

Financial Information Systems Department

Mission

To provide guidance, support, training, and documentation to all departments in the use of the City's financial software applications; analyzes departmental financial functions and makes recommendations on how the use of software could streamline operations; implements new software releases to provide greater functionality to financial operations



The FIS Department acts as the interface between the financial software and financial software data and end user, providing testing, training, and documentation, especially with new updates and releases. Additionally, FIS staff process all payrolls; prepare all City regulatory billings; and manage federal and state reporting, such as annual W-2, 1099-M, 1099-R tax forms, and Affordable Care Act preparation; IRS and DOR wage reports; and changes to salary schedules.

Over the past year, the Financial Information Systems Department has accomplished the following:

- Populated payroll and human resources setup tables, salary schedules, charge codes, and other reference information for migration from FinancePlus to the human resources and payroll modules of the Munis software system;
- Worked with Tyler Technology implementation staff to resolve data categorization issues such as job class, position control, pay code, and special leave designations;
- Assisted IT in the review and elimination of redundant and obsolete employee data, salary schedules, pay codes, charge codes, etc. Also, reviewed and corrected Tax and Utility Billing charge codes in the upgrade of our receivables from version 10.5 to 11.3 in Munis;
- Processed paychecks for over 5,400 full- and part-time employees, and pension checks for 1,350 retirees, each pay period;
 - Prepared 26,699 vendor checks on 430 warrants;
- Managed the W-2, 1099-R, 1099-M, and Affordable Care Act 1095-C processes;
- Prepared receivables billings as required by law: motor vehicle excise, boat excise, real estate, and personal property;
- Calculated retro payments with the settlement of multiple union contracts; updated the payroll system to reflect contractual changes; implemented union contract agreements to specifications; and updated employee pay rate records;
- Provided one-on-one training for end users on Munis software, for requisitions

processing, invoices to be paid, and financial accounts detail inquiry ;

- Offered ongoing guidance to payroll clerks for appropriate pay codes and leave codes; salary adjustments; longevity; and stipends;
- Continue to develop training manuals for end users of the new Munis software; updated other previously developed manuals as appropriate.

This year, we have been working exhaustively to implement the Human Resources/Payroll functions in our conversion from FinancePlus to Munis software. As part of that process, we have taken this opportunity to examine all our existing data, eliminating, consolidating, and revising as needed. In addition, we are confident that the data being converted is updated, applicable, and necessary.

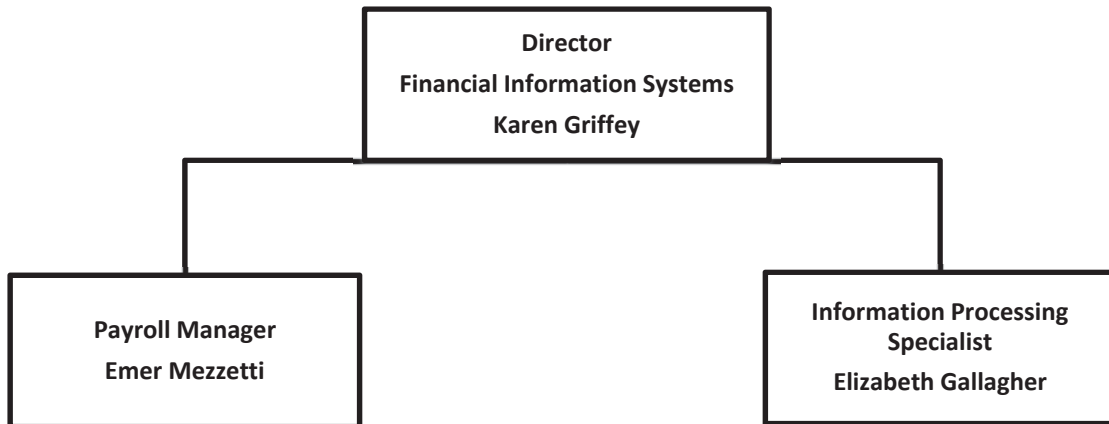
The annual maintenance fee for our Munis financials and receivables software contract has been transferred to the Information Technology Department budget. Thus, there is a significant decrease in budget levels from the last several fiscal years to this fiscal year.

