

Department: County Management

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Program Offer Type: Support

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Evaluation and Research Unit (ERU) does research about workforce equity, employees' experiences, and evaluates programs both countywide and within the Department of County Management. The goal of this work is to ensure that County employees have the resources, support, and environment that they need to thrive as they do the important work to serve the community.

Program Summary

In FY 2022, the Evaluation and Research Unit performed projects to measure: whether employees are paid equitably; trends in hiring, promotions, and separations by different demographics (e.g., race and ethnicity, gender); and employees' experiences of work climate, belonging, job satisfaction, relationships with supervisors and coworkers, communication, the County's equity efforts, and how employees' identities impact their experiences at work. The ERU consistently consults across the County, ensuring that surveys, data collection, and other small research projects are performed with integrity and lead to actionable findings. The ERU also helps to organize a community of practice, which supports a community of researchers and a culture of collaboration and learning across the County's research and evaluation professionals.

The ERU plans to continue this work in FY 2023 and will build on it by working towards greater stakeholder engagement in their work in ways that model people-centered research and design and methods that embody principles of equity, safety, trust and belonging. For example, the ERU plans to convene an Advisory Group, which will be composed of members of Employee Resource Groups and Department Equity Committees, to guide and advise projects to ensure that employees' voices are centered in the work.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of consults performed and reports, presentations, and/or dashboards issued	424	150	175	150
Outcome	Response rate to the Countywide Employee Survey	58%	58%	55%	55%
Output	Number of stakeholder engagement activities	12	27	25	25
Outcome	Percent of county employees stating that they feel like they belong at the county	79%	80%	68%	68%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measure 1 included 331 pay equity consults in FY 2021. Pay equity consults have since transitioned to Classification and Compensation, so we do not anticipate as many in FY 2022 or FY 2023. Measures 2 and 4 are from the Countywide Employee Survey, which is done every two years. Stakeholder engagement activities are to ensure broad input from diverse stakeholders, including listening sessions and meetings with advisory groups.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$518,286	\$0	\$548,858	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$21,022	\$0	\$28,512	\$0
Internal Services	\$887	\$0	\$823	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$540,195	\$0	\$578,193	\$0
Program Total:	\$540,195		\$578,193	
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 2022: 72014 Evaluation and Research Unit