

ORACLE DAILY BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE FOR PUBLIC SECTOR

KEY FEATURES

STAY INFORMED

- View Funds Management information at and across defined levels within the organization
- Standardize information at each management level
- Gauge daily performance with Key Performance Indicators
- Easily understand data at a glance via graphs and tables

ANALYZE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Analyze budget, encumbrance and expense information in detail
- Perform detailed analysis using several filtering parameters
- Observe trends over monthly, quarterly or yearly time periods
- Compare performance today with the prior period or same period year ago
- Monitor information across multiple dimensions like fund, cost center or financial category

TAKE ACTION

- Make informed decisions in near real time
- View Funds Availability data for your areas of responsibility
- Identify 'stale' encumbrances and other opportunities to 'free up' additional funds

DRILL FROM SUMMARY TO DETAILED VIEWS

- Analyze high level aggregated data, drill into details
- Analyze KPIs by drilling to the lower level hierarchical data that contributed to the indicator
- Complete the full cycle from aggregation to detail

DEPLOY OUT-OF-THE-BOX

Oracle® Daily Business Intelligence (DBI) for Public Sector Financials empowers managers to stay on top of the critical Public Sector Financial activities of their organization. DBI for Public Sector Financials enables Public Sector Financial professionals to maximize performance and opportunities, identify potential issues earlier, and address them before they escalate into real problems. DBI is part of the Oracle E-Business Suite, an integrated set of applications designed to transform your business into an e-business.

Gain Timely and Comprehensive Insights into Critical Financial Information

The responsibilities of the public sector finance professional have evolved from regulatory reporting and cost management into performance measurement, decision support services and risk mitigation. These new responsibilities demand new levels of information management.

Fund managers, project managers, budget managers and other administrators need to have access to their financial status at all times. This level of visibility ensures everyone makes decisions from the same data and allows agencies to optimize across the entire business. Funds availability provides the managers with immediate information on existing resources under their area of responsibility and indicates either adequacy or scarcity of resources to accomplish their tasks. It provides early warning signs if available funds decline at a faster rate than the time frame for budget spending.

A public sector organization uses its budget not only as a day-to-day expenditure-planning guide, but also to show how funds are used to achieve organizational and institutional objectives. As such, there is a need to provide the manager with the necessary information as to how the budget is allocated to various projects. There is also a need to see status of funds on a project, fund and departmental level.

DBI for Public Sector Financials provides a collection of relevant, reliable, up to date information for these financial reporting needs. Reported measures include Available Funds, Budgets, Encumbrances, and Expenses. Timely access to such information provides managers with insights to increase operational efficiencies and take actions proactively to impact financial performance prior to period end.

Stay Informed

Previously, if managers and administrators needed to see the consolidated financial amounts prior to period-end, financial analysts had to gather this information from

- Leverage existing GL segments and hierarchies
- Simple mapping between chart of accounts and DBI dimensions
- Analyze all your financial in a normalized view in global currency and calendar
- Low cost implementation
- Out of the Box content

multiple sources, which required extensive effort. By the time information was compiled, it was often already out-dated. DBI for Public Sector Financials addresses this issue by providing Funds Management information on a daily basis. Now, instead of waiting for period end, managers can access the information in a self-service manner everyday.

DBI for Public Sector Financials can be easily deployed to multiple levels of the organization, reaching a much wider audience than conventional solutions. From administrators and directors to officers, key decision makers are provided with standardized information, securely distributed across the organization.



Figure 1. Funds Management Dashboard provides managers with a dashboard view of financials for their organization.

DBI for Public Sector Financials delivers a Funds Management dashboard that presents the status of funds, including budgets, encumbrances, actual expenses, and funds available. Easy to understand tables and graphs expose any potential issues that might need to be addressed. The end result is a dashboard of key performance indicators, graphs, and tables that summarize data across funds and departments, providing managers with the ability to make decisions that impact Funds Availability in a timely manner.

