

Cloud-Based Budgeting

VS

Spreadsheet Budgeting



Hands-Free Onboarding

You give your fiscal data to ClearGov and we do the rest, recreating your chart of accounts so every line item is right where it should be.

Hands-On Data Entry

A cell is a small room where inmates are locked up. It's also one of thousands of fields you have to populate manually when you build your budget in spreadsheets.

Automatic One-Click Setup

ClearGov has already uploaded and sorted your data for you (see above). You're one click away from using last year's budget as a starting point or generating a quick forecast to establish your baseline.

Manual Multi-Step Setup

You export your data from your accounting system, update all the formulas, add in one-time-only line items, change the dates, and try not to break anything in the process.

Sophisticated AI-Driven Forecasting

ClearGov lets you quickly and automatically generate projections for revenues and expenditures, by funding source, based on current and historical actuals. In fact, you can easily forecast up to 10 years out.

Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Projections

Manually generate forecasts in a spreadsheet? Confidently? There's too much information, too many variables, and way too many opportunities to fail. Many municipalities don't even bother trying.

One Common Dynamic Master Worksheet

With ClearGov, everyone works off the same budget – and all changes, updates, and comments display in real time. Version control is easy when there's only one version and it's saved automatically.

Multiple Static Spreadsheets

One lucky soul, possibly you, gets to chase down every department head for their numbers and then consolidate all the worksheets into one. By the time you're done, the numbers change. Guaranteed.

Collaborate Online in Real Time

You and anyone you invite can comment, make adjustments, and append relevant support materials to the same master worksheet. You can even set up automated email reminders to nudge collaborators when it's time to weigh in.

Distribute, Wait, Remind, Chase, Merge.

You hand off the budget to each dept head, patiently await their input, remind them nicely about deadlines, and then stalk them in the lunchroom. In the eleventh hour, you collect and merge every worksheet into one master file and pray no one inadvertently deleted a formula,

Visualize Trending Data

ClearGov's graphical interface helps you identify – at a glance – areas that are consistently under or over budget, so you can adjust accordingly.

Stare Down Those Columns

Spotting trends in columns is like looking for a polar bear in a snowstorm. You better hope you see it first before it sneaks up and bites you.

Audit Trail

ClearGov automatically tracks every change, request, comment, and version so you always have a record of how the budget progressed and who modified what when – line by line.

Email/Paper Trail

Want to know who axed the equipment upgrades for police services, and why? Chances are you'll have to rummage through a month's worth of emails to produce the receipts.

Secure Document Repository

All documents you append to your budget automatically get stored in the same secure place, so you never waste time searching for support materials.

Desktop Folder?

If you're very organized, you may have a folder on your desktop where you keep all the support docs you've amassed. Sadly, none are linked to your line items.

Cloud-based budgeting KO's spreadsheets every time. Let us show you the ropes.

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