
Contra Costa BOS Budget Retreat 2023



CONTRA COSTA
BUDGET JUSTICE

Who We Are

Our Mission

- *The Contra Costa Budget Justice Coalition advocates for **community engagement in the Contra Costa County budgeting process and for a set of values-based budgeting principles.***
- *We **educate, advocate and engage** with communities across Contra Costa County on budget issues.*
- *Our Coalition is composed of 35 local organizations.*

Our Members

- 350 Contra Costa
- AFSCME Local 2700
- Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) Contra Costa
- Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- Bay Area Community Services
- Choice in Aging
- Community Clinics Consortium
- Contra Costa Labor Council
- Contra Costa Office of Education
- East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy
- East Contra Costa Community Alliance
- Ensuring Opportunity Campaign
- First 5 Contra Costa/Family Economic Security Partnership
- Food Bank of Contra Costa
- Great Richmond Interfaith Program
- Healthy Richmond/Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Human Services Alliance of Contra Costa
- IFPTE Local 21
- League of Women Voters Diablo Valley
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Meals on Wheels Senior Outreach
- Monument Impact
- Multi-Faith Action Coalition
- Planned Parenthood of Northern California
- Racial Justice Coalition of Contra Costa
- Richmond Community Foundation (RCF Connects)
- Richmond LAND
- Rubicon Programs
- Safe Return Project
- SEIU Local 1021
- SURJ Contra Costa
- United Latino Voices
- *And many residents of Contra Costa*

Dealing with the budget
during uncertain times

Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Final County Budget



The Budget is a **moral** document.

A set of values and principles that guide decision-making. A key to considering how those most impacted by the budget are affected by our choices.



Given the Economic Uncertainty...

The County may be faced with some tough budget decisions.

But we **MUST REMEMBER** that low-income people face even greater challenges, and community needs will only increase.



Contra Costa County's Commitment to Equity

Contra Costa County has committed to addressing equity in communities across the County. What should that mean in terms of the budget process?

- **Engage**
Identify opportunities to inform and engage the community at key decision points, in ways that are equitable and inclusive.
- **Invest**
Show our communities you CARE, as expressed by investment amounts and priorities.
- **Be Bold**
Unprecedented times present opportunities in to explore new concepts and work together in new ways.

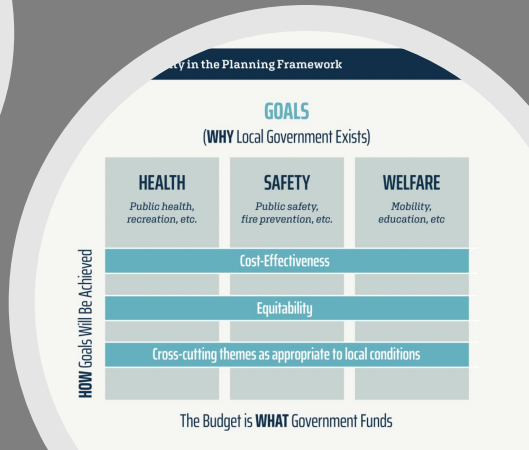
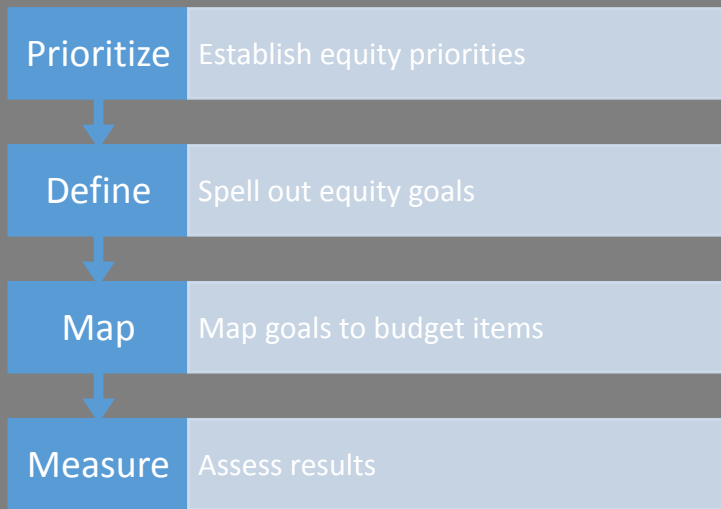
How to Make Sure City Budgets Prioritize Equity

...reflect cities' values. Places like Austin, Louisville and Fairfax are exploring new approaches to consider equity in spending plans.



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Embed Equity Goals in the Budget



— An Opportunity: American Rescue Plan Act

ARPA provides maximum flexibility on how to spend funds

Workshop to get community input on priority projects

Examples: guaranteed income pilot, ORESJ participatory budgeting, African American Wellness Center and others

There are \$37.5 million dollars left unallocated



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Thank You!

Questions?

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