The dashboard presents the manager with an up-to-date, hierarchical view of funds status. Managers can get answers to questions such as:

- How is my spending rate compared to my budget?
- What part of my budget is committed or obligated?
- What are my major expense components?
- What are my spending patterns/trends? How does they compare to previous periods and previous years?

By changing the set of parameters at the top of the dashboard, managers can group and compare data in different ways to fit their needs. The parameters allow the user to navigate forward and backwards in time comparing current and past performance. Additional parameters may be used to compare annual, quarterly or monthly data, as

well as filter a subset of cost centers, funds and projects to enable closer scrutiny of their performance.

Analyze Financial Information

The ability to make informed decisions is a key objective of any director or manager. DBI for Public Sector Financials enables managers to analyze critical financial information and identify areas where improvement is needed. Trends across months, quarters or years quickly uncover anomalies. Comparison against budget enables managers to stay on track against organizational objectives. The ability to drill down to lower levels of detail allows directors and managers to examine expenditures in detail. The powerful drill and pivot feature allows managers to quickly examine data across multiple dimensions.

Daily exposure to this type of information empowers managers to take more control of their spending. For example, if a large purchase was made in a department, the manager will see it reflected in their Encumbrance KPI and can immediately assess if they are reaching the limit of their budget.

Take Action

DBI for Public Sector Financials not only facilitates information monitoring and analysis; it empowers the manager to take action. For example, if available budget shows an unexpected dip, managers can investigate the root cause of the issue. Low priority requisitions can be delayed or cancelled to free additional funds, giving mission critical requests access to reserve necessary funds.

Drill from Summary to Detailed Views

DBI for Public Sector Financials offers visibility into aggregated summary information as well as easy navigation to a more detailed view of the summary data and KPIs. This allows users to identify and view data that resides behind the aggregation to answer detailed questions that might arise.

Deploy Out-of-the Box

DBI for Public Sector Financials is low-cost and straightforward to implement and maintain. Leveraging the existing GL segment values and hierarchies of Oracle Public Sector Financials, you can perform simple mapping between DBI dimensions and your chart of accounts. The result is a rich set of reports, out of the box, that present your organization-wide key financial metrics in a global currency and calendar.

Configurable and Extensible for your Industry

Decision makers need information that is timely and relevant. With DBI, KPI's and reports can be renamed, hidden, or rearranged on the appropriate DBI Dashboard, tailoring DBI for the needs of your specific agency or department. DBI is also extensible, allowing you to create new KPIs and reports, based on both Oracle and non-Oracle data sources. New content added to DBI Dashboards will persist through version upgrades, for maximum ROI and reusability.

KEY BENEFITS**STAY INFORMED**

DBI for Public Sector
Financials allows

- Managers and administrators to stay informed and on top of daily financial activities

ANALYZE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

DBI for Public Sector
Financials allows

- Managers to track encumbrances and expenses against budget and compare with results from a prior period or prior year

TAKE ACTION

DBI for Public Sector
Financials provides

- Managers with the insights to take action based on Funds Management information

RELATED PRODUCTS

The following products are also available from Oracle Financials Intelligence:

- DBI for Financials
- DBI for Payables
- DBI for Receivables
- General Ledger
- Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition

RELATED SERVICES

The following services are available from Oracle Support Services:

- Oracle E-Business Suite Accelerators
- Oracle Application Solution Centers
- Oracle University
- Oracle Consulting

Oracle E-Business Suite—The Complete Solution

Oracle E-Business Suite for Public Sector enables organizations to efficiently manage processes, deliver services, ship orders, make payments, and more—all from applications that are built on unified information architecture. This information architecture provides a single definition of your customers, suppliers, employees, and services—all aspects of your mission. Whether you implement one module or the entire Suite, Oracle E-Business Suite enables you to share unified information across your organization so you can make smarter decisions with better information.

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