Office of Human Resources

Financial Director - LV2849

General Statement of Duties

Directs financial functional and/or operational areas that include developing annual and multi-year work plans and strategies, ensures resources are available to achieve work plans, resolves complex business issues, and establishes management practices and processes that ensure the accomplishment of performance standards.

Distinguishing Characteristics

There are four classes in the Financial Management Series (Financial Manager, Financial Director, Financial Executive, and City Controller). The Financial Manager is a first level management class. A Financial Manager oversees work groups/areas within a division or agency and is generally responsible for supervising first or second line supervisors and/or individual contributors. A Financial Manager position is operationally and/or functionally focused.

The Financial Director is a mid-level management class. A Financial Director manages a division or agency and is generally responsible for supervising managers, supervisors, and individual contributors. A Financial Director position is operationally and/or functionally focused as well as strategically focused.

The Financial Executive is the highest level of management class in the city other than appointees or elected officials. A Financial Executive directs multiple divisions and is generally responsible for supervising directors, managers, supervisors, and individual contributors. A Financial Executive position is strategically focused.

The City Controller is a one incumbent class. The City Controller directs multiple divisions and is generally responsible for supervising directors, managers, supervisors, and individual contributors. The City Controller position is strategically focused.

Guidelines, Difficulty and Decision-Making Level

Guidelines are in the form of stated mission, vision, and objectives for the organization.

Work assignment is unstructured. Employee is responsible for developing, directing, and managing outcomes and multi-year strategies in order to achieve the objectives of the division/agency.

Duties performed involve weighing and evaluating multiple, complex factors requiring a high degree of judgment, analytical ability, and problem solving.

Employee is responsible for managing multiple operations or functions, generally with city-wide responsibilities, that require developing and implementing strategies, business plans, and policies; determining required resources; defining and evaluating agency/division performance standards; and resolving complex business problems.

Level of Supervision Received & Quality Review

Responsible and accountable for driving a business strategy and achieving results for a division/agency with multiple functions or units.

Work is reviewed for soundness of judgment and conclusions, fiscal accountability, and the attainment of goals and objectives of the organization.
Interpersonal Communication & Purpose

Communication at this level is internally and externally focused. Involves establishing and maintaining effective, collaborative working relationships with employees, peers, and other stakeholders including appointed and elected officials. Provides information and negotiates solutions to business issues that have major consequences or long-term significance.

Level of Supervision Exercised

Directs a division of a department or oversees a small office or independent agency by supervising managers, supervisors, and other individual contributors.

Essential Duties

Directs a division within a department or agency in such areas as Accounting, Budget, Assessment, Treasury, Cash Management, Debt, Investments, Real Estate, Internal Control and Compliance, and Risk Management.

Develops annual and multi-year work plans and strategies to meet business needs. Develops and directs the implementation of goals, objectives, policies, procedures, and work standards to ensure success.

Communicates business and work area plans and goals to managers and/or supervisors to secure buy-in. Reviews, approves, and implements recommended changes to plans and leads the development of process and/or operational improvements.

Prioritizes and allocates resources to achieve strategies. Utilizes resources to develop or expand services and/or operation. Ensures resources are utilized appropriately and do not exceed the established budget without approval.

Creates and administers policies and integrates work group procedures across work areas for consistency.

Resolves sensitive, controversial issues by making decisions that are inclusive of multiple perspectives. Represents the division/department in meetings with elected and/or appointed officials and other city entities. Serves as the city representative with a variety of public, business, and community organizations. Fosters collaborative relationships to the benefit of the organization.

Develops goals, documents performance, provides performance feedback and formally evaluates the work of the employee; provides reward and recognition for proper and efficient performance. Assists staff to achieve performance standards and identifies opportunities for continual improvement to performance standards.

Resolves escalated employee or citizen complaints including long-term resolutions in problem areas.

Selects, trains, develops, and evaluates subordinate staff. Makes decisions on hiring, terminations, promotions, and disciplinary actions as required.