We look forward to July 1, when human resources and payroll information will be fully functional on Munis. As one of the more eagerly awaited enhancements, we anticipate significant improvement in data retrieval for analysis, with greater end user satisfaction.

Karen Griffey

Director, FIS Department

FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS



Financial and Operating Highlights

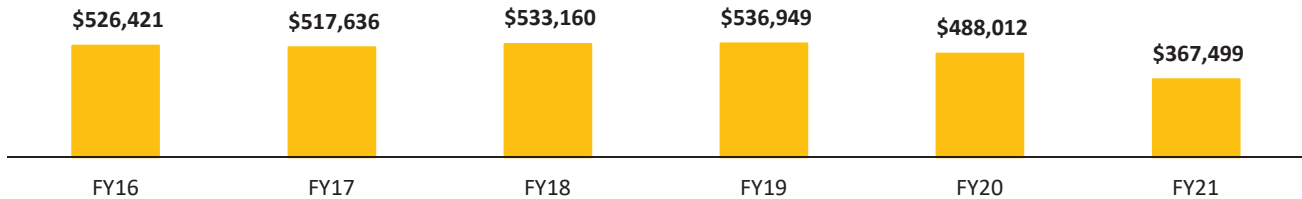
Financial Highlights

	Actual				Adj Budget		Proposed
	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	
Expenditure by Department							
FIS	\$ 526,421	\$ 517,636	\$ 533,160	\$ 536,949	\$ 488,012	\$ 367,499	
Total	\$ 526,421	\$ 517,636	\$ 533,160	\$ 536,949	\$ 488,012	\$ 367,499	
% Incr		-1.67%	3.00%	0.71%	-9.11%	-24.69%	

Personnel

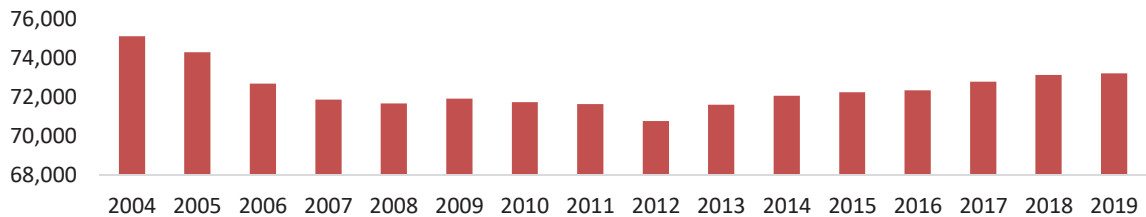
Full-Time	3	3	3	3	3	3
Part-Time	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	3	3	3	3	3

Total Financial Information Systems Expenditures

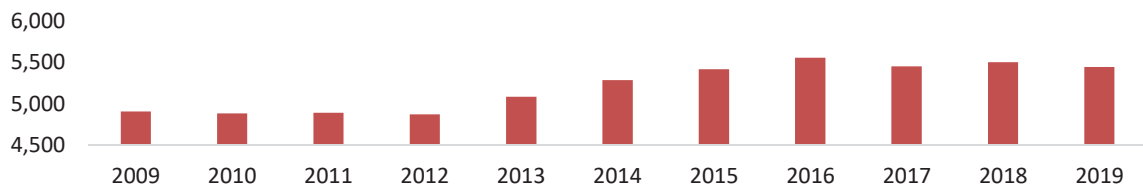


Operating Highlights

Vehicles Billed



W-2s Issued



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Fiscal Year 2021 Outcomes and Strategies

Outcome 1

Prepare Munis Setup Tables and Employee Data for Implementation of and Migration to the new Payroll/Human Resources Software

experts and Information Technology staff to resolve issues during implementation.

Set up, build, and populate background tables “from scratch,” to eliminate existing corrupt and obsolete data. These include pay codes, deduction codes, leave codes, salary tables, union contracts obligations, and tax information. In addition, critical parallel testing is being conducted to verify setup tables and employee records are correct, in advance of “going live.” Work with Munis

Create a new user manual for distribution to each newly hired administrative/clerical employee. This will be provided in coordination with other orientation programs through Human Resources, with one-on-one scheduled training. MUNIS software implementation includes training in all modules purchased. City employees will receive formal training from the software company prior to the “go live” date, focused on the modules to be incorporated into their daily responsibilities. Ongoing, FIS, in collaboration with the Human Resources staff, will schedule training sessions for all new administrative employees, as a regular part of their orientation. In addition, ongoing refresher training, as well as training for any new computer software purchases, will be scheduled as needed, but offered at least twice per fiscal year.

