Budget: \$5,000 - \$10,000

S3 Instances to store stuff

RDS to host a database

- data backups to ensure data integrity
- https://stackoverflow.com/questions/54708210/how-to-change-aws-rds-instance-type-without-downtime

Cognito can handle usernames and passwords

API gateway and lambda can be used to host an API

Non-static websites can be hosted on EC2 or Lightsail

EC2 has significant flexibility and logistical complexity. Lightsail does a lot of things for us, but is worse if the platform becomes large in the future.

Alarms

Step Functions (possibly)

https://aws.amazon.com/cognito/pricing/

API Gateway

Amplify vs Netlify / Vercel / etc.

S3 Buckets

Microservices vs Monolith

- Long run, microservices are expensive (lambda: execution time, memory allocated, etc.)
- Monolith
 - Relatively cheap because you're not paying for what lambda is charging you
 - You are paying for the systems
 - Hard to scale because you need deploy multiple EC2 instances