THE FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS

Each year, the Congress and the President undergo the arduous process of deciding the budget for the entire federal government.

### Office of Management and Budget

**Budget Requests**
Federal departments and agencies submit their budget requests to OMB in late summer or early fall.

**OMB Crafts Budget**
The OMB uses the requests from services to craft the “President’s Budget.”

**Submits to Congress**
The President then submits the budget to Congress. This is supposed to happen on the first Monday in February.

### Congress

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### President

- **Doesn’t Sign**
- **Goes back to conference**
- **Signs the bill into law**
- **Treausury**
  - Disburses funds as allowed by congress
- **Federal Departments and Agencies**