



Los Angeles County is the largest municipal government in the nation. If we were a state, we'd be the 9th largest in population, somewhere between Georgia and Michigan.

Because we are a large organization, we have a large budget – about \$28.2 billion last year.

In 2015, LA County's budget was approximately equal to the state budgets of Indiana (15.4 Billion), Iowa (8.2 Billion) and Delaware (4.7 Billion) COMBINED.

Here's a look at how we build that budget, where the money comes from, and where it's all spent.

The budget process begins in December when 3 dozen departments submit their budget proposals to the Chief Executive Officer.

Since the County must always have a balanced budget, the CEO reviews these requests and weighs them against the projected incoming revenue.

Revenue comes from 4 sources: locally generated revenues, like property tax, state funds and federal funds for programs they mandate us to operate, and other sources.

Other sources consists of many things, including fees paid to the County for services we provide under contract to local cities, like Sheriff patrols, fire protection, public works, and many other municipal services.

By mid-April, the CEO compiles and presents a recommended budget proposal to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

Once the recommended budget has been revised, the Board holds public hearings so that county residents and stakeholders can voice their opinions on budget priorities.

The final budget then goes in front of the Board for approval.

Once the budget is approved, where does the money go?

It goes toward serving you, and for making your community a better place to live. It pays for things like public safety, health, public assistance, parks and recreation, keeping beaches clean, museums and cultural programs, and keeping the government running.

So that's a quick snapshot of the County budget.

For more information, visit [ceo.lacounty.gov](http://ceo.lacounty.gov) and click on the budget tab.