



Town of Montague
Department, Board, Committee, Commission
BUDGET NARRATIVE

FY 22

Complete this form electronically! Be clear and concise!

Department: Town Accountant Submitted by: Carolyn Olsen

1. Please describe and provide the rationale for any substantial changes in your FY22 line item budget submission.
Wages increase by a 1.5% COLA. Software support increases by 5% of the FY21 actual amount. Both of these are fixed costs and reflect the cost of inflation.

2. Did you receive funding for any special articles in FY21? What is the status of those expenditures/investments?
No.

3. Did you receive funding for a discretionary account in FY21? What have you purchased to date, at what cost? Looking forward in FY22, what do you expect to purchase at what cost?
No.

4. To-date in FY21, has your department experienced any notable successes, such as improving or providing new programs or services, or implementing new technologies? If so, please describe.

In spite of issues resulting from COVID-19, including additional reporting requirements (that differ notably between federal and state reporting), new leave time tracking requirements, and multiple ongoing IT projects that turned my office into a literal obstacle course (I currently have to actually climb/crawl over multiple boxes or 2 work surfaces to get to anything on my shelves), I have not yet even threatened anyone with bodily harm. I may have, on occasion, sworn with great emphasis, but I have not yet actually threatened anyone. My colleagues consider this not only a notable success, but a general improvement.

5. Are there challenges to your department's ability to meet its goals and objectives that are due to its FY21 operating budget? If so, offer your recommendation(s) for improving the situation.
No.