

SCRUM REPORT

Police Budget -ACLU

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PROJECT WORK KICKOFF

WHAT IS THE PROJECT PURPOSE OR OVERALL GOAL?

To Create a BPD budget analysis report, focusing on how they allocate funds, where funds are flowing, and explore potential risks. In order to help plan future budget allocations.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT?

Analyzing and controlling the police budget in Boston is important for the city for several reasons. Firstly, the police budget is a significant portion of the city's overall budget and has a direct impact on the city's finances. By ensuring that the police budget is managed effectively and efficiently, the city can maximize its resources and prioritize spending on other essential services.

Secondly, the police budget has a direct impact on the level of policing and public safety in the city. A well-funded and well-resourced police department can provide a higher level of protection and security to the residents of Boston, which can help to reduce crime and improve community safety.

Additionally, analyzing and controlling the police budget can help to ensure that the police department is held accountable for its actions and is using its resources in an ethical and transparent manner. This can help to build trust and confidence in the police department and promote a positive relationship between the police and the community.

Overall, analyzing and controlling the police budget in Boston is important for ensuring the city's financial stability, promoting public safety, and promoting accountability and transparency in the police department.

WHAT TYPE OF DATA WILL YOU COLLECT OR BE ANALYZING?

We will be exploring the expenditure categories of the allocations made from the City's General Fund to each department and program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 :

- 1)cabinet
- 2)Dept
- 3)Program
- 4)Expense Category
- 5)FY20 Actual Expense
- 6)FY21 Actual Expense
- 7)FY22 Appropriation
- 8)FY23 Adopted

WHAT ARE POTENTIAL LIMITATIONS OF THE PROJECT?

One of the main limitations would be the access of the data. Limited access to stakeholders: The absence of direct access to stakeholders such as BPD officials, employees, and residents can limit the ability to gather complete and accurate information. And obviously complexity also would be one of our limitations. The complexity of the data being analyzed, including the large number of variables and the need to analyze data from multiple sources, may

increase the risk of errors and limit the ability to make accurate conclusions.

In some cases it can also result as unbiased (for example: political considerations). The budget analysis may be influenced by political considerations and pressure, which can impact the validity of the results and the ability to make unbiased recommendations.

WHAT ARE YOUR NEXT STEPS? DIVIDE TASKS AMONGST THE TEAM

- analyze the data thoroughly
- A proper walkthrough into the previous year report
- Check the necessity of any other resources if required and request for those
- Divide the task components and work on them (tasks can be changed in long run)

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NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA

1. Collect and pre-process a preliminary batch of data
2. Perform a preliminary analysis of the data