

County Council Budget Calendar

Budget Fiscal Year 2025

The Howard County Council welcomes your participation in the budget process for Fiscal Year 2025. The schedule below lists the public meetings at which the Council will consider the County Executive's proposed budget. Meetings will be held at the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City. Public hearings, legislative sessions and work sessions will be held in the Bancker Room.

April 2024

Capital Budget due to Council by April 1

Tuesday, April 16, 5:30 pm

County Executive's Budget Presentation to the County Council

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 pm Public Hearing - Capital Budget

- Education
 - Board of Education (HCPSS)
 - Library System (HCLS)
 - Howard Community College (HCC)
- General County
 - Technology
 - Sewer
 - Water
 - Storm Drainage
 - Transportation
 - Bridges
 - Road Resurfacing
 - Road Construction
 - Sidewalk/curb
 - Intersection Improvements

Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Work Session #1- Capital Budget

- CIP Overview
- Police
- Fire
- Agricultural Preservation
- Water
- Sewer

Friday, April 19, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Work Session #2 - Capital Budget

- General County
- Technology
- Recreation & Parks

Operating Budget due to Council - April 21

Monday, April 22, 6:00 pm Public Hearing – Operating Budget

- Education
 - Board of Education (HCPSS)
 - Howard Community College (HCC)
 - Library System (HCLS)

Wednesday, April 24, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Work Session #3- Capital Budget

- Storm Drainage
- Road Construction
- Road Resurfacing
- Bridges Sidewalk / Curb
- Intersection Improvements

Thursday, April 25

Profile Deadline for Budget Legislation

Monday, April 29, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Work Session #4- Capital Budget *(if needed)*

May 2024

Wednesday, May 1, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Work Session #1- Capital and Operating

- Revenues Overview
- Howard Community College
- Library System
- Board of Education

Friday, May 3, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Work Session #2- Operating Budget, including revenue, fees, and funds specific to each department:

- Legislative and Judicial
- Social Services
- Health Department
- Economic Development

Monday, May 6, 7:00 pm

Constant Yield Hearing followed by Legislative Session – Introduction of Budget Bills

Wednesday, May 8, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Work Session #3- Operating Budget, including revenue, fees, and funds specific to each department:

- Fire
- UMDE
- Soil Conservation
- Planning and Zoning
- Ag. Preservation
- Technology and Communications
- Inspections, Licenses and Permits
- Housing & Community Dev.

Thursday, May 9, 9:30 am

Public Hearing - Capital and Operating Budget

Monday, May 13, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Work Session #4- Operating Budget

- County Executive
- County Administration
- Office of Law
- Transportation
- Non-Departmental Expenses
- Finance
- Community Resource & Services
- CSP

Monday, May 13, 7:00 pm

Public Hearing - Operating Budget

- All departments *except* Board of Education, Howard Community College and Library System

Wednesday, May 15, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Work Session #5- Operating Budget

- Police
- Department of Corrections
- Recreation and Parks
- Department of Public Works
- Pending issues - Capital and/or Operating Budget

Thursday, May 16, 12:00 pm

Budget Amendment Prefile

Friday, May 17, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Work Session #6- Capital and Operating Budget Finalization

- Budget Amendments
- Pending issues

Wednesday, May 22, 12:00 pm

Legislative Session – Adoption of Budget Bills