking you to maintain your budget at the current level.

We understand that it can be disappointing to go through this process and not receive funding for all of (or any of) your new requests. However, please understand that our commitment is to adopt a budget that is balanced and that serves the needs of our community. We ask that departments continue to scrutinize their operating budget needs prior to making a decision on what to include in their next year's budget by evaluating the services provided and expenditure trends.

For the FY22 budget, we continue to adhere to the process established in prior years. In the following days, the user and point of contact from each department will receive an email with the credentials and a link to access the budget request module, make sure that you check your email for this information.

Instructions for BMS will be posted on the County's website to assist you with the data entry process. If you experience any issues that impede the budget request data entry, please contact our department and we will provide assistance for this process.

We thank you for your hard work and collaboration in the development of the County's budget. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.



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| June 18  | End of budget data entry     |
| July 27  | Budget Workshop #1           |
| Sept. 21 | File of 2022 Proposed Budget |
| Sept. 28 | Adoption of FY22 Budget      |