Chief Financial Officer
County of Peoria, IL
The County

Peoria County Government has 825 employees serving under 8 Elected Officials and 13 Senior Managers, the latter reporting directly to the County Administrator. Eighteen County Board Members set policy for the organization and determine the County’s annual work plan.

Through a collaborative strategic planning process between staff, elected officials, and county board members, Peoria County Government has identified six strategic goals to focus the organization’s energy and resources on through 2020: Financial Stability, Infrastructure Stewardship, Effective Service Delivery, Healthy Vibrant Communities, Workforce Development, and Collaboration.

Peoria County’s adopted 2018 budget is $126.7 million, of which $42.5 million comprises the general fund. This year’s adopted budget was able to further advance the County Board’s reserve policy goals and financial stability objective.

To view Peoria County’s entire budget and the full realm of services we provide, visit our newly designed website at www.peoriacounty.org.

The Department

Peoria County’s Finance Department began operations in 2008. The department oversees coordination of all financial and accounting activity. Primary responsibilities of the department include maintenance of the general ledger, accounting for the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, and assembly of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The county has received annual reporting awards from the Government Finance Officers Association for over three decades.

In addition, the department coordinates the annual budget process, including environmental scanning, corporate balancing strategy development, department budget negotiations, and budget document construction. The county has received annual budgeting awards from the Government Finance Officers Association for over three decades.

Key duties also include oversight of purchasing, communicating fiscal condition, oversight of Medicare and Medicaid cost reports for the County-owned nursing home, fixed assets, and debt management and reporting. The development and implementation of core financial and accounting policies and practices in the organization is another opportunity for the CFO.

The Finance Department also works closely with the County Treasurer, who is responsible for all of Peoria County’s banking and investments, and the County Auditor, who audits all claims.
The Position

Peoria County is seeking a Chief Financial Officer to lead our Finance Department. The CFO is responsible for Peoria County’s financial affairs, to include central accounting and payroll, purchasing and procurement, debt management and administration, annual budgeting, multi-year financial planning, revenue forecasting, and monthly financial reporting to the County Board.

The CFO reports to the County Administrator and supervises a staff of 8 full time employees. The position is part of the County’s senior management team, participating in key decisions regarding economic development, capital planning, long- and short-term revenue and expenditure strategies, and all policies affecting the overall fiscal health of the County. The County Administrator encourages the CFO to participate and grow through professional networking, continuing education, leadership development, and community involvement.

Requirements for the CFO position include a Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college or university in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, Public Administration, or a related field and 8 years of progressively responsible professional experience, five of which must have been in a senior management capacity. A Master’s Degree, CPA and/or CPFO certification is preferred.

Candidate must have knowledge of local government budgetary and financial management practices and general administrative practices and procedures. Analytical skills combined with an ability to communicate the economic state of the county and its departments is critical. The CFO must be able to discuss complex financial concepts and strategies in a manner that can be readily understood by individuals with and without municipal finance backgrounds.

Candidate must also have a thorough working knowledge of word processing, spreadsheets, graphics, database, and other personal computer packages. The CFO must be a resident of Peoria County or must become a resident of Peoria County within twelve (12) months of the date of hire.

For a complete list of qualifications, please visit Peoria County’s job applicant center.
The Community

Peoria is home to a rapidly expanding health economy centered on two primary health care providers and the University of Illinois College of Medicine-Peoria. Caterpillar Inc. has a significant manufacturing and research and development presence in the region as well. The knowledge-based economy’s other major anchor is the USDA’s National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research Lab.

Peoria County offers some of the most affordable housing in the United States, quality education, and unique cultural experiences. Housing in the area includes urban lofts in the Warehouse District, comfortable homes in cozy neighborhoods, new construction in suburban subdivisions, and secluded country living with the median home price in the region a reasonable $116,000. The County’s 18 public school districts have a graduation rate of 90.3%, 7% higher than the national average. The region is home to Bradley University, Robert Morris University, and four colleges.

Cultural enthusiasts can enjoy symphony, ballet and theatre performances, visit fine art galleries, and experience local and regional museums. The annual Peoria Art Guild Fine Art Fair is nationally recognized and draws an attendance of 8,000. In addition, the Peoria RiverFront hosts numerous outdoor concerts in the summer months, and the 11,330 seat Peoria Civic Center arena brings in world-class acts each year.

Outdoor enthusiasts can fish and boat on the Illinois River, and Jubilee College State Park is 3500 acres filled with horse, bike, and walking trails, a fishing pond, and camping. Animal lovers will enjoy Peoria Zoo, with its newly expanded African exhibit, as well as Wildlife Prairie Park, a 2000 acre zoological park with wolves, bison, cougar, and elk. Plus, the award-winning Peoria Park District stewards more than 9000 acres of land that includes public golf courses, recreational centers, and the Peoria PlayHouse Children’s Museum.

Peoria is also home to professional hockey and baseball teams and the Louisville Slugger Sports Complex, which hosts many youth sporting events and tournaments. Plus, the Illinois High School Association basketball state championships “plays in Peoria” every spring, bringing in thousands of visitors.
Compensation

With our competitive compensation, benefits packages, and professional development opportunities, Peoria County is the place to turn your ideals about public service into a career calling.

Peoria County offers an outstanding benefits package that includes a health insurance package with lower premium increases than the national average for the last several years. Participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), along with deferred compensation options, provides the basis for retirement planning.

Our Employee Benefits Book is available to view at www.peoriacounty.org. It fully outlines our health plan, retirement, paid leave, wellness, and other perks of being a Peoria County employee.

Compensation will be determined by qualifications.

Selection Process and Schedule

This position will remain open until filled.

The selection process includes background and reference checks and pre-employment drug testing. Candidates may also be asked to participate in various other pre-employment testing.

Peoria County is an equal opportunity employer.

To Apply

Application, resume, and references should be submitted electronically through the Job Applicant Center on our website, www.peoriacounty.org.