Outcome 2

Develop Training Materials for End Users of the Financials Software; Train the Administrative Workforce Extensively

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Outcome 3

Ensure Timely and Accurate Billing and Reporting; Fulfill Payroll Data Requests; Reconcile Payroll Tax Reporting

Continue to schedule and prepare all billings to meet statutory billing requirements in a timely and accurate manner. Prepare the necessary reports for specified governmental regulatory bodies, assuring accuracy, timeliness, and clarity. FIS staff continue to be the knowledge experts for personnel and payroll use and reporting functions. This includes the continued verification of employment

and/or income; payroll history verification; individual earnings analyses; compliance with union employee requests; as well as employee payroll-related public records requests. In addition, FIS staff will monitor, reconcile, and verify federal, state, and Medicare tax withholdings.

Outcome 4

Implement the Employee Self Service Center

In collaboration with the Information Technology Department, implement the Employee Self Service Center module sometime in the future. This should empower our employees with the ability to update their addresses, change tax

exemption statuses, look up payroll history, reprint lost forms, enroll in health care, dental, and life insurance, add dependents to their health care coverage, apply for voluntary offerings such as flexible reimbursement, and view their special leave and vacation bank balances.

FUND: 0001 - GENERAL FUND
DEPARTMENT: 118 - FINANCIAL INFO SYSTEMS

CITY OF NEWTON BUDGET
DEPARTMENT LEGAL LEVEL OF CONTROL

	ACTUAL 2017	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	ORIGINAL 2020	RECOMMENDED 2021	CHANGE 2020 to 2021
FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS SUMMARY						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	240,808	248,897	257,359	267,047	275,439	8,392
52 - EXPENSES	217,066	224,784	233,364	154,260	22,860	-131,400
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	59,761	59,478	64,154	66,705	69,201	2,495
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118 - FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS						
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PERSONAL SERVICES						
511001 FULL TIME SALARIES	238,141	245,332	252,059	263,547	271,439	7,892
513010 REGULAR OVERTIME	292	-285	0	0	0	0
514001 LONGEVITY	1,875	3,000	4,500	3,500	4,000	500
515005 BONUSES	0	350	300	0	0	0
515102 CLEANING ALLOWANCE	500	500	500	0	0	0
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	240,808	248,897	257,359	267,047	275,439	8,392
EXPENSES						
524010 OFFICE EQUIPMENT R-M	0	0	836	4,000	4,000	0
524050 COMPUTER EQUIPMT R-M	196,307	199,348	200,663	132,000	0	-132,000
524080 DEPARTMENTAL EQUIP R-	797	797	493	800	800	0
531900 TRAINING EXPENSES	13,890	21,889	26,889	10,000	5,000	-5,000
534010 TELEPHONE	75	95	102	110	110	0
534100 POSTAGE	94	0	5	50	5,650	5,600
534200 PRINTING	206	276	131	300	300	0
542000 OFFICE SUPPLIES	738	494	760	1,000	1,000	0
558500 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	4,959	1,886	3,486	5,000	5,000	0
571100 IN-STATE CONFERENCES	0	0	0	500	500	0
573000 DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	0	0	0	500	500	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	217,066	224,784	233,364	154,260	22,860	-131,400
FRINGE BENEFITS						
57DENT DENTAL INSURANCE	1,552	1,615	1,679	1,746	1,746	0
57HLTH HEALTH INSURANCE	52,623	52,270	56,535	56,184	58,431	2,247
57LIFE BASIC LIFE INSURANCE	113	113	113	57	57	0
57MEDA MEDICARE PAYROLL TAX	3,619	3,578	3,717	3,871	3,994	123
57OPEB OPEB CONTRIBUTION	1,853	1,903	2,111	4,847	4,973	126
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