



# Department of Local Government Finance

## Budget 2.0 Overview

March 2026



# Disclaimer

- This presentation and other Department of Local Government Finance (“Department”) materials are not a substitute for the law. The following is not intended as legal or financial advice, but rather an informative presentation. The Indiana Code always governs.



# Agenda

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- Goals of Budget 2.0
- Resources
- Budget 2.0 Demo



# Goals of Budget 2.0



# Budget 1.0

- Launched in July of 2011.
- Transitioned away from paper forms.
- Flow consisted of entering data in one place and manually pulling it through the other forms.
- A flow chart was needed to understand the flow of data.
- Limited error checking.



# Goals of Budget 2.0

- A smoother, clearer budgeting experience.
  - Intuitive and easy to follow process.
  - Less opportunity for errors.
  - Local officials can easily incorporate Department estimates, if desired.
  - Displays historical budget data comparisons to help local officials compare and make informed decisions.



# Goals of Budget 2.0 (Continued)

- Ability to link SBOA to DLGF funds to have even more access to Annual Financial Report historical amounts.
- Clear cash flow analysis, so local officials can make informed budgeting decisions about managing cash reserves.
- Budget forms tailored to each unit of government.
- Detailed informational icons that thoroughly explain the topic and provide examples.



# Budgets 2.0 is Coming Soon

- A statewide test or “sandbox” launch is scheduled for April 2026, to allow local officials to familiarize themselves with Budget 2.0 using the Pay 2026 data.
- This “sandbox” environment is a risk-free way for local officials to learn the system.
- All data will be cleared prior to the June 2026 launch of the Pay 2027 budget forms in Budget 2.0.



# Resources Available



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- Starting in April, the Department will hold statewide in person and virtual budget trainings available to all local officials.
- Additionally, a Budget 2.0 demo will be recorded for each specific unit type including:
  - Counties
  - Townships
  - Cities and Towns
  - Schools
  - Libraries
  - Special Districts
  - Conservancies



# Resources Available

- If you are having budget related questions about Budget 2.0, please reach out to your DLGF Budget field Representative.
- On the Department's "Contact Us" page, there is a [Budget Field Rep Assignments Map](#).

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# Resources Available

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- If you experience any technical issues with the application, please reach out to the Department's support team at [Support@DLGF.in.gov](mailto:Support@DLGF.in.gov).



# Budget 2.0 Demo