

October 2020 to February 2021

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It begins again! The governor and state departments begin to prepare the 2021-22 budget.

What can you do:

- Keep building relationships with your state legislators

June – October 1

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's office about items of concern to you

February 2020

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 – April

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 – May

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/oppose

Late May – Early June

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)

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