

## SENIOR BUDGET ANALYST

### **PURPOSE AND NATURE OF WORK**

Positions are responsible for initiating, conducting, documenting and presenting quantitative analyses used in the processes of adopting and maintaining large government and utility budgets, for several departments of Lafayette Consolidated City Parish Government.

Incumbents work under the direction of the Budget Manager; train and oversee the work of Budget Analyst positions, but are not supervisory positions, and have limited signature authority to approve budget revisions, as delegated by the Budget Manager.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK** (Note: These examples are intended only to illustrate the various types of work performed by incumbents in this class. All of the duties performed by any one incumbent may not be listed, nor does any incumbent necessarily perform all of these duties.)

Monitor Funds according to Budget Manager's priorities, perform financial analyses with the objective of determining need for adjustments in income and/or expenses. Prepare projections of effects of changes made.

Forecast revenues for short or long term. Compile a report of recommendations and findings of revenue collections that are projected to be either over budgeted or under budgeted. Follow through on recommendations. Prepare adjustments to estimated revenues on quarterly basis. May participate in the work of positions classified as Budget Analyst, as in conducting departmental budget review hearings.

Prepare spreadsheets detailing sources of revenues, prepare and interpret ordinances providing for revenues and expenditures, determine appropriate forecasting methods and mechanics of initiating and receiving revenue. Assist budget management in monitoring associated laws and regulations to ensure legal compliance.

Acts as a liaison to various departments and assists these with preparing budget revisions, and answering any questions regarding budget policy and procedure.

Monitor funds against appropriations on a daily basis. Balances the general fund estimated revenues and appropriations on a monthly basis. Assist in analyzing and processing departmental budget amendments.

Assist in preparation of the annual budget document. This includes evaluating departmental budget requests, preparing salary and benefit calculations, and preparing graphs to compare data from the current fiscal year to previous fiscal years.

Subject to night and weekend work as required.

Performs related work as required.

### **NECESSARY KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS**

Thorough knowledge of governmental accounting, especially in the areas of financial reporting, municipal and utility budgeting.

Thorough knowledge of Consolidated Government's organization, sources of revenues, and expenses.

Knowledge of quantitative methods of projection and forecasting.

Knowledge of design and operation of different types of budget and reporting systems.

Knowledge of Federal Fund requirements, State laws, City-Parish Charter provisions or ordinances relating to the accounting of Consolidated Government funds.

Ability to establish productive working relationships with employees, managers, elected officials, consultants and general public.

### **DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance and substantial prior working experience in government and / or utility budgeting, control and forecasting; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.