

A large graphic featuring a yellow sun with rays on the left and a green leaf on the right, both with white outlines. A thick, curved teal ribbon is positioned at the bottom of the graphic.

# Charlotte County 2025/26 – 2026/27 Budget Process

Citizen Input  
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**CHARLOTTE COUNTY**  
FLORIDA

# Budget Overview



# What is a Budget?

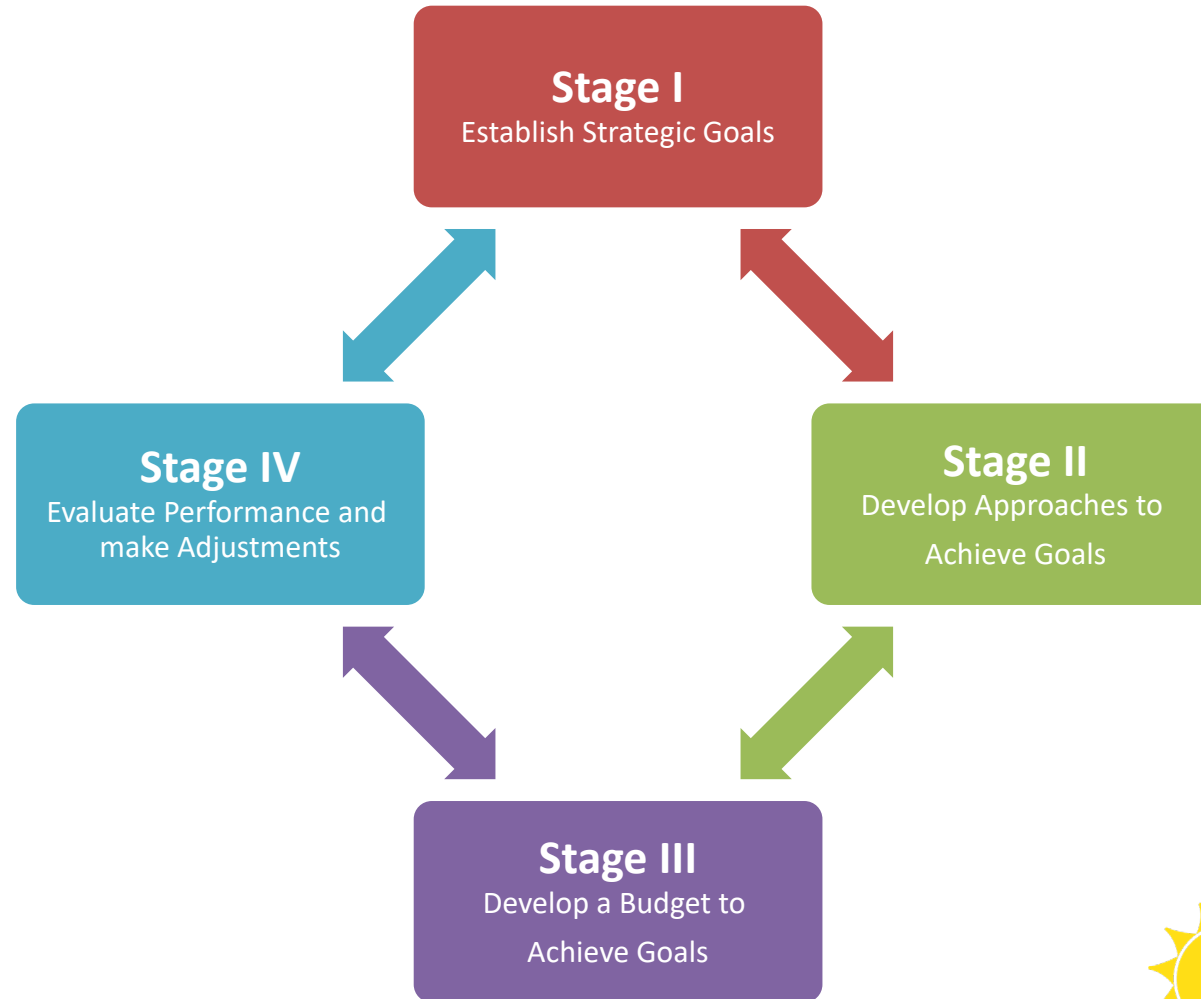
- A Policy Document – policies, vision, mission, goals
- An Operations Guide – structure, processes, resource allocation
- A Financial Plan – fiscal stability, capital management, debt management
- A Communication Device – user friendly, transparency

# What is a Budget?

**Process is as important as the product:**

*The mission of the budget process is to help decision makers make informed choices about the provision of services and capital assets and to promote stakeholder participation in the process*

# Stages of the Budget Process



# Proposed Calendar

December	<p>Review of proposed process with BCC</p> <p>Results from Employee Survey</p>
January	<p>Prepare review packet for BCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee Survey</li> <li>• Financial Trends and Projections</li> <li>• Organization and Community Plan</li> </ul>
February	<p>BCC Strategic Plan Workshop (BCC Retreat)</p> <p>Board Workshop for Capital Projects</p> <p>Department to update PBB Information</p>
March	<p>Budget Process Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assumptions and projected financial status</li> <li>• Confirm direction to organization</li> <li>• Review of Policies</li> </ul> <p>Goals Workshop each Focus Area</p> <p>Department budget submission Due</p> <p>Department meetings with Budget to review operations and programs, confirm requests and prepare for meeting with Admin</p>

# Proposed Calendar

April	Departmental Budget meetings with Admin
May	BCC Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of operations, service levels and cost by strategic focus area</li><li>• Review efforts to advance BCC Goals</li><li>• Update Revenue Picture</li></ul>
June	Internal balancing of budget
July	Presentation of Recommended Budget MSBU Public Hearings
September	Public Hearings on Recommended 2025/26 – 2026/27 Budget BCC adoption of 2025/26 - 2025/27 Budget

