

# Understanding and Navigating the State Budget Process

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# Agenda

- “Technical” Review of the Budget Process
  - Executive Branch Development and Submittal
  - Appropriations Committee Process
- Navigating the Process
  - Key Players
- After Appropriations – What Comes Next
  - Budget Negotiations
  - Budget Implementers
- Questions

# Executive Branch Development and Submittal

- State Agencies Submit Budget Requests and Options to OPM by September 1
- OPM Reviews Agency Requests and Submits Tentative Budget to Governor in mid-November
- Governor Presents Budget to Legislature in early February



# Key Players - Executive Branch

- State Agency Personnel
- OPM Secretary and Budget Staff
- Governor's Office Staff

# Appropriations Committee

- 57 Members – 12 Senators/45 Representatives
- Subcommittee Structure
  - 13 Subcommittees, 11 of which review budget
  - Organized by Subject Area/Function of Government

# Appropriations Committee Process February

- Governor's Budget Bill Referred to Appropriations Committee – early February (February 8 in 2017)
- Committee Holds Agency Budget Presentations and Public Hearings by Subject Area (Subcommittees) – early to mid-February



# Appropriations Committee Process February/March

- Subcommittees Hold Work Sessions with State Agencies
- Subcommittees Formulate Budget Recommendations to Present to Approps Committee Chairs and Ranking Members

# Appropriations Committee Process March/April

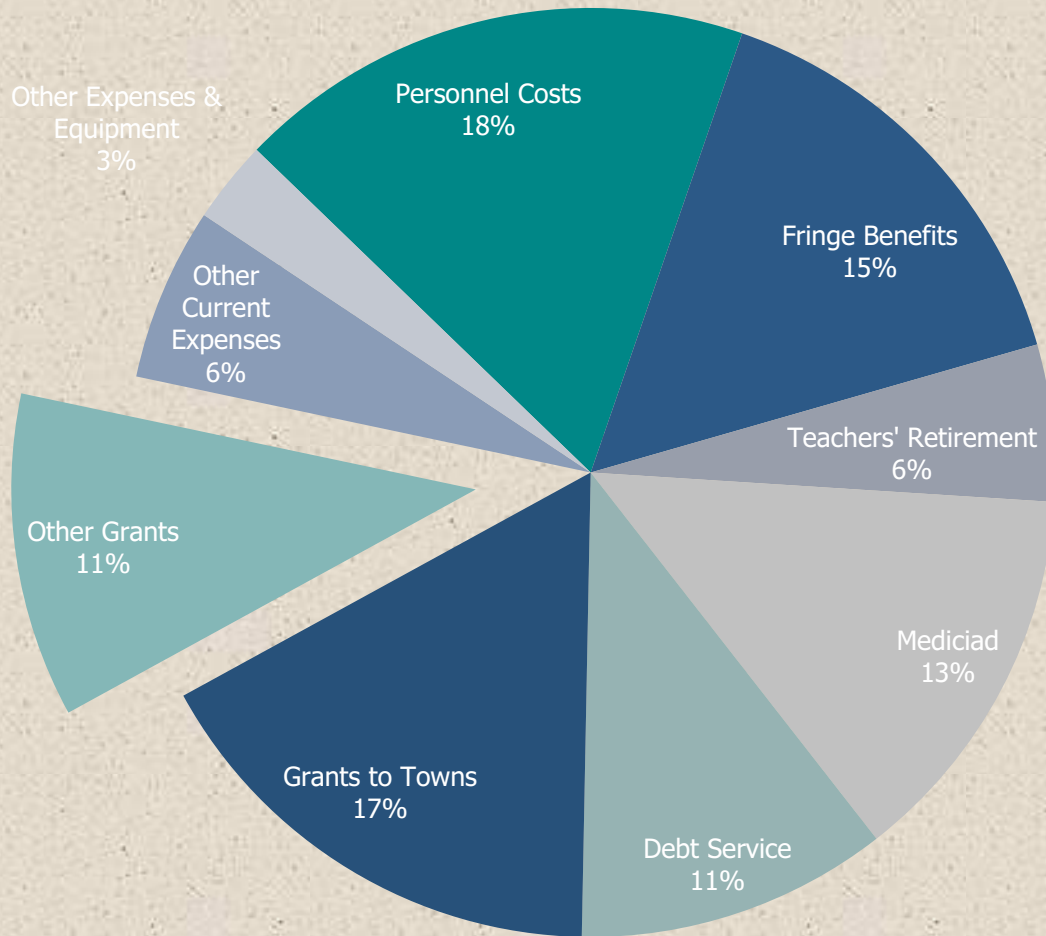
- Subcommittee Chairs Submit Recommendations to Approps Chairs and Ranking Members (“Subcommittee Reports to the Chairs”)
- Appropriations Co-Chairs Formulate the Appropriations Committee Budget



# Appropriations Committee Process March/April

- Appropriations Committee Reports (JF's)  
Budget Bill to the House
- Appropriations Committee Reports (JF's)  
Subject Matter and Potential Implementer  
Bills to House and Senate

# FY 17 Budget by Category



# After Approps – What Comes Next

- Majority Party Leaders' Deliberations
- Budget Negotiations
  - Legislative Leaders/Leadership Staff
  - Fiscal Chairs
  - Governor's Office
  - OPM Staff (Governor's Budget Office)
  - OFA Staff (Legislature's Budget Office)
  - Fiscal Committee Administrators



# After Approps – What Comes Next

- Budget Implementer Negotiations
  - Legislative Leaders/Leadership Staff
  - Fiscal Chairs (Sometimes Ranking Members)
  - Subject Matter Committee Chairs (Sometimes Ranking Members)
  - OPM/Governor's Office
  - OFA Staff
  - Legal Staff
  - Fiscal Committee Administrators

# Resources

- OPM - [www.ct.gov/opm/](http://www.ct.gov/opm/)
  - Look for “Budget” in drop-down menu
- OFA - <https://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/>
- Appropriations Committee:  
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/app/>

Questions?