

**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Session, 2023

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H. B. 23- **49**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

To provide the Legislature with access to executive branch financial information for budgeting, appropriation and expenditure oversight.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 23<sup>RD</sup> NORTHERN MARIANAS  
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1           **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that collection of  
2 accurate information regarding the budget, appropriations and expenditures of the  
3 Commonwealth is a significant priority. In the past, the Legislature has depended  
4 upon the timely and accurate presentation of data and reports from the executive  
5 branch to make predictions on revenues and spending. As the Legislature has  
6 recently discovered, such information may be unreliable.

7           The executive branch now uses a modern financial and accounting software  
8 application (Munis, see attached brochure) through a contract with Tyler  
9 Technologies to maintain current data and reports on revenue and spending. That

1 same application provides instant data and reports for all types of financial and  
2 accounting needs.

3           According to Tyler Technologies, Munis is a “fully integrated solution” that  
4 “offers fast access to information, simplified reporting, and time-saving work flow  
5 to help local governments and school districts ensure accountability, make  
6 informed business decisions, and increase financial transparency.” This bill extends  
7 that transparency by providing guaranteed access to Munis, without any middleman  
8 limiting or changing the data or reports, for the Legislature in order to make  
9 accurate and timely decisions related to budgeting, appropriations and  
10 expenditures.

11           **Section 2. Amendment.** In Title 1, Div. 7, Pt. 1, Ch. 2, § 7209 of the  
12 Commonwealth Code is amended as follows:

13           § 7209. Review of Expenditures.

14           (a) No later than three months after the end of a fiscal year, the Governor  
15 shall submit to the legislature an itemized comparison of amounts  
16 appropriated and amounts obligated and expended during the previous  
17 fiscal year, and revenues identified and revenues collected during the  
18 previous fiscal year.

19           (b) The Governor shall provide to the Speaker of the House and  
20 the Senate President of the Legislature, for use by Legislative Bureau Fiscal  
21 Analysts and any other designees, access to the official electronic financial

1           and accounting application (whether referred to as Munis or any subsequent  
2           application). Such access may be limited to those functions used for viewing  
3           or generating (and not altering or entering) data or reports related to  
4           budgeting, appropriations and expenditures. In addition, the members and  
5           employees of the Legislature shall participate in training in the use of the  
6           application for oversight of the budget, appropriations and expenditures.

7           **Section 4. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of  
8 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court  
9 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its  
10 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid  
11 shall not be affected thereby.

12           **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein  
13 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or  
14 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted  
15 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding  
16 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have  
17 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,  
18 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

19           **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by  
20 the Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

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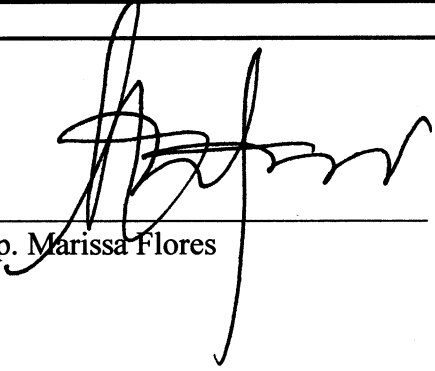
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a tyler erp solution

# Munis Financial Management

Integrated Applications for Powerful Performance



**Budget Monitoring**

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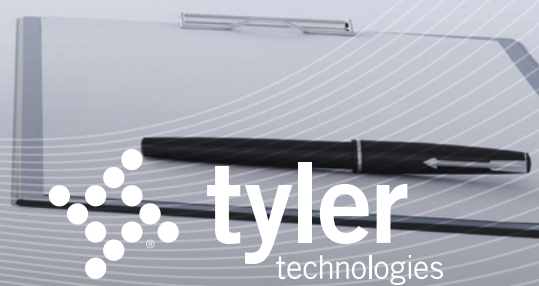
**\$11.4B** Revised  
**\$357.1M** Spent

Current Segment Budget. What segments are within budget?

