

10 Ways ClearGov Makes Budgeting Easier for Everyone

ClearGov is on a mission to build a community of transparent, data-driven, modern governments. Our cloud-based budgeting and forecasting solution is a natural extension of our popular transparency platform and the product of feedback from hundreds of financial administrators in local towns and counties across the U.S. Here are ten ways ClearGov can help finance teams like yours streamline their process.



Simplify the setup: You supply basic reports from your accounting system and we do the rest, recreating your chart of accounts so when you log in for the first time everything is exactly where it should be. Plus, setup is fast (think days, not months).



Hit the ground running: Whether you prefer to leverage last year's budget as a starting point or generate a quick forecast to use as your baseline, ClearGov lets you kick off your annual budget process with a simple click.



Ditch the spreadsheets: Nearly 9 out of 10 spreadsheets contain errors. Finding those mistakes and fixing them is frustrating and a waste of time. ClearGov is cloud-based, so everybody works on the same error-free master file, not multiple sketchy spreadsheets.



Invite unlimited users to contribute: Invite as many team members as you want to collaborate on your budget and specify their access and edit privileges too. You can even set up automated email reminders to nudge them when it's time to weigh in.



Collaborate more effectively: ClearGov allows everyone involved to work from the same platform, share comments and suggestions, and immediately see the impact across the organization — in real time — as the budget unfolds.



Maintain a complete audit trail: ClearGov automatically tracks and organizes all edits, comments, questions, supporting docs, and other materials — all in one convenient location — so that everyone always has the answers they need at their fingertips.



Free up time and resources: While the annual budget consumes a big chunk of your time now, it's not the only thing you do. Modernizing your process will free you and your team up to focus more of your time and talent on other meaningful projects.



Make better budgeting decisions: ClearGov's dynamic, graphical interface helps you clearly visualize historical trends — at a glance — so you can quickly identify areas that are consistently under or over budget and adjust accordingly.



Plan for the long term: ClearGov has a built-in forecasting tool that allows you to quickly project up to ten years forward, enabling you to better assess how budget decisions made today will impact revenues and expenditures down the road.



Boost bond ratings: Few local governments have a robust forecasting process in place. Formalizing yours is a good first step toward improving your municipal bond ratings and potentially lowering your interest rates.