State Budget Process
Maryland’s Budget Process

- **Article III, Section 52 of Maryland’s Constitution**
  - Gives Governor and General Assembly budget powers
  - Budget Bill is Only bill that **must** pass

- **Maryland uses an “Executive Budget Model”**
  - Responsible for preparation of the State budget and submission to the General Assembly
  - Must submit a balanced budget to the General Assembly
  - State can only spend money that is appropriated through the Budget process
  - DBM was created in 1939 as the centralized executive control agency with a dedicated staff to assist in budget development and to oversee budget implementation

- **Mission of the Department of Budget and Management**
  - To help the Governor and State agencies provide effective, efficient, and fiscally sound government to the citizens of Maryland

- **Role of the Office of Budget Analysis (OBA):**
  - To evaluate requests for appropriations from all operating units of State government in order to formulate a proposed operating budget for the Governor’s consideration
State of Maryland Operating Budget Cycle

**June**
Expenditure estimates are set and DBM issues targets.

**July 1st**
Fiscal year begins.

**June - August**
Agencies prepare their budget request.

**May**
DBM reviews budget and sets agency budget targets.

**83rd Day of Legislative Session**
The budget bill must be enacted by the General Assembly.

**3rd Wednesday in January**
Governor submits the budget to the General Assembly.

**January - April**
The General Assembly reviews the budget.

**September - December**
Budget review and preparation.
FY 2018 Budget

- The fiscal year 2018 total budget appropriation is $43.5 billion

- General Funding for Select Agencies:
  - Maryland Department of Health
    - $4.7 billion in GF (27% of GF)
  - Department of Human Services
    - $625.9 m in GF (4% of total GF)
  - Department of Housing & Community Development
    - $9.8 m in GF (less than 1% of total GF)
  - Department of Veterans Affairs
    - $8.1 m in GF (less than 1%)
  - Governor’s Office for Children
    - $1.8 m (100% funded in GF)