

Budget One 2019-2020 Public Engagement

Public involvement is an important part of the budget process. People interested in providing input into the development of the 2019-2020 budget have several opportunities to participate in the process between now and when the City Council approves the budget, including:

Budget One 2019-2020 Website is available at: <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/finance/budget-and-performance/budgets/public-involvement/>
The website provides links and contact information for anyone interested in further information.

Statistically Valid Budget and Performance Surveys (will be posted on the Budget One 2019-2020 website above as they are completed).

Budget Survey

In preparation for the new budget, the City conducts a budget survey each biennium. The survey is designed to provide a statistically valid tool to enhance the City's knowledge of residents' perceptions about the City and to better understand community priorities and expectations regarding City services. This survey has been conducted biennially since 1998. The current 2018 survey can be found at: <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/finance/budget-and-performance/performance-reports/budget-surveys-report/>

Business Survey

The Business Survey is conducted biennially, with the first one done in 2015. The survey addresses attitudes about operating and owning a business in Bellevue, starting a business in Bellevue, questions relating to taxation, and general questions about municipal services affecting businesses. The current 2017 survey can be found at: <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/finance/budget-and-performance/performance-reports/business-survey/>

Performance Survey

The Performance Survey is designed to gauge how the City meets the needs of its residents. The survey asks questions about: overall quality of life, overall quality of City services, comparability to other communities, direction the City is headed, and the value of services for tax dollars paid. The methodology for the Performance Survey is the same as in the Budget Survey. Respondents were screened to ensure they were adult heads of household living in Bellevue.

Public Hearings in June, August, and November

The City Council will hold three public hearings on the 2019-2020 budget to provide stakeholders the opportunity to officially comment on the operating and capital budgets. The public hearings in June and August are held prior to the submission of the Preliminary Budget to the Council. This provides residents and other stakeholders a venue to notify the Council of important issues before the budget is crafted. The final hearing in November provides interested parties a venue to address new budget proposals and comment on significant budget issues before Council adopts a final budget. Please check the Budget One website for final dates.

Public Comment at any Council meeting

The public is encouraged to speak during the public comment session at any Council meetings. Council agendas are posted on the Council website in advance of the meeting.

Boards and Commissions Five City Boards and Commissions provide input into the budget process, more information is located at <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/>.

E-mail/Contact Councilmembers Council@bellevuewa.gov

Comments to the full Council may be made by email to the address above or by leaving a voicemail with the Council Office at 425-452-7810.

E-mail/Contact Finance FinanceDepartment@bellevuewa.gov

Presentations to Neighborhood Groups, Business Associations and Others

The Finance Department will give presentations about the budget upon request. Please contact us at 425-452-5281 or at the email above.

Information Provided Upon Request

The Finance Department responds to any communication received regarding the budget process. Please contact us at 425-452-5281 or at the email above.