Description	Code	Revised	Spent	Available	Over Budget
Salaries - Prof. Exec. A.	01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Salaries - All Other	03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SALARIES & WAGES	100	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SR Grade	56	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	
RECEIVABLE	2222	(\$187,805.00)	\$0.00	(\$187,805.00)	✓
Quality Assurance	07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
PROG YEAR	900	\$3,637,800.00	\$0.00	\$3,637,800.00	
PAID PROGRAMS	901	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Programs	67	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Operating Expenses	04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Segment Breakdown: 31.6B

Spending and Budget Trends



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## A Single Solution That Improves the Way You Work

Designed specifically for the public sector, Tyler's Munis® Financial Management suite of applications can handle every aspect of your accounting, budgeting, and procurement needs. As a core component of our advanced enterprise resource planning software, it is specifically designed to work the way you do.

Munis addresses the financial and accounting needs of the public sector with one powerful and easy-to-use solution. The fully integrated solution offers fast access to information, simplified reporting, and time-saving work flow to help local governments and school districts ensure accountability, make informed business decisions, and increase financial transparency.



# Achieve Accountability and Transparency with Munis

Financial management in the public sector has never been more complex. Organizations must justify program and service costs, adhere to complex and constantly changing standards, and adapt to an increased need for transparency — without increasing labor costs.

Munis was designed specifically to meet the demands of organizations like yours, streamlining financial management processes to provide a 360-degree view of your financial information to enable strategic decisions.

## Transform your financial management with Munis

Our applications help you easily integrate important financial data and streamline processes throughout your organization to provide tools for informed decision-making, greater efficiencies, and maximized resources.

## Benefits of Munis Financial Management

- Gain real-time insight into business processes for strategic decision making
- Improve operational efficiency, effectiveness, and responsiveness
- Create consistency of data and processes
- Minimize risk by improving financial controls
- Maximize the efficiency of business processes
- Improve compliance with local, state, and federal requirements



# Integrate Data Across Your Organization

## Munis General Ledger

The general ledger is the backbone of your organization's finances. For maximum efficiency and transparency, you need to capture transactions once in a way that is fully documented, completely traceable, and accessible to everyone within your organization and community.

The power of Munis General Ledger™ lies in its tight integration with all other Munis modules. It provides quick online access to account information, including the ability to easily view transaction details such as purchase orders, invoices, payroll data, and cash receipts, as well as a detailed audit trail across applications.

Munis General Ledger is a comprehensive and easy-to-use journal processing system for multi-fund budgeting and accounting that meets Governmental Accounting Auditing and Financial Reporting (GAAFR) and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) standards. Munis General Ledger automates journal entries, capturing transactions through single entry and documenting transaction details that are completely traceable, providing valuable transparency within your organization and district.





# Tools for Today to Plan for Tomorrow

## Munis Budgeting

Access to detailed facts, figures, and data is key to making good budgeting decisions. Munis provides industry-leading tools designed to help you plan, manage, and monitor your budget-related activities throughout the year, so your community operates from a strong foundation.

Simplified financial planning and budgeting tools in Munis gives you tools to effectively check transactions against budgets, run statistical data, and link dollars to results in real time. Whether you work on an annual, biennial, or even a ten-year capital budget, our advanced — yet easy-to-use — tools help you manage both existing and projected budgets.

Managing your budget is made easy with tools for decentralizing internal departments, importing and exporting to Microsoft® Excel® for easy manipulation and analysis, and forecasting the impact of salary and benefit costs. Users across your organization and district have insight into account balances in real time, from the time a requisition is created to when the final invoice is paid. Munis allows you to see how your budget dollars flow through the encumbrance process while providing you with an accurate reflection of what's been spent and what's still available.

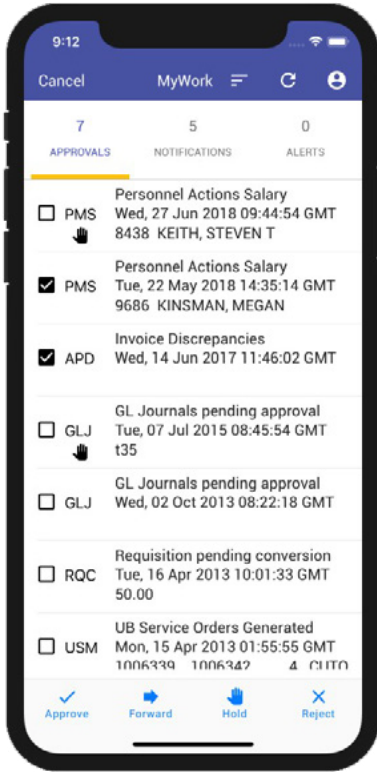
Munis provides a complete view of your organization's finances allowing you to streamline and simplify processes; perform budget projection, analysis, and forecasting; and increase efficiency while reducing costs and maximizing resources.

