

Department: County Management

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Program Offer Type: Support

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

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Program Summary

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In FY 2018 the ERU will work with the Workday Implementation team to ensure that Workday incorporates the metrics necessary to accurately and effectively evaluate county organizational health and effectiveness. In addition, the ERU will: complete a review of countywide workforce analytics and workforce equity; issue and analyze the biannual countywide employee survey of up to 6000 employees; perform research and evaluation for the Department of County Management; respond to information requests from county leadership; and consult countywide on program evaluation, analytical methods, and data visualization to assist departments in developing internal research and evaluation capacity. Examples of past consulting projects include analysis of regional housing costs, surveys of county employees on behalf of county leadership, reviewing surveys for other departments, and presentation(s) on Dashboarding Best Practices to countywide financial staff.

The ERU will also continue to sponsor and manage a countywide Community of Practice for county research and evaluation staff that the ERU founded in FY 2017.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Number of reports, presentations, and dashboards issued	N/A	N/A	50	50
Outcome	Response rate to the Countywide Employee Survey	59%	59%	59%	62%
Outcome	Percent of information and consulting requests responded to within a week.	N/A	N/A	100%	100%
Output	Number of events for the countywide Community of Practice for Program Evaluation and Research	N/A	N/A	6	6

Performance Measures Descriptions

Response rate to the FY 2013 and FY 2015 Countywide Employee surveys were both 59%. We are estimating a 3% increase in response rate for the FY 2017 survey (which will be reported in FY 2018).

Response to an information or consulting request is defined as initial acknowledgement and arrangement of a planning conversation.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$366,590	\$0	\$402,135	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$36,129	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$366,590	\$0	\$438,264	\$0
Program Total:	\$366,590		\$438,264	
Program FTE	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 72001 Budget Office