Develops and monitors the budget and oversees financial well-being by analyzing cost effectiveness. Directs cost control activities.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

Any one position may not include all of the duties listed. However, the allocation of positions will be determined by the amount of time spent in performing the essential duties listed above.
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<td>Thinking Strategically - Thinks strategically and promotes best practices and leading-edge ideas.</td>
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<td>Deciding and Initiating Action - Takes responsibility for actions, projects and people; makes quick, clear decisions which may include tough choices, after considering risks.</td>
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<td>Delivering Results - Sets high standards for quality, quantity, and timelines. Focuses on customer needs and satisfaction. Consistently achieves project goals.</td>
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<td>Persuading and Political Influence - Gains clear agreement and commitment from others by persuading, convincing and negotiating. Makes effective use of political processes to influence others.</td>
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<td>Technical Competence - Uses knowledge that is acquired through formal training or extensive on-the-job experience to perform one's job; works with, understands, and evaluates technical information related to the job; advises others on technical issues.</td>
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<td>Coaching - Provides others with clear direction, motivates, and empowers. Recruits staff of a high caliber and provides staff with development opportunities and coaching.</td>
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<th><strong>Education Requirement</strong></th>
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<td>Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration or a related field based on a specific position(s).</td>
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<td>Five (5) years of experience managing a financial functional or financial operational work group, business unit or area and supervising lower-level supervisors, managers, or professional-level staff in disciplines including accounting, budget, assessment, treasury, cash management, debt, investments, real estate, internal control and compliance, risk management, or a related discipline.</td>
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<td>Two (2) years of the appropriate type and level of experience may be substituted for each required year of post-high school education.</td>
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<td>A combination of appropriate education and experience may be substituted for the minimum education and experience requirements.</td>
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<th><strong>Licensure &amp; Certification</strong></th>
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<td>By position, requires a valid Driver’s License at the time of application.</td>
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<td>By position, possession of one of the following: Certified Public Accountant, Certified Government Financial Manager, or Certified Public Financial Officer.</td>
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<td>Licenses and certifications must be kept current as a condition of employment.</td>
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<td>For DPL Positions Specifically:</td>
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Atmospheric Conditions: conditions that affect the skin, eyes or respiratory system.
Handles absentee replacement on short notice.
Handles emergency or crisis situations.
Occasional pressure due to multiple calls and inquiries.
Subject to pressure for multiple calls, inquiries, and interruptions.

**Level of Physical Demand**

For DPL Positions Specifically:
1-Sedentary (0-10 lbs.) - 2-Light (10-20 lbs.)

**Physical Demands**

For DPL Positions Specifically:

(Physical Demands are a general guide and specific positions will vary based on working conditions, locations, and agency/department needs.):

- **Sitting:** Remaining in a stationary position.
- **Reaching:** Extending the hands, arms, or other device in any direction.
- **Handling:** Seizing, holding, grasping, through use of hands, fingers, or other means.
- **Fingering:** Picking and pinching, through use of fingers or otherwise.
- **Talking:** Communicating ideas or exchanging information.
- **Hearing:** Perceiving and comprehending the nature and direction of sounds.
- **Repetitive Motions:** Making frequent or continuous movements.
- **Eye/Hand/Foot Coordination:** Performing work through using two or more body parts or other devices.
- **Vision Near Acuity:** Ability to perceive or detect objects at 20 inches or less.
- **Vision Far Acuity:** Ability to perceive or detect objects clearly at 20 feet or more.
- **Depth Perception:** Ability to judge distances and space relationships.
- **Lifting:** By Position, may move objects up to 10 pounds, or 10-20 pounds from one level to another.

**Background Check Requirement**

- Criminal Check
- Education Verification
- Employment Verification
- By position, Licenses/Certification

**Assessment Requirement**

None

**Probation Period**

None
Class Detail

Pay Grade: V-818
FLSA Code: Y
Management Level: 4
Established Date: 9/21/2018
Established By: Lori Schumann
Revised Date: 2/18/2020
Revised By: Blair Malloy
Class History: 2/8/2020 – update minimum experience to remove classification titles and minor typographical changes.
3/3/2019- Job Title revision