The screenshot displays the 'Central Budget Entry' interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home' and the user name 'matt franzoni'. Below that is a search bar and a toolbar with various icons for actions like 'Change Projection', 'Add Account', 'Delete Account', etc. The main content area shows 'Projection 1400 - Matt's Projection for Funds--' with a 'Current Level: ADOPTED--X'. Summary statistics include 'ADOPTED--X Total: \$1,213,269.92' and '2015 ADOPTED--X' with 'EXPENSES: \$1,213,269.92' and 'REVENUES: \$0.00'. A 'Ceiling Information' section shows 'None Found'. The primary data is a table with columns for 'Accounts (99)', 'Positions', 'Projection Totals', and 'Analysis'.

Org	Object	Project	Description	2015 ADOPTED--X	2016 ADOPTED--X	2017 Projected	2017 Original	2017 Revised	2017 Actuals
Totals				1,213,269.92	0.00	53,789.00	1,213,269.92	1,216,550.45	12,300.00
00	0711	52010	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES-----X	165,352.52	0.00	45,000.00	165,352.52	164,256.53	4,450.12
00	0711	52100	FURNITURE AND FIXTURES-----X	84,000.11	0.00	50,000.00	84,000.11	78,343.66	7,857.96
00	0711	53100	VEHICLE EXPENSE-----X	115,332.25	0.00	50,000.00	115,332.25	115,332.25	0.00
00	0711	53500	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE-----X	145,065.07	0.00	45,000.00	145,065.07	145,065.07	0.00
00	0711	54000	OFFICE SUPPLIES-----X	92,691.64	0.00	50,100.00	92,691.64	92,791.64	0.00
00	0711	54100	POSTAGE-----X	77,650.60	0.00	45,000.00	77,650.60	77,650.60	0.00
00	0711	54200	SOFTWARE EXPENSE AND LICENSING	39,527.95	0.00	50,000.00	39,527.95	39,527.95	0.00
00	0711	54300	BOOKS, PERIODICALS, SUBSRIPTNS	42,624.42	0.00	45,000.00	42,624.42	42,624.42	0.00
00	0711	55100	TRAVEL EXPENSE-----X	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
00	0711	55200	TRAINING AND EDUCATION-----X	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Central Budget Entry

# Streamline Operations with Powerful Simplicity



Munis MyWork mobile app

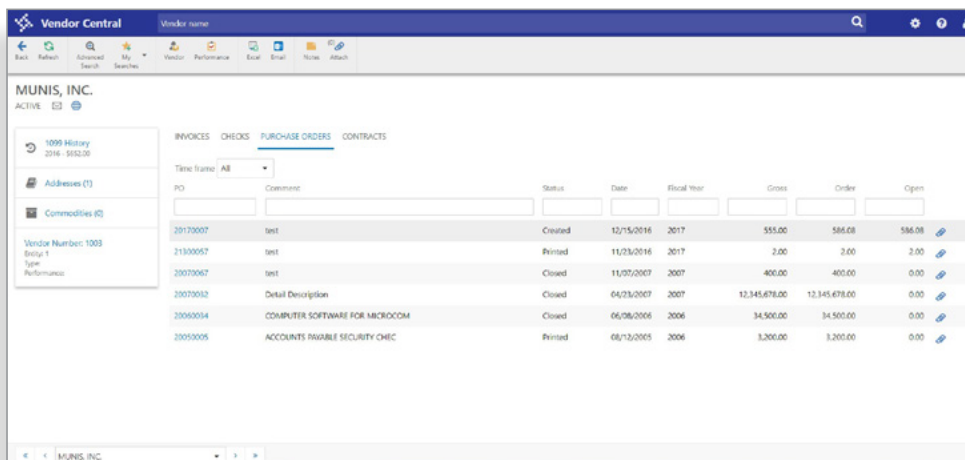
## Munis Procurement

Munis Procurement™ provides you with an enhanced, fully integrated electronic purchasing system for managing the processes associated with requesting, reviewing, contracting, and purchasing from vendors. From requisition to purchase, Munis Financial Management streamlines the entire procurement life cycle.

