Michigan's Budget Cycle

February 2021

Governor releases her proposed budget.

What can you do?

- Meet with/contact your state legislators.
- Sign up for budget email alerts from the League (www.mlpp.org).
- Talk with and build partnerships with others in your community interested in your issues.

February 2021 — April 2021

Appropriations subcommittees in the House and Senate meet to craft their own versions of the annual state spending plan.

What can you do?

- Find out who is on the subcommittees and when testimony is scheduled (check www.legislature.mi.gov for updates).
- This is the best time for public input, so provide testimony or communicate with subcommittee members and your own legislators.

April 2021 — May 2021

The subcommittee budgets move through both the House and the Senate with possible amendments at both the committee level and on the floor during final debate.

What can you do?

- Continue to contact your legislators about your issues and concerns, as well as portions of the budgets that you support or oppose.

Late May 2021 - Early June 2021

Joint House/Senate conference committees meet to iron out differences between the budgets passed by the House and Senate. Conference committee changes are sent to all legislators for final approval, but amendments are not allowed at that point.

What can you do?

- Find out who is on the conference committees and communicate with them (check www.legislature.mi.gov for updates).

June 2021 - October 1, 2021

The Legislature must present their final budget bills to the governor by July 1. She can veto specific items and the final budget must be signed by October 1.

What can you do?

- Contact the governor about items of concern to you.

October 2021 — February 2022

It begins again! The governor and state departments begin to prepare the 2022- 23 budget.

What can you do?

- Keep building relationships with your state legislators.