# Scenario for MIS Model

**Exercise**

The responsibility of MIS usually fell to the Finance (or Accounting) Office in a Park District setting because the number of accounting applications was great. Park Districts acquired minicomputers to support the financial functions. Other divisions would submit paperwork routinely to the Finance Office for processing (i.e., timecards, purchase requests, payment vouchers and etc.).

Park staff used terminals to check the budget, status of transactions and other financial information from their own offices. The accounting program was purchased from a software vendor who installed it on the agency mini-computer. The Finance Office had a contract with the vendor for application support, user training and software upgrades.

**Question**

1. What is the advantage/disadvantage to having the IT function as part of the Finance Office?