



Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

BUDGET & FINANCE MANAGER

DEFINITION

Under the direction of the Chief Financial Officer/Director of Administrative Services (CFO), this position provides leadership and supervision to staff responsible for the Accounting and Payroll Functions and the Operating & Capital Budget processes for the District including, but not limited to budget and analysis, accounts payable, payroll, debt compliance, bond oversight, internal and external reporting, audit and actuarial reporting, and banking relations. Coordinates assigned activities with, and fosters cooperative working relationships amongst, other District departments and outside vendors. Provides highly responsible and complex professional assistance in areas of expertise to the CFO and the management team and participates in the overall financial leadership of the District.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives direction from the CFO and works closely with the Controller. The work provides for a variety of independent decision-making within legal, administrative, general policy, and regulatory guidelines. Exercises general direction and supervision over staff.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is an at will, Department Manager classification that oversees, directs, and participates in all activities of the Budget & Finance Department including the planning, development and administration of relevant short- and long-term policies, procedures, and services. This position can also be called on to provide assistance to the CFO in a variety of financial, administrative, coordinative, analytical, and liaison capacities. Successful performance of the work requires a broad knowledge of accounting, payroll, audit, procurement, and budgeting processes for public agencies, bonds, and related financial information systems, and District functions, activities, and policies. Responsibilities include coordinating the activities of the department with those of other departments and outside vendors, and managing and overseeing the complex and varied functions of the department. The position is accountable for accomplishing departmental planning and operational goals and objectives, and for furthering the District's mission, goals, and objectives within general policy guidelines. The position is also responsible for assisting the CFO and Controller in ensuring proper financial controls and oversight of expenditures, reserves, and revenues.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS *(Illustrative Only)*

Management reserves the right to add, modify, change, or rescind the work assignments of different positions and to make reasonable accommodations so that qualified employees can perform the essential functions of the job.

- Assumes full management responsibilities for all Budget & Finance Department programs, projects, services and activities.
- Develops, directs and coordinates the implementation of goals, objectives, policies, procedures, and work standards for the Budget & Finance Department; establishes, within District policy, appropriate budget, service and staffing levels.
- Manages the development and administration of the department's annual budget; direct the forecast of additional funds needed for staffing, consultants, equipment, materials and supplies; directs the monitoring of, and approves, expenditures; directs and implements adjustments as necessary.

- Selects, trains, motivates and directs departmental personnel; evaluates and reviews work for acceptability and conformance with department standards, including program and project priorities and performance evaluations; works with employees on performance issues; implements discipline and termination procedures; initiates and manages internal investigations; responds to staff questions and concerns.
- Contributes to the overall quality of the department's services by developing, reviewing, and implementing policies and procedures to meet legal requirements and District needs; continuously monitors and evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery methods and procedures, assesses and monitors the distribution of work, support systems and internal reporting relationships; identifies opportunities for improvement; directs the implementation of change.
- Working with the Information Systems and Technology Manager designs, plans, implements and operates the District's budgeting and financial accounting systems, which cover, but are not limited to general ledger, monthly and quarterly internal reporting, accounts payable, payroll, debt compliance reporting, bond accounting and reporting, annual financial reports and banking.
- Working with the CFO, Controller, and District staff, develops and implements the appropriate financial processes, procedures, and systems to ensure the timely and accurate preparation and presentation of the District's annual Capital and Operating Budget; any required reports, mid-year forecasts and/or budget adjustments; scheduled and ad-hoc monthly and reporting against such budgets.
- Working with the CFO, and with input as needed from the Controller, develops and implements the appropriate financial controls and oversight procedures to ensure proper use of public funds, consistent with policies, legal requirements, and general accounting standards; flags potential issues and assists with resolving areas of concern.
- Coordinates, internally and with external agencies, the assessment and development of various operations and business processes, including the creation and maintenance of required content for the District's Bond Oversight Committee.
- Responsible for the preparation for, and the management of, the District's annual outside financial audit and any other specialized audits.
- Serves as the District's primary interface for commercial banking activities.
- When requested, assists the CFO in the development of the District's Risk Management policies and carrying out tasks related to these policies.
- Working with the Controller, ensures the District maintains compliance with Bond covenants.
- Working closely with the Procurement Specialist to ensure compliance with procurement policies and procure-to-pay processes.
- Working with Human Resources to ensure payroll systems and functions are in compliance with federal, state, and local payroll, wage, and hour laws, labor agreements, CalPERS requirements, and best practices.
- Assists other departments in understanding and controlling their budgets and financials records and helps resolves inter-departmental problems.
- When requested, represents the CFO and/or the Budget & Finance Department at internal and external meetings.
- Represents the department to other District departments and vendors; explains and interprets departmental programs, policies and activities; negotiates and resolves significant and controversial issues.
- Conducts and participates in a variety of departmental and interdepartmental, organizational and operational studies and investigations; recommends modifications to programs, policies and procedures as appropriate.
- Participates in, and makes presentations to, the Board of Directors and wide variety of committee, boards and commissions.
- Attends and participates in professional group meetings; stays abreast of new trends and innovations in the public agency financial field and other areas as they relate to areas of responsibilities.
- Maintains and directs the maintenance of working and official department files.

