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United States Group Management
Policy on Government Budgets

The following directive is hereby implemented with immediate effect, with adherence being enforced by either in-roleplay or moderation action depending on their respective definitions

Federal Budget Requirement

With the promise of providing each federal government a set amount of ROBUX each term, it was expected that the federal government would create a budget and allocate the funds quickly upon the inauguration of each new President (or concurrent if serving their second term).

The House of Representatives shall propose a budget within the first two weeks of the forming of a new administration. The budget must pass both the House and the Senate, and then be signed by the President to be effected.

This budget provides the community with a greater sense of responsibility, and gives the community a greater control over roleplay priorities.

Federal Budget Process

The President and the Department of the Treasury shall work together to draft the proposed federal budget. Once the budget has been drafted, this proposal shall be sent to the House of Representatives.

The relevant House committee will then review the budget in accordance with their rules and procedures and once passed by the committee, the budget **must** be debated on the floor of the House and then voted on. The budget must pass by a vote in-game of a majority of all elected Representatives to move to the Senate.

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Once the budget has passed both chambers of Congress, the President will sign the budget into law.

The budget must then be sent to the Federal Reserve Bank to be audited, and will then be provided to Group Management for funds to be distributed.

Budget Categories

Funding can be used for a wide variety of different aspects within our community such as:

- Court bonuses
- Private legal services for the federal government
- Employee bonuses
- Uniform payouts
- Building and scripting development costs
- Uniform development costs
- Helicopter access costs
- Videography and photography costs
- Gamepass bursaries

This is not a definite list, and we encourage members to consult with Group Management as to whether any specific budgetary requests would be granted.

Funding can not be allocated to any future access to Wall Street, and strictly **no** salaries or giveaways will be permitted in the federal budget.

Government Shutdown

If a budget has not been proposed within the first two weeks, or a budget has been proposed within two weeks but not passed within one month of the inauguration of the President, the government shall effectively be placed into “Shutdown”.

During government shutdown, pay for federal employees at D.C. and any other community approved game shall be suspended until a budget has passed. This will not impact municipal employees as they are not employed by the federal government.

Some federal parks and monuments at D.C. may also be inaccessible during this period.

However, this will not be the only consequence of the government shutdown. If a budget has not been passed a week after the shutdown has been effective, one of three scenarios will be enacted at random:

- (1) Some federal teams may find that their agency or department no longer has the resources to stock up on weapons;
- (2) Some federal law enforcement agencies may find that they no longer have the budgetary facility to arrest criminals;
- (3) Protection agencies may run out of funding to provide the appropriate level of protection for protectees, with budget constraints preventing vehicle hire and gun access.

Conclusion

It is hoped that this will give federal governments a greater sense of responsibility and activity within our community - they can truly impact whether their law enforcement agencies have the facility to deal with crime.

As this directive is being introduced mid-way through an existing Presidential term, the current administration shall have until May 22nd to ensure that the House of Representatives propose, and pass, the first federal budget.

As group management, we are very excited to be able to support the federal government by giving them a multitude of funding opportunities, but are also equally excited to see how the various government shutdown scenarios could play out in the, hopefully, far future.

Yours faithfully,

United States Group Management