Munis Procurement increases efficiencies by streamlining the purchasing process, resulting in shorter processing times. The easy flow of information and the ability to customize processes ensure that all of your purchasing requirements and needs are met while improving the purchasing power of your organization.

Easily communicate with vendors using Munis eProcurement™, which integrates with vendor websites providing you the ability to shop online without leaving Munis. Plus, Munis Vendor Self Service™ empowers your vendors by providing a place to

view bids, submit required forms, review invoices, and check information. Munis delivers the right tools, functionality, and access to data to help you make the best purchasing decisions for your organization.



Vendor Central

# Maximize Efficiency with Integrated Applications

## Streamline approval processes with advanced work flow

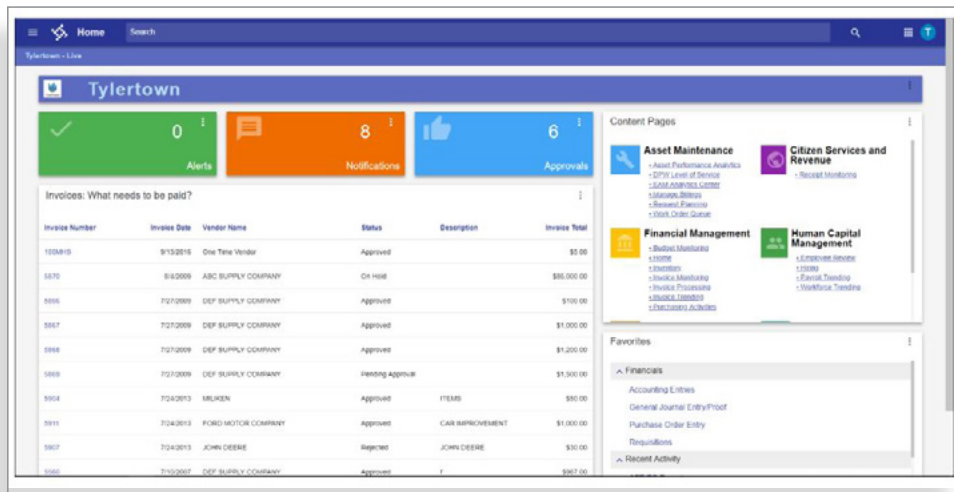
Munis reduces data entry and increases efficiency with automated workflow and electronic approvals. This gives you complete control to select which users should be included in each level of the approval process, regardless of how many approvers are required.

## Ensure data integrity with role-based security

From purchase orders to budgeting and beyond, Munis role-based security is completely customizable, providing you with the control to determine who has access to view, edit, or delete information across your organization.

## Maximize user experience

Tyler Hub is a powerful platform that delivers the functionality, technology, and convenience of Munis — simply, easily, and in one central location. It provides convenient access to launch programs — with the added benefit of displaying role-based information. By connecting the multiple data sources used every day, Tyler Hub makes it easy to monitor key processes, quickly perform routine tasks, and eliminate time-consuming data searches.



