Tools & Tips for Building Capital & Operating Budgets

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Ever wish you could brush up your budgeting skills and deepen your understanding of the process with the help of a trusted partner? Or you could learn more about the critical role of capital planning in your municipality's future but don't know how to implement it or take what you might have to the next level without a little bit of insider knowledge or guidance? Well, consider VLCT your new budget-best-friend.

This page is dedicated to providing those of you involved with municipal money matters with tips and tools to help grow your knowledge and skills base for successful budget building.

Webinars:

Muni Mornings + Money Matters: Tools & Tips for Capital and Operating Budgets (August 28, 2025)

Recording: Muni Mornings with Kathleen - 8.28.25

Slide deck: Muni Morning + Money Matters Slides

Legal Parameters of Budgeting, Spending, and Borrowing (September 17, 2025, Presented by Susan Senning, Staff Attorney II, VLCT Municipal Assistance Center) - available for free download from the **VLCT Store**.

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Borrowing

Capital Budgeting

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Having a tough time getting started?

VLCT's Municipal Support Team is here to help! Government Finance Specialist Marguerite Ladd, **mladd@vlct.org**(opens in a new tab)**,** and Municipal Operations Specialist Kathleen Ramsay, **kramsay@vlct.org**(opens in a new tab)**.**

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