

## 2012 Release (Vsn. 15.00 - October, 2012)

***New Database for Mun-Ease*** – Our standard release can use either the SQL Server database from Microsoft or the ElevateDB from Elevate Software. (The ElevateDb database replaces the Borland Database Engine (BDE) that was used in previous versions.) Like SQL Server, the ElevateDB database is a multi-user database that supports database views, stored procedures, and multi-table updates that are processed as a single transaction. It is distributed to our users on a royalty-free basis. We provide a conversion utility that can move data back and forth between the ElevateDB database, the BDE and SQL Server.

***New Versions of Our Report Package Feature*** – Currently our Sizing, Refunding, and Arbitrage modules allow you to create a package of reports that includes a table of contents. The 2012 release has a new feature that allows you to add a cover page for the report package. The cover page can contain bitmaps of your logo and the client’s logo. We include logos for all 50 states with the 2012 release.

***New Graphics Package*** – We provide new graphics software with Mun-Ease. Our new graphics package allows users to incorporate gradient fills into each of the 14 standard graphs included with Mun-Ease. The gradient fills can be displayed in individual series, background panels, and/or graph walls. We also provide templates so that users can create professional looking graphs instantly with very little effort. The Sizing and Refunding modules now include options to generate graphs at the conclusion of a calculation.

***New Features in Internet Add-On Module*** – Our Internet Add-On Module allows you to place one or more Mun-Ease databases on a web server so that people outside of your immediate organization can obtain information about your debt. Our 2012 release provides the ability to run this program as either a CGI (Common Gateway Interface) application or one that uses Microsoft’s ASP (Active Server Pages) technology.

***New GASB 65 Reporting Features*** – With the exception of “prepaid insurance”, GASB 65 requires the issuer to expense upfront issuance costs instead of amortizing those costs over the life of the bond issue. Prior-year financial statements must be restated so that they are consistent with this new rule. We have revised our reports to include information that will facilitate the required restatements under GASB 65.

***Other New Reporting Features*** – We have added a new Escrow Agent Monitor report to help issuers ensure that the escrow agent has made payments on-time and in the correct amount to bondholders for the issuer’s escrowed debt service. We have enhanced the format of all of the reports in the Sizing, Refunding, and Arbitrage modules.

### ***Steps to Create the Escrow Agent Monitor Report***

1. Click on the *Names* speed button below the main menu. In the *Name Lookup* window, click on the escrow agent radio button on the left-hand side. On the right-hand side, enter the 10-character escrow agent code and associated 80-character description for each of the escrow companies used by the issuer.

2. Choose the *File / Descriptive codes* menu option for each of the refunding bond issues to be included in the report. Enter the paying agent code for each of the refunding bond issues.
  
3. For each of the refunded bond issues to be included in the report, choose the *File / Fixed Rate Bonds / Call / Defeasance Dates* menu option. For all of the refunded maturities, perform the following tasks: (a) set the call switch to 'Y', (b) enter the call date and defeasance date, (c) enter the bond ID of the bond issue that refunded the maturity, and (d) enter the escrow agent code of the company that is responsible for the payment of debt service from the defeasance date through the call date.