

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

MUNIS® PERFORMANCE BASED BUDGETING

Public sector organizations face many budgetary challenges. Cutbacks have become routine. At the same time taxpayers expect more services. How can these organizations strike the delicate balance between satisfying taxpayers and dealing with the inevitable budgetary crunch? The answer is simple—MUNIS® Performance Based Budgeting.

The concepts of managing for results, accountability, key performance indicators, and alignment with citizen-driven goals have become increasingly important and attainable where budgeting is concerned. MUNIS Performance Based Budgeting provides a means for linking dollars to results, allowing cities, counties and school districts to become more focused, efficient and responsive to those they serve. Whether it is a Sheriff's Department, Human Services, or Public Works, there are a multitude of measures that can improve public visibility into these operations, demonstrate the value of their programs, and also help improve their overall efficiency.

Features

- Site-defined service objectives and measures, unique to each program area
- Multiple types of measures: Inputs, Outputs, Demand, Efficiency, Service Quality and Outcomes
- Captures department and program mission, goals, vision and summary of accomplishments
- Budgets that link resources to expected result
- Detailed action plans that can be reviewed periodically

Integration

MUNIS Performance Based Budgeting is fully integrated to the MUNIS suite of Enterprise Resource Planning applications. MUNIS Work Orders, for example, is based on the same activity codes used to define service objectives in Performance Based Budgeting. In addition, HR performance reviews are related to these activity codes and service objectives.

- Budget, expenditure, and statistics history are directly available without having to run import/export jobs
- Inherent links exist between program objectives, GL accounts, and HR positions
- For a site that does not have MUNIS Financials or HR, there are import/export functions to integrate with 3rd party applications

Statistics

- MUNIS provides a very robust statistics module that underlies Performance Based Budgeting
- Establish unique statistic types for various program measures
- Statistics are stored at a detail dated transaction level, as well as totals by month and year, to support comparative reporting across program years
- Define statistics as direct entry or as the result of a calculation, and link to specific expense and revenue accounts in GL
- Audit function for capturing statistical data tracks where the data comes from, who is responsible for capturing and entering it, etc.

Benefits

- Enables an organization to create a budget that corresponds to its goals and mission
- Provides justification for budgetary requests
- Takes a “managing for results” approach
- Makes it possible to diagnose areas where a budget is inefficient
- Maximizes an organization's resources through improved fund allocation
- Helps to foster understanding between an organization and the public it serves through a more transparent approach to the budgetary process

MUNIS Performance Based Budgeting takes you through the cycle of strategic and comprehensive planning, establishing program objectives, measuring results against those objectives, matching resources to action plans (i.e., budgeting), and reporting results.