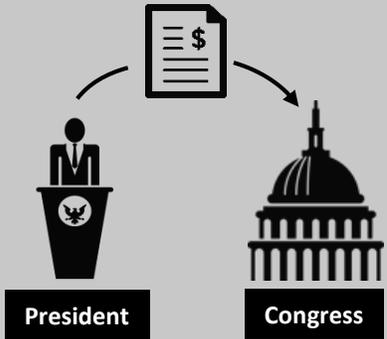




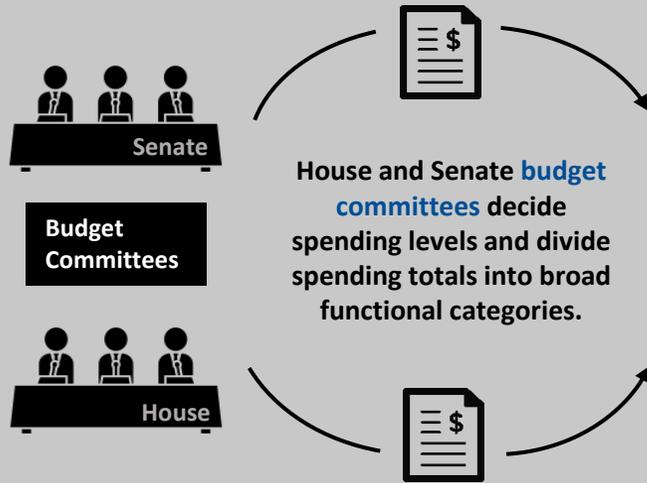
Congressional Appropriations Process

February



President submits budget to Congress by the **1st Monday in February**.

March



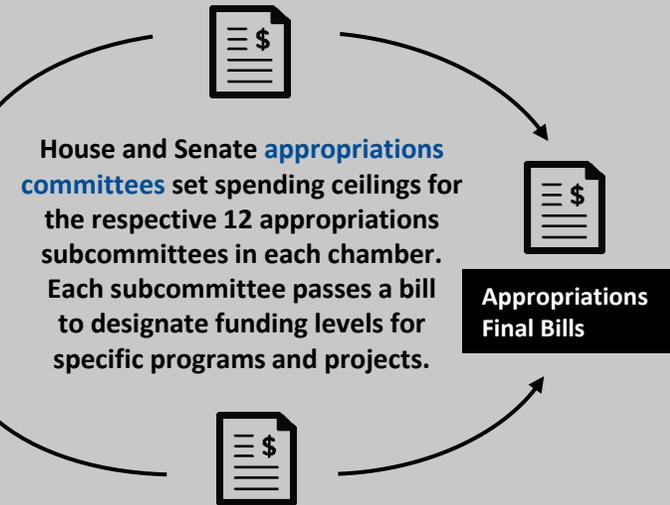
April

April 15th
 Deadline for finalizing **Budget Resolution**
 a broad framework for federal spending.*

May



June



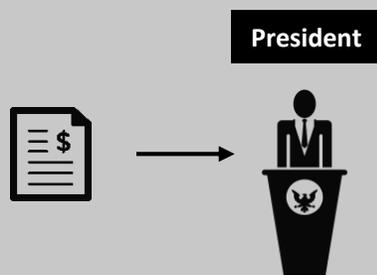
July

August



Representatives return to their districts to meet with constituents.

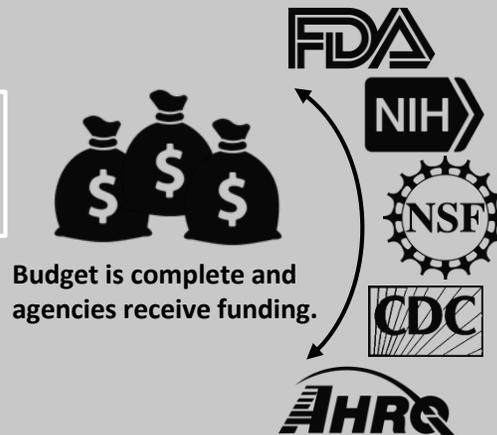
September



Finalized appropriations bills sent to president for signature by **midnight on September 30th**.

October

October 1st
 Start of **New Fiscal Year**.



November

December

January

!! If Congress fails to meet the October 1st deadline, it must enact a **Continuing Resolution (CR)**. A CR allows the government to temporarily continue operating at the previous year's funding levels.

While Congress traditionally considers and approves each regular appropriations bill separately, delays can lead to an **Omnibus** appropriations bill, in which several bills are combined into a single legislative vehicle.

*If Congress does not meet the April 15th deadline, there are exceptions in law that allow them to move forward with appropriations legislation.