

HOW TO READ THE EXPENDITURE SECTION

Overview

At the beginning of the budget development process the Mayor establishes expenditure targets for each department based on a combination of factors, including Mayoral goals, City priorities, expected outcomes, current initiatives, fixed costs and contractual obligations, as well as, projected revenue required to fund these expenditures. Departments are then required to submit their proposed budget by program and keep it within their expenditure target. Included with their proposed budgets, departments must identify all programs that align with any of the Mayoral Goals, all position requirements, program performance measures, and estimated departmental revenues, if any. If a department wants additional funding for a program or program expense for which it did not budget within its target, it must submit a Business Case. Through these Business Cases departments present their requests and justification for the increased funding. The Mayor reviews all Business Cases and determines those to be incorporated into the new year's Recommended Budget.

The operating department budgets include a department overview, a program budget and a balanced scorecard. These items provide key information about city services that assists the Mayor, the Court of Common Council and stakeholders in the budget deliberation and approval process.

The addition of the department's balanced scorecard illustrated by performance measures is a practice recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association to aid in communicating the links between planned accomplishments and current resources. Performance measurement, when linked to the budget and strategic planning process, can help in assessing accomplishments on an organization-wide basis. When used in the long-term planning and goal setting process and linked to the entity's mission, vision, Mayoral Goals, strategies, and department initiatives, meaningful performance measurements assist government officials and citizens in identifying financial and program results, evaluating past resource decisions and facilitating qualitative improvements in future decisions regarding resource allocation and service delivery. When coupled with performance reporting, this practice enhances transparency in budgeting and accountability for results.

As part of the Mayor's Recommended Budget, the non-operating departments have been consolidated into three departments; ***Benefits and Insurances, Debt Service, and Non-Operating Department Expenditures***. This improved format better aligns and illustrates similar types of expenditures in non-operating department budget categories. The financial information shown in the previous non-operating departments is for historical purposes only.

Operating Department Budget

The department's budget pages are presented in three major sections: the department overview, program budgets and the department balanced scorecard. The overview section presents the department's summary level information, such as department mission, significant features, and budget and staffing summaries. The program section details the department's programs and services, and the department's balanced scorecard highlights, by program, performance measures in tables and charts. Each department's budget pages are organized in the following manner:

Department Overview Section:

Mission Statement clarifies the department's purpose and legal and organizational responsibilities.

Strategic Plan Initiatives for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 highlights the department strategic initiatives planned for in the ensuing fiscal year.

Significant Features illustrates the expenditure increases or decreases from the 2008-2009 Adopted Budget.

Department General Fund Budget by Program Chart illustrates the organizational structure of the department and the cost of each program as a percentage of the department's recommended budget.

Department Budget Summary informs the reader how much money was spent in FY 2007-2008 under the heading "Actual", how much money was legally appropriated for FY 2008-2009 under the heading "Adopted", and an estimate of how much will be spent during FY 2008-2009 under the heading "Revised". The Recommended Budget spending level for fiscal year 2009-2010 is under the heading "Recommended". Finally, the last column header is "Forecast". These figures represent the department's forecasted budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

The Department Budget Summary totals are divided into two categories: General Fund and Other Funds.

- **General Fund Total** represents the department's total General Fund expenditures.
- **FT Positions** represents the department's total authorized Full-time positions by fund.
- **FTE** represents the Full-time Equivalent (**FTE's**) of a position. A whole year General Fund full-time position is presented as 1.0. However, because all full-time positions may not be budgeted in the General Fund for a complete fiscal year, or may be partially funded by a grant, the value of full-time positions is presented in decimal format. Positions budgeted for less than 1.0 indicate that the full-time position is either split-funded between the general fund and grant funds, or more commonly, that the full-time position is not planned to be filled until sometime after the start of the fiscal year. For these reasons, a General Fund full-time position budgeted at three-quarters is presented as .7, at half-year as .5, and one-quarter as .3, based on the parameters of the City's financial system.
- **Revenue** illustrates the anticipated revenue to be generated and or received.
- **Fringe Benefits Cost** is 42.39% for each employee within a fund. It is calculated using the **Payroll Base** rate of 24.00%, the actuarially determined **Pension Rate** of 10.74%, and **FICA** of 7.65%, for all employees except sworn Police and Fire personnel for whom FICA is not applicable.

Program Section:

Program Goal, Program Budget Summary, Program Services and Goals summarize information at the program level and explain the services included in each program. Also indicated is whether or not the service is legally mandated or meets one of the Mayor's Goals.

Department Balance Scorecard:

Department Performance Measures Charts and Graphs track one or more performance measures and report three years of actuals, current year and revised targets, and a target for the ensuing fiscal year. The measures listed are those determined by the department to be the measures that best depict department or program performance. The performance measures used are categorized as Outputs, Efficiency or Effectiveness.

Output Measures — measure the amount of service provided or units produced by a program.

Examples	# of homeownership units created
	# of youth engaged in workforce activities
	# of lane miles of road paved
	# of days on average to process tax payment from receipt to deposit

Efficiency Measures — measure the cost (whether in dollars or employee hours) per unit of output or outcome in providing a service.

Examples	\$ cost of road paved per lane mile
	\$ cost per square foot to maintain city buildings (custodial)
	\$ cost per acre to maintain parks, cemeteries, park land with trees and athletic fields
	\$ amount of tipping fees avoided through recycling; \$10.00 per ton collected

Effectiveness Measures — measure the result as a percentage of what has been achieved toward accomplishing a desired outcome; or as a score that rates how well a program or service is performing.

Examples	% Change of Total Part I Crimes from Prior Year
	% of business awarded to Hartford vendors
	% of Hartford children prepared for kindergarten
	Annual customer focus group rating of athletic fields*

* Annual rating system will be based on Excellent, Good, Fair and Poor.

Non-Operating Department Budget

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