

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Senior Budget Analyst

FLSA Status: Exempt

Salary Grade: 8

PURPOSE OF POSITION

The Senior Budget Analyst will perform financial, operational and budgetary analysis in support of SCRRA's financial planning and analysis activities.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the senior level of the Budget Analyst series. At this level, work may be performed under limited supervision or under limited direction. Incumbent possesses considerable latitude to accomplish tasks, which may include lead worker or supervisor duties.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED AND RECEIVED

- Receives supervision from departmental management/supervisory level roles
- No formal supervisory responsibilities; may lead the work of lower level staff

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties listed below are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed and are not to be interpreted as an exhaustive list of responsibilities.

- Assist in the design of reporting processes to enhance the analysis and correction of budget problems;
- Interact with Cost Centers regarding the "Budget transfer" process; verify funds availability for transfer expenditure changes between accounts and calculate impact to member agencies.
- Track and monitor all amendments to the approved annual operating and capital budgets.
- Provide support for the monthly and year-end close of the general ledger.
- Work collaboratively with department staff in analysis of departmental revenue, expenses and other financials.
- Assist in maintaining the cost accounting system within the Financial Information System, Oracle.
- Assist with the preparation and analysis of the annual operating budget, revenue and expenses.
- Assist in the annual cost setting process and year-end reconciliation of operating expenditures.
- Assist in the conversion of the budget process to a more efficient and automated environment.
- Provide support to Cost Centers with current financial information and any questions regarding budgets.
- Review budgets to monthly, quarterly and annual actual reports to monitor expenditure.
- Collect and analyze data, record results and make recommendations for cost savings.
- Create and maintain documentation files to support operating budget information for ease of retrieval and historical analysis.
- Provide timely explanation and analytics of variances between actual results and forecasts/budgets.
- Assist in the production of quarterly performance measurement reports to the appropriate Board Committee and the Board of Directors.
- Assist in the development of reports for internal agency management for publication.



- Work with department staff to coordinate various ongoing and annual special projects including but not limited to comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Indirect Cost Allocation Plan, and internal and external audits.
- The responsibilities outlined above are representative of the role but not exhaustive. Additional duties may be assigned as needed, and reasonable accommodations will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with applicable laws.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience

- Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, Accounting, Finance, or a related field.
- A minimum of eight (8) years of experience in accounting, finance, and/or budget. Along with experience performing complex financial analysis of operational and capital expenditures.
- A combination of training, with a minimum of an Associate Degree and/or experience that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities, may be considered when determining minimum qualifications. Advanced relevant coursework may also substitute for a portion of the required experience.

Preferred Qualifications

None

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of:

- Accounting principles and procedures related to cost accounting, budgeting, and forecasting
- Principles and practices of public administration
- Principles and practices of administrative research and statistical analysis

Skilled in:

- Resolving discrepancies and analyzing trends
- Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills
- Use of Microsoft Office with advanced skills in Excel
- Strong and effective communication skills both verbally and in writing
- Strong and effective organizational and time management skills

Ability to:

- Build team cohesiveness by establishing, communicating, and reinforcing the Finance mission statement
- Perform complex analysis and prepare associated reports
- Identify, monitor, and track complex trends and patterns
- Ability to comprehend the public service environment, SCRRA mission, objectives, and business model

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Transition between a stationary position at a desk or work location and move about Metrolink facilities or other work site locations
- Operate tools to perform the duties of the position, such as computers, office equipment, and work-related machinery
- Transport equipment or boxes up to 25 lbs
- Exchange ideas by means of communication



- Visual acuity to detect, identify, and observe employees or train movement and any barriers to movement when working on or near railroad tracks
- Hear and perceive the nature of sounds when working on or near railroad tracks
- Balance, ascend/descend, climb, kneel, stoop, bend, crouch, or crawl within assigned working conditions and or locations

Working Conditions

Position requires work in a normal office environment with little exposure to excessive noise, dust, or temperature. Work may also be conducted in outdoor environments, at construction sites, Railroad Track and Right-of-Way environments, and warehouse environments, with possible exposure to individuals who are hostile or irate, moving mechanical parts, and loud noises (85+ decibels, such as heavy trucks, construction, etc.)

Southern California Regional Rail Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Authority will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

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