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57% of Public Finance Leaders Expect Funding Cuts. Most Don't Have the Infrastructure to Respond, Report Finds.

New Euna Solutions survey of public finance leaders shows budget shortfalls, revenue uncertainty, personnel costs, accessibility requirements, and limited scenario planning are exposing gaps in legacy budgeting processes

Euna Solutions®, a leading provider of purpose-built, cloud-based software for the public sector, today released 2026 State of Public Budgeting Report, which shows public finance teams are facing modern fiscal complexity with outdated budgeting infrastructure. According to the report, 63% of public finance leaders rank operational efficiency as a top priority, yet most lack the infrastructure to act on it – operating in an environment where 57% expect further reductions in state or federal funding and 43% are already managing budget shortfalls.

The report, based on survey responses from 46 public sector finance and budget leaders across North America, comes as state and local governments face declining federal support, inflationary cost pressures, personnel cost challenges, and heightened transparency and compliance expectations. At the same time, many finance teams continue to rely on spreadsheets, static PDFs, and manual workflows to manage budget development, personnel forecasting, scenario planning, and public reporting. The findings reveal a consistent pattern: the demands placed on finance teams are growing faster than the tools and capacity available to meet them.

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