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managing budget transfers and virements in Oracle EPM Cloud

What are virements?

Virements are transfers of funds from one area of a budget to another. They provide businesses and public sector bodies the ability to reallocate parts of the budget within their organisation. This could be in response to changing local or macro circumstances. These reallocations usually take place without impacting the overall budget.

Transfer and virement cases include:

- Transferring budget from one over-funded project to another under-funded project
- Transferring budget from one financial account to another
- Transferring budget from a central cash reserve account to cash-strapped entities
- Transferring budget from one entity which has funds not due to be utilised in a certain time frame, to another entity requiring additional funds in the same time frame

Despite not having an impact on the overall budget figure, virements are often required to be completed in a controlled fashion, fully auditable, subject to approval, and reported on with commentary.

Common issues with transfers and virements

Budget transfers are often outside the scope of the Enterprise Resource Management (ERP) system as the transfers impact the budget rather than actuals. Yet most Enterprise Performance Management (EPM) budgeting and planning solutions are not able to provide the robust functionality to manage fully traceable budget transfers in a journal like manner. This often leads to the use of Microsoft Excel as the go-to solution which, as recent UK Government reported Covid 19 figures have taught us, may be detrimental to your health!

The typical issues that need to be overcome include:

- Security restrictions between entities
- Workflow surrounding the transfer needs to take place without affecting the 'Working' budget before being approved
- Flexibility to transfer budget from one to multiple entities or multiple entities to one
- Different treatment of transfers depending on the type of transfer, for example whether it is a one-time or a recurring transfer
- Being able to review the potential impact of the transfer before it takes place
- Having the history of transfers stored in an auditable manner with explanatory commentary and approval details

The Brovanture Solution

Brovanture has developed a configured software and implementation solution for Planning in Oracle EPM Cloud that meets organisations' requirements for process, controls, security and transparency with budget transfers and virements. This solution has been developed based on considerable experience and expertise with both this specific requirement and with all aspects of planning, budgeting and forecasting. Brovanture is an Oracle Gold Partner and has implemented and supports Planning in Oracle EPM Cloud across a wide range of mid-sized and large commercial and public sector organisations.

key features

RAISE:
A user can raise a virement request, completing the initial requirements for information such as the date, type of transfer, the full amount and attaching any additional comments or documents

DEFINE:
Leveraging the flexibility of Oracle Smart View for Office, users can choose one or multiple entities to receive the budget transfer as well as defining details such as project or financial accounts to transfer from/to

CHECK:
The system checks that the transfer has a net effect of zero and the user submits the transfer to be approved by management

LOCK:
The transfer becomes locked and cannot be amended until it is approved or rejected. Transfers are held in a 'pending' area so as not to impact the 'working' budget before approval

IMPACT ANALYSIS:
Management from both sides of the transfer are notified to review the potential impact of the transfer

APPROVAL/REJECT:
Management approve or reject the transfer
- If required, the transfer can be submitted to Senior Management for sign-off
- If they choose to reject it, the user must amend and resubmit the transfer

SIGN-OFF:
Upon sign-off, the budget transfer can take place and affect the 'working' version of the budget, crediting the sending entity and debiting the receiving entity

COMPLETION:
The status of the transfer is set to approved, for the user to see. The process is then complete

REPORT:
A report can be generated of the budget transfers for one or more entities to see the movements and the start/end positions

key benefits

- Pre-built solution reduces cost, risk and time to implement

- A tried and tested solution having been implemented as part of the largest Planning in Oracle EPM Cloud implementation in Europe

- Development and implementation team with experience of multiple implementations

- No additional development or implementation required when Planning in Oracle EPM Cloud is updated

- Based on Oracle 'best practice' solutions, enhanced for wider application and improved flexibility

To arrange a demo or discuss this solution further, please contact Brovanture.

about Brovanture

Brovanture Ltd, established in 2005, is a specialist provider of Enterprise Performance Management (EPM) and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solutions across all sectors and organisations, irrespective of size or budget. Initially, a Hyperion Partner, Brovanture became an Oracle Partner following Oracle's takeover of Hyperion and is also an Oracle NetSuite Partner. In January 2018 Brovanture became the 1st Oracle Fully Certified Cloud Excellence Implementer for Enterprise Planning and Budgeting in the UK & IRL. Brovanture is an accredited supplier with G-Cloud and the Crown Commercial Service and has ISO9001 and ISO27001 accreditations. The Brovanture team of highly skilled professionals deliver excellence, ensure success, and are experienced in providing services to a wide range of commercial and public sector organisations including Ted Baker, discoverIE, Reading Borough Council and Channel 4 Television.

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