



**October Budget Forum Agenda
October 13, 2022
Chandler City Council Chambers**

**Registration Opens
8:00 AM**

**Budget Statistics and Data
9:00 AM
1 CPE**

Have you ever wondered what is the best data to use in your ACFRs and why it matters? This session will focus on how to identify sources of accurate, timely and relevant statistical data to include in required reporting to tell the story of your community beyond the numbers.

Speakers: **Ryan Jones, Economist & Data Analyst at the Regional Economic Development Center, Yavapai College**
 Kristen Stephenson, Senior Vice President of Research & Analytics, GPEC

**Budgeting for Major Projects/Infrastructure
10:00 AM
1 CPE**

Major funding opportunities are ready for Arizona's Cities, Towns, Counties, and State Agencies under the Infrastructure and Investment in Jobs Act (IIJA). Collaboration and coordination between partners will be key to securing grant dollars. Learn how governments can seek out regional partnership and collaboration opportunities to maximize the chance of pulling down federal dollars to fund both major and minor projects.

Speaker: **Stephanie Nelson, CEO & Founder, Capital Pipeline**
 Cindi Ptak, Arizona IIJA Task Force Program Manager



Landing the Plane on Your CIP

11:00 AM

1 CPE

We spend so much of our time getting capital project items together and detailed but can fall flat when it comes time to put them into a functional 5-yr plan. This session will cover plans from two different cities and how they manage to Land the Plane.

Speakers: **Helen Parker, Senior Budget & Research Analyst, Chandler**
 Nick Russo, Public Works Director, El Mirage
 Macy Walker, Financial Budget Analyst, El Mirage

Lunch

12:00 PM

Telling Your Budget Story

1:00 PM

1 CPE

This session will provide ideas and strategies on how to transform your data into easy to understand narrative and data visualizations to tell your budget and financial story.

Speaker: **Matthew Dunbar, Budget and Policy Officer, Chandler**

Department Spending Expectations During Inflation

2:00 PM

1 CPE

The panel will discuss and answer questions about what they are seeing within their organizations in regard to spending expectations with the fluctuation of revenues municipalities are experiencing. What are cities and towns' management, department, and budget expectations? Are the expectations the same throughout the organization or are they different?

Speakers: **Ryan Bittle, Finance Manager – Budget & Research, Goodyear**
 Dawn Lang, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer,
 Kelly Pfost, Management and Budget Director, Gilbert