

## Groundswell Integrated Budget Suite (GIBS) – Planning

Budget planning is paramount for federal organizations. The budget planning process serves as the foundation for ensuring funds are strategically allocated, priorities are well-defined, and resources are well-used to serve the public interest. By managing the budget planning phase effectively, organizations can anticipate future challenges and set a clear roadmap for both short-term and long-term objectives.

Existing budget planning solutions are far from perfect. They often address only the immediate fiscal year ahead without capturing out-year requirements. The systems are also often unable to accommodate multiple scenarios. Given the federal budget landscape, where organizations frequently operate under continuing resolutions, seek additional funds through budget justifications, or face challenges like sequestration, a multi-scenario planning capability is indispensable.

Poor budget planning systems lead to loss of control over funding allocations, year-end financial fallout, and a compromised capacity to report accurately on budgetary matters. Collectively, these issues underscore a pressing need for a more integrated, forward-looking, and flexible budget planning framework for federal organizations. Groundswell's GIBS – Planning addresses these challenges, offering a unified approach for a more agile, integrated, and strategic federal budget planning process.

Groundswell's Integrated Budget Suite (GIBS) – Planning offers a transformative approach to budget planning for federal organizations. Within GIBS – Planning, users manage portfolios and budgets that represent their organizational structure or mission priorities. They can create budget scenarios with comprehensive spend plans that align funding to planned expenditures and proactively plan for staff and vacancies.

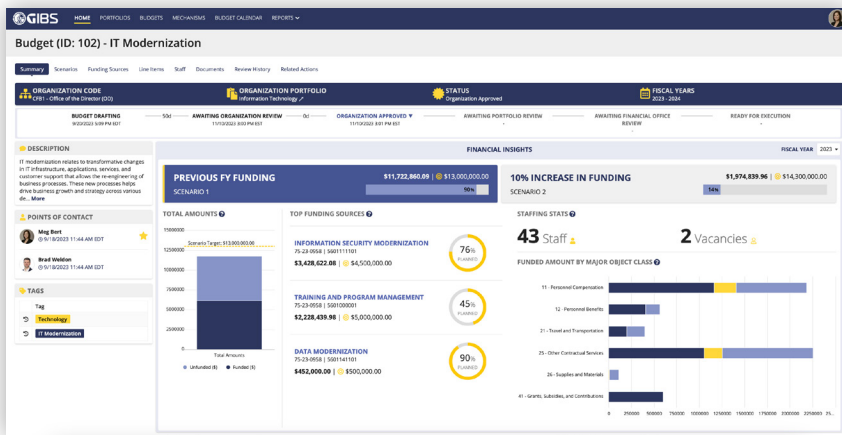
### Benefits.

Here's what the GIBS – Planning solution offers:

- **Enhanced flexibility:** Allows for various budget scenarios, both from a fiscal posture and an organizational alignment perspective.
- **Streamlined integrations:** Centralizes financial data access by integrating with the full landscape of obligation systems, avoiding scattered platform navigation.
- **Efficient oversight:** Provides structured workflows from operational resource managers to the budget office.

Take control of budget planning with the efficient, precise, and comprehensive Groundswell Integrated Budget Suite (GIBS) solution.

- **Holistic planning:** Bridges the divide between agency budget formulation and execution for coherent transitions.
- **Intuitive user interface:** An intelligent UI/UX that provides budget-based insights by contextually presenting data visualizations and actionable steps where users are most likely to need them.



## Features and capabilities.

Here's what you can do with the GIBS – Planning solution.

- **Unified budget creation:** Aligns budget projections with strategic plans by breaking them down by program, organization, and/or object class.
- **Comprehensive line item creation:** Enhances the creation and linkage of budget line items to spend plans for accurate funding alignment and object class categorization, providing a comprehensive snapshot of each item's budgetary status, funding levels, and supported activities.
- **Funding stream management:** Handles various funding types and anticipates future streams.
- **Long-term forecasting:** Offers out-year budgeting capabilities for multi-year programs.
- **Integration ready:** Has the capability to integrate with core agency systems or function as a standalone application.
- **Scenario creation:** Gives you the flexibility to address various fiscal planning situations—such as continuing resolutions, President's Budget (PB) amounts, sequestrations, budget increases, and new initiatives—while also strategically planning for future fiscal years.
- **Purposeful reporting:** Provides intuitive built-in reports for analyzing spend plans, evaluating mechanisms, comparing scenarios, examining staffing, and scrutinizing tags and workflow analytics. Offers in-line filtering options for tailored data dashboards.

Groundswell's Integrated Budget Suite (GIBS) – Planning enables organizations to craft detailed multi-year spend plans for multiple scenarios. It ensures plans are in sync with the organization's funding framework, facilitating a seamless shift from planning to execution.

- **Staff planning:** Enables precise budget alignment for staff, including splitting across multiple budgets and adjustments for staff details. Automates salary and benefits calculations through integrated pay tables while permitting adjustments such as bonuses and awards. Features automatic within-grade increase computation through HR system integration.
- **Layered review process:** Supports micro- to macro-level assessments and approvals.
- **Flexible, ad hoc tagging:** Offers ad hoc labeling for budget-related activities, aiding in specialized reporting when traditional structures aren't sufficient.
- **Interactive budget calendar:** Allows users to visualize and track cross-agency and organization-specific events, ensuring comprehensive oversight and proactive management of financial timelines in a user-friendly interface.



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