- Monitors changes in laws, regulations, and technology that may affect District or department; implements policy and procedure changes as required.
- Prepares, reviews and presents staff reports, various management and information updates and reports on special projects as assigned by the CFO.
- Participates as a member of the Administrative Services and District management teams; works cooperatively to address District issues, ensures overall health of the organization, fosters good communication amongst staff, and provides consistent and professional management.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Administrative principles and practices including goal setting, program development and implementation and the evaluation and supervision of staff.
- Public agency/governmental accounting, reporting, auditing, banking, and bond management, budgeting and analysis, and District wide administrative practices.
- General principles of risk management related to the functions of the finance department and analysis processes and the District, in general.
- Applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulatory codes, ordinances, and procedures relevant to assigned area of responsibility.
- Principles, procedures and issues involved in administering the California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS).
- Methods and techniques for the development of presentations, business correspondence, and information distribution; research and reporting methods, techniques and procedures.
- Record keeping principles and procedures.
- Modern office practices including computer equipment and software/applications related to the area of responsibility.
- English usage, grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and punctuation.
- Techniques for effectively representing the District in contacts with governmental agencies, and various business, professional, educational, regulatory, and legislative organizations.
- Techniques for providing a high level of customer service to the District staff and, as required, to the public, vendors, contractors.

Ability to:

- Develop and implement goals, objectives, policies, procedures, work standards, and internal controls for assigned program areas.
- Provide administrative and professional leadership and direction for department and District.
- Prepare and administer departmental annual work plans and budgets; allocate limited resources in a cost-effective manner.
- Conduct internal audits of financial activities to ensure compliance with policies and procedures.
- Interpret, apply, explain, and ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.
- Analyze and streamline existing procedures and research, analyze, and evaluate new service delivery methods, procedures, and techniques.
- Plan, organize, direct, and coordinate the work of professional, technical, and administrative support personnel; delegate authority and responsibility.
- Select, train, motivate, coach, mentor and evaluate the work of staff and train staff in work procedures.
- Effectively administer special projects and ensure compliance with stipulations.
- Prepare clear and concise reports, correspondence, policies, procedures, and other written materials.

- Conduct research projects in areas of responsibility, evaluate alternatives, make sound recommendations, and prepare effective reports.
- Establish and maintain a variety of filing, record keeping, and tracking systems.
- Operate modern office equipment including computer equipment and specialized software applications programs.
- Stay abreast of new best practices and updated general accounting procedures related to subject matter expertise.
- Organize and prioritize a variety of projects and multiple tasks in an effective and timely manner; organize own work, set priorities, and meet critical time deadlines.
- Use English to effectively communicate in person, over the telephone and in writing.
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- Use tact, initiative, prudence, and independent judgment within general policy, procedural, and legal guidelines.
- Establish, maintain, and foster positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and Experience:

Any combination of training and experience that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required qualifications would be:

Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, or a related field, and five (5) years of progressively responsible experience in governmental finance, at least three of which must have been performing complex finance and budgetary analysis in a supervisory role. A master's degree and public sector experience are highly desirable.

Licenses and Certifications:

- Possession of a valid California Driver's License.
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO), or Financial Planning & Analysis Certification (FPAC) designation is desirable

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Must possess mobility to work in a standard office setting and use standard office equipment, including a computer, to operate a motor vehicle, and to visit various District and meeting sites; vision to read printed materials and computer screen; and hearing and speech to communicate in person, before groups and over the telephone. This is primarily a sedentary office classification, although standing in work areas and walking between work areas may be required. Finger dexterity is needed to access, enter and retrieve data using computer keyboard or calculator and to operate standard office equipment. Positions in this classification occasionally bend, stoop, kneel, reach, push, and pull drawers open and closed to retrieve and file information. Must possess the ability to lift, carry, push, and pull materials and objects weighing up to 25 pounds.

ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

Work in an office environment with moderate noise levels, controlled temperature conditions, and no direct exposure to hazardous physical substances. Employees may interact with staff and/or public and private representatives in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures.

EFFECTIVE: May 2023
REVISED:
FLSA: Exempt