

Tracking recovery funds and outcomes

Overview

IBM Cognos software lets governments meet the requirements of economic recovery funding by tracking allocations and reporting on program outcomes. Two new solutions are tailored to help agencies follow fund disbursement now, and report results in the long term.

With economic recovery initiatives such as the American Recovery Act, governments are sensibly demanding that all funds be tracked and the results of the investment measured. While some agencies are well positioned to link funding to outcomes, many will be challenged by these unprecedented requirements.

IBM Cognos software is a comprehensive solution for tracking funds and reporting on results. For decades, our integrated performance management software has let governments unite information and report on spending and outcomes to stakeholders through a web interface. IBM Cognos software allows agencies and departments at any level to:

Follow recovery funds and projects in one consolidated view. Drill down on project activities, progress and

ownership, and aggregate outcomes at an executive level.

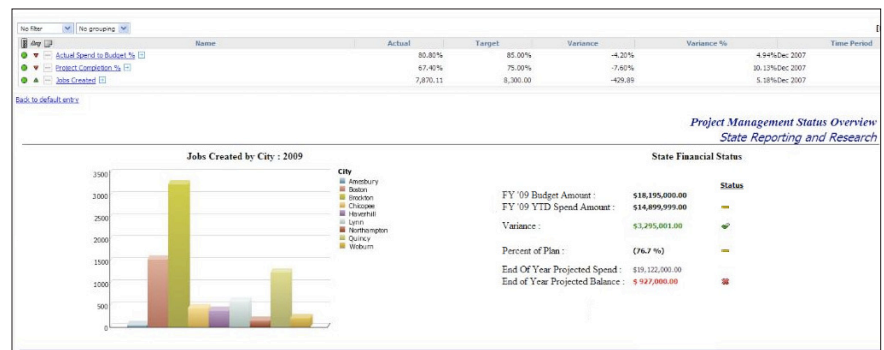
Link costs to outcomes. Use activity-based costing or other costing models to link spending to program results.

Track contracts. Monitor contract information including competitors, amounts spent and details.

Ensure accountability. Align funds with strategic goals, identify risks, track progress to avoid surprises and adjust resources to ensure desired outcomes.

Improve transparency. Eliminate program and budget data silos and report through a web interface.

Cognos has developed two integrated solutions based on our performance management platform to help any level of government with the immediate need



Follow project progress, drill down by city and track spending through an executive dashboard.

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to track allocated monies, and with the long-term need to measure and report on outcomes.

Tracking funds

The IBM Cognos Funds Tracking and Performance Solution lets governments responsibly track revenue received, disbursed and spent at a detailed or executive level. This solution lets governments:

- Track recovery spending separately from regular budget amounts.
- Follow an audit trail to each dollar.
- Comply with all requirements and add new as defined .
- Report on progress to oversight entities and the public through the web.

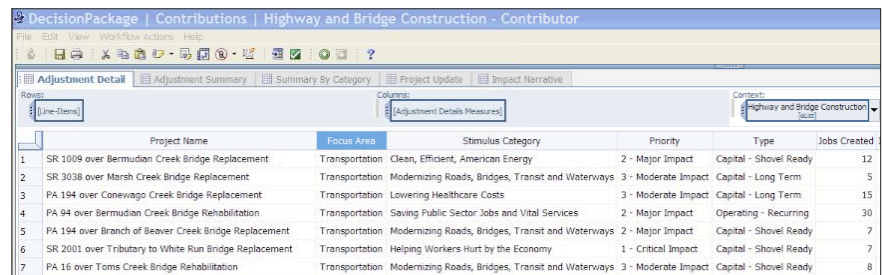
Following outcomes

The IBM Cognos Executive Performance Management Dashboard allows agency executives to align program performance with goals and track outcomes against spending. This dashboard lets governments:

- Report on budget use and program performance.
- Create program forecasts, budgets and scenario planning.
- Manage projects through timelines and alarms.
- Substantiate requests for future funding.

Delivering services and growth

While most agencies are equipped to track spending, many will need to implement new systems and processes.



Line-Items	Project Name	Focus Area	Stimulus Category	Priority	Type	Jobs Created
1	SR 1009 over Bermudian Creek Bridge Replacement	Transportation	Clean, Efficient, American Energy	2 - Major Impact	Capital - Shovel Ready	12
2	SR 3038 over Marsh Creek Bridge Replacement	Transportation	Modernizing Roads, Bridges, Transit and Waterways	3 - Moderate Impact	Capital - Long Term	5
3	PA 194 over Conevago Creek Bridge Replacement	Transportation	Lowering Healthcare Costs	3 - Moderate Impact	Capital - Long Term	15
4	PA 94 over Bermudian Creek Bridge Rehabilitation	Transportation	Saving Public Sector Jobs and Vital Services	2 - Major Impact	Operating - Recurring	30
5	PA 194 over Branch of Beaver Creek Bridge Replacement	Transportation	Modernizing Roads, Bridges, Transit and Waterways	2 - Major Impact	Capital - Shovel Ready	7
6	SR 2001 over Tributary to White Run Bridge Replacement	Transportation	Helping Workers Hurt by the Economy	1 - Critical Impact	Capital - Shovel Ready	7
7	PA 16 over Toms Creek Bridge Rehabilitation	Transportation	Modernizing Roads, Bridges, Transit and Waterways	3 - Moderate Impact	Capital - Shovel Ready	8

Evaluate projects to be funded, tie to a recovery category and track outcomes such as jobs created.

Using IBM Cognos solutions customized for this purpose, governments can gain a single overall view of programs and budgets and deliver meaningful information to stakeholders. This will not only ward off penalties and create a favorable environment for additional funding; it will ensure that programs deliver promised services to citizens and provide the economic catalyst hoped for over the coming years.

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