

Modernizing Your Budget Process and the Role of Technology

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Set Up the Process for Success:

- Establish 3-7 goals
- Find 1-3 measures to show your progress
- Who is accountable for these goals?

Build out a Solid Base:

- Start from a good spot
- Forecast out
- Use modern tools
- What are the pros and cons of your budgeting process?

Drive for Effective Collaboration:

- Give the right data
- Pick the right people to work on the right goals
- Be adaptive

Engage with the whole Community:

- Provide high quality data
- Try to reach all demographics
- Summarize and analyze feedback

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Q: What are some initial steps to start a conversation about a modern budget?

A: Meet with the budgeting intellectuals. Ask what works and what doesn't. Summarize their feedback and synthesize action steps. It could take a few months to a year to implement modern budgeting.

Q: How do you use automated data integration? What happens to the budgeting people who used to do that? the integration of data?

A: Figure out where you can integrate, let systems do their magic. Some people report this tool saving 50% of their time. Now these people analyze the data with department heads

Q: How do you display information in budget books in a digestible way?

A: Google "Thurston County Dollars and Sense" (website [here](#)). Use budgets to tell a story. Use pictures and words to make what you are doing meaningful.