

City launches new website to make Costa Mesa's budget more user friendly

The City of Costa Mesa has launched a new interactive website called Open Budget Costa Mesa that will provide residents and city staff with financial data that is easily accessible and understandable.

[Click here](#) to access Open Budget Costa Mesa.

Rather than wading through hundreds of pages of scanned legal and financial documents, residents and city staff can now see financial data contextualized in charts, graphs, and visualizations that are attractive, navigable, and easy to understand. The information is available at various levels of detail and updated monthly.

"We are happy to provide the residents of Costa Mesa with this on-line tool that will make our city budget more user friendly," Mayor Sandy Genis said. "Residents can now create their own charts, graphs and spreadsheets to pursue their own budget research and interests and do it during a set time frame."

[Click here](#) for a video tutorial on how to use this new tool.

To launch the new site, the City of Costa Mesa's Finance and Information Technology department's partnered with Socrata, the leader in making existing government data discoverable, usable, and actionable for public servants and the people they serve.