Tyler Hub

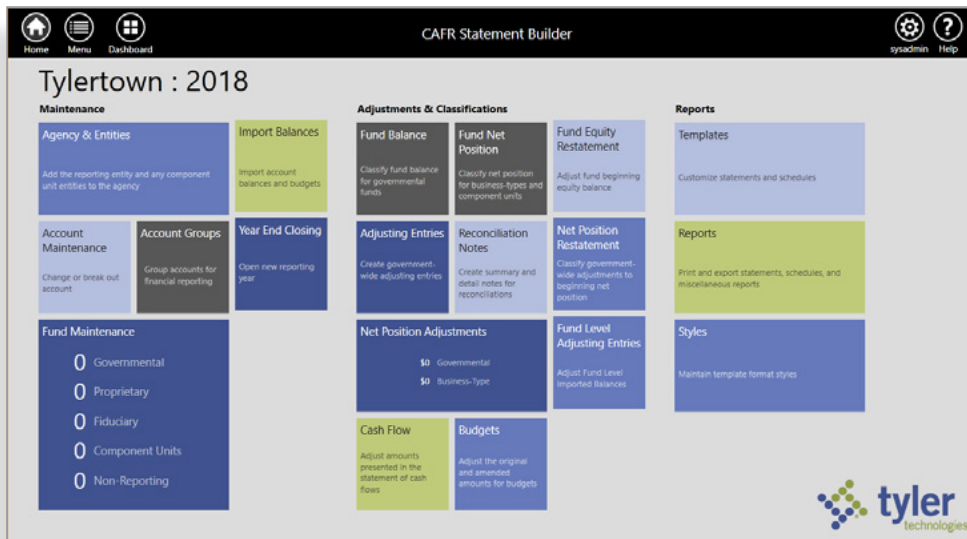
# Simplify Data Analysis and Reporting

Munis Analytics and Reporting includes several tools that help clients improve data management, analysis, information sharing, and report delivery. Robust Microsoft Office® integration provides seamless data exports to Excel for further analysis.

Support for industry-leading business intelligence and ad hoc reporting tools offer even further flexibility and customization while still using existing application permissions. Munis database cubes, built on Microsoft SQL Server Analysis Services, allow you to make better business decisions by easily viewing comparisons and trends with Microsoft Excel PivotTable and PivotChart reports. Using SQL Server Reporting Services, you can create and manage complex, interactive reports and deliver them in a range of formats. Additionally, Tyler employs a dedicated Munis state reporting team responsible for ensuring you maintain compliance with state and federal reporting mandates.

## Save time with Tyler CAFR Statement Builder

Tyler CAFR Statement Builder™ saves you time by streamlining the process of creating GAAFR statements and storing your preferences so you can use them year after year. This easy-to-use tool helps you produce a full range of statements and supporting schedules that you may have previously relied on your auditors to create. The process of creating statements is streamlined to a few simple steps, including importing data, entering adjustments, and assigning accounts to account groups, which saves you time. Tyler CAFR Statement Builder wizard is embedded with GASB rules and walks you through every step in the process while leaving an audit trail. With your statements in place, outside auditors can focus their time on performing true audit functions.



Tyler CAFR Statement Builder

# Solutions to Deliver Greater Transparency

At Tyler, we understand that you're busy. That's why we've created tools to simplify your most critical processes. From reporting to revenue collection and communicating with your community, our tools are designed to provide you with more intelligence and increased transparency so you can spend less time running reports and more time improving your community.

## Communicate easily with citizens and vendors

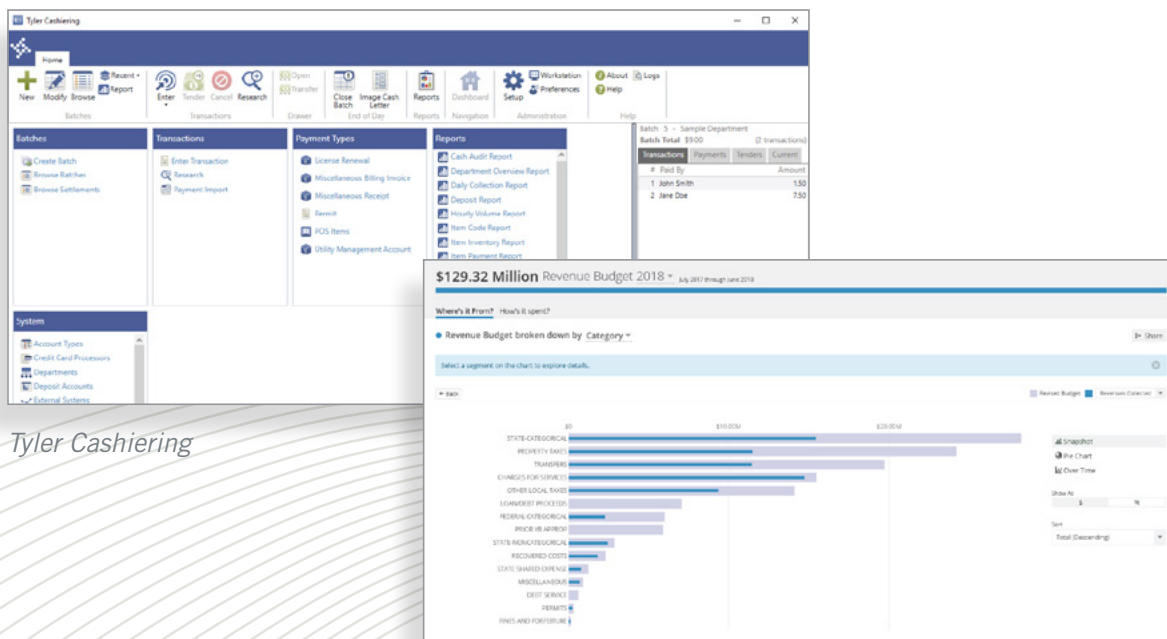
Getting data to internal resources is simple, but what about communicating with vendors and citizens? Munis self-service applications allow citizens and vendors to easily access their accounts online, and Socrata Open Finance™ integrates with Munis Financial Management™ to show your community how tax dollars are being spent through easy-to-digest charts and graphs.

