

BUDGET PHILOSOPHY

The annual budget process is an opportunity for the citizens of Juneau to participate in making decisions concerning the services CBJ provides for them. The budget is the management tool for CBJ administration and defines the annual work program. Also, the budget is a framework for accomplishing the mission of the CBJ which is "create and maintain a truly outstanding community, broadly recognized as a great place to live, work, play and visit." The core CBJ organizational values of integrity, honesty, accountability, teamwork, diversity and balance are reflected in this budget.

A successful annual budget preparation requires communication, citizen outreach, Assembly direction and a commitment to excellence. In addition to balancing local needs with available resources, and incorporating CBJ shared mission and values, the process must be a cooperative effort of the total community of Juneau.

Juneau is proud of its statewide reputation for adopting advanced financial planning strategies. CBJ staff continues to accept this challenge and search for creative solutions to the delivery of CBJ services. Working toward implementing efficiencies humanely and providing a work environment conducive to teamwork will empower the system to change for the better. The primary goal is to provide the quality of life expected by the community over the long term at a reasonable cost.

This annual budget is based upon citizen expectations, clearly articulated Assembly policies and Manager Directives, maintenance of existing program levels, and expansion of health and safety services to protect life and property.