

SUMMARY OF BUDGET DOCUMENTS

The Executive Budget process and key Budget documents are governed by the State Constitution, with additional details and actions prescribed by state laws and practices established over time. The State's budget process is governed primarily by Article VII of the New York State Constitution. Article VII requires the Governor to submit a budget detailing a plan of expenditures and an estimate of revenues for the upcoming fiscal year, bills containing all proposed appropriations and reappropriations, and other legislation needed to implement the Executive Budget.

Two types of budget bills are necessary for the Executive Budget:

- **Appropriation Bills:** Executive Budget Appropriation bills provide the legal authorization for all proposed spend from the funds managed by the State. These bills encompass the recommended funding for State Operations, Aid to Localities, Capital Projects, Debt Service and the Legislature and Judiciary.
- **Article VII Bills:** Article VII bills propose amendments to or create new state law governing programs, savings and revenues as the Governor deems necessary. These bills encompass the recommended changes to law in the areas of: Public Protection and General Government; Education, Labor and Family Assistance; Health and Mental Hygiene, Transportation, the Environment and Economic Development and Revenue.

In addition to the bills mentioned above, the Executive Budget includes five Budget documents as detailed below:

EXECUTIVE BUDGET BRIEFING BOOK

The Executive Budget Briefing Book presents the Governor's overarching goals for the upcoming fiscal year. It explains the State's Financial Plan, includes highlights of major initiatives and a list of the legislative proposals needed to implement the proposed Budget.

FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

The Five-Year Financial Plan summarizes the Governor's Executive Budget and describes the "complete plan" of spending and revenues as required by the Constitution.

ECONOMIC AND REVENUE OUTLOOK

The Economic and Revenue Outlook explains the specific sources of State revenues and presents the economic outlook for the nation and the State.

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM AND FINANCING PLAN

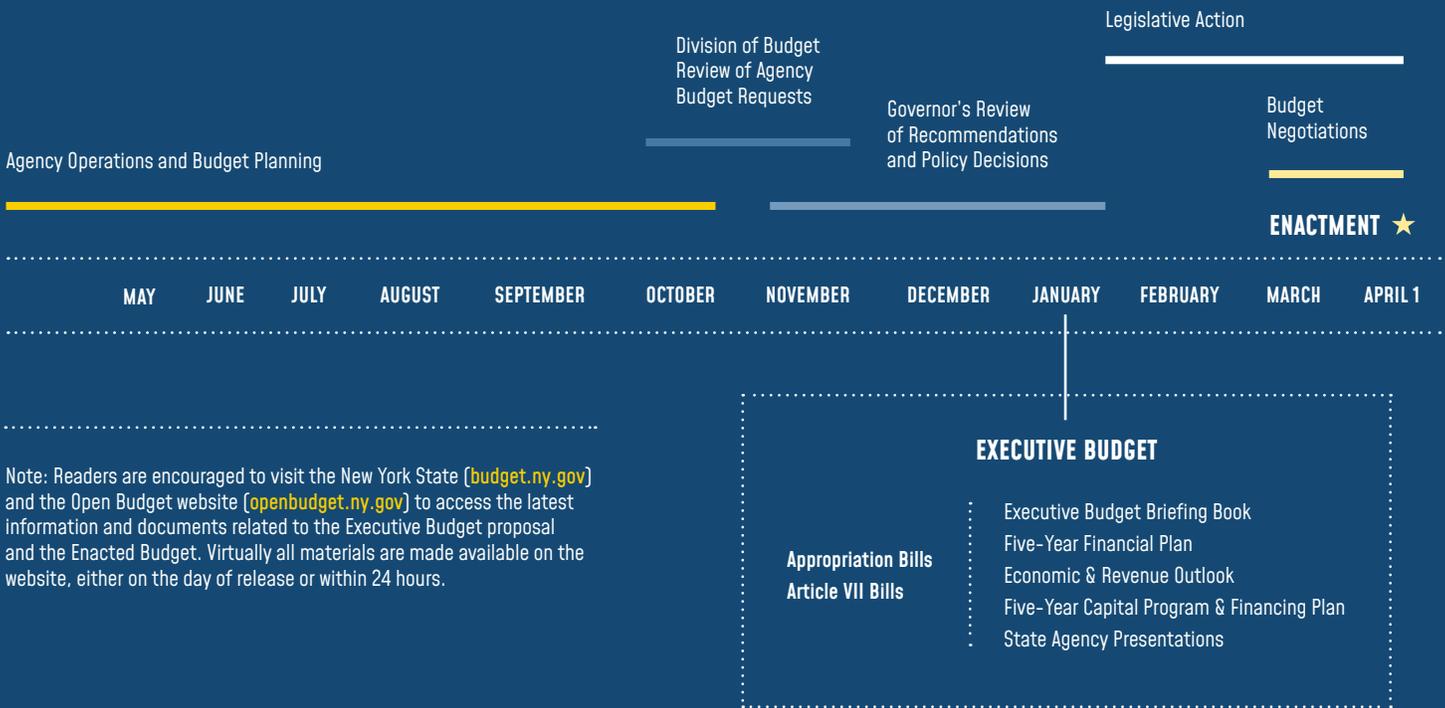
The Five-Year Capital Program and Financing Plan highlights major capital initiatives and objectives and describes the approach to financing the capital program.

STATE AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

The State Agency Presentations include links to the mission and functions of each State agency, descriptions of major Budget actions, and tables that summarize the agency's spending by program and category. This module also includes the budget requests of the Legislature and Judiciary, which are submitted without revision as required by the Constitution.

All Executive Budget bills and documents are accessible to the general public through the Budget Division's official website (budget.ny.gov) or in print from the Senate and Assembly document rooms located in the Capitol and the Legislative Office Building. In addition, the public is encouraged to visit the Open Budget website (openbudget.ny.gov) to access the latest information related to the Executive Budget proposal and the Enacted Budget.

BUDGET EXECUTION: EXECUTIVE BUDGET TO ENACTED BUDGET



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“...the governor shall submit to the legislature a budget containing a complete plan of expenditures proposed to be made before the close of the ensuing fiscal year and all moneys and revenues estimated to be available therefor, together with an explanation of the basis of such estimates and recommendations as to proposed legislation, if any, which the governor may deem necessary to provide moneys and revenues sufficient to meet such proposed expenditures. It shall also contain such other recommendations and information as the governor may deem proper and such additional information as may be required by law.”

– *New York State Constitution, Article VII, Section 2*