**Project Title:** Budgets Matter! Understanding how Budgets are a Proxy for Values in Politics

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**Project Description:** This project aims to identify and train two students who hope to attend graduate school in Public Administration or Public Policy and wants to get a “jump start” on graduate-level training on the politics of budgets. One goal of this project is to engage a promising student in a “crash course” on the politics of budgeting and learn how and why budget choices matter for policy outcomes.

**Student Contributions:** A student for this project will analyze some limited, professional journal level articles on budgets, engage with public budgeting theories, and then analyze and track shifts, changes, and trends in a typical public-sector agency budget over some period of time (likely to be a 5- or 6-year cycle).