## Automate content management

Tyler Content Manager™ (TCM) automates document handling across your organization — from batch scanning, indexing, and storage to immediate document retrieval. TCM automatically links purchase orders, forms, and other documents to reduce clerical work and guarantees your supporting documentation is accessible when you need it. TCM reduces your paper usage, file storage space, printing, and postage costs for significant savings.

## Gain effective revenue collection with Tyler Cashiering

Manage your organization's revenue collection from multiple locations and collection points with Tyler Cashiering™. Designed to streamline revenue collections, Tyler Cashiering integrates with Munis to centralize the collection process and provide exceptional access to cross-system collection tools with a versatile, easy-to-navigate interface.



Tyler Cashiering

Socrata Open Finance

# Integrated Financial Software Solutions for the Public Sector

## **Financial Management**

- General Ledger
- Budgeting
- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Project and Grant Accounting
- Cash Management
- Capital Assets
- Inventory
- General Billing
- Accounts Payable
- Asset Maintenance
- Asset Performance
- Tyler Cashiering
- Tyler CAFR Statement Builder

## **Procurement Management**

- Requisitions
- Purchase Orders
- Contract Management
- Bid Management
- eProcurement
- Vendor Self Service

## **Productivity Tools**

- Tyler Content Manager
- ReadyForms
- Reporting and Analytics
- Socrata Open Finance



## Why Tyler?

Tyler Technologies is committed to the public sector. We develop software and support solutions that meet the specific requirements of local governments, municipalities, and schools — and have been doing so since 1979. Our staff implements more than 100 new Munis sites each year, providing client training, developing new features, and providing technical support. By serving thousands of clients nationwide, we are able to see common issues, help identify best practices, and develop innovative solutions for our clients.

## Tyler's Evergreen Promise



Tyler is committed to providing clients with the tools they need today and into the future. We have dozens of clients who have used Munis for more than 30 years and we expect that they will be with us for decades to come. Why? Because we are committed to their changing needs. Every year we release new feature upgrades with no relicensing fees for clients with an annual maintenance contract. We call this our evergreen philosophy. And to help clients stay current with updates we have the Tyler EverGuide® support initiative, which provides training resources to ensure that you never lag behind. Tyler is committed to helping you maximize your Munis solution today and for years to come.

## About Tyler Technologies, Inc.

Tyler Technologies (NYSE: TYL) is a leading provider of end-to-end information management solutions and services for local governments. Tyler partners with clients to empower the public sector - cities, counties, schools and other government entities - to become more efficient, more accessible and more responsive to the needs of their constituents. Tyler's client base includes more than 15,000 local government offices in all 50 states, Canada, the Caribbean, Australia, and other international locations. In 2017, Forbes ranked Tyler on its "Most Innovative Growth Companies" list, and Fortune included Tyler on its "100 Fastest-Growing Companies" list. More information about Tyler Technologies, headquartered in Plano, Texas, can be found at [www.tylertech.com](http://www.tylertech.com).

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