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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Employee Benefits and Wellness Program provides comprehensive health plan coverage, life insurance options and disability benefits for over 10,000 eligible individuals, including employees, their spouse or domestic partner, dependent children and retirees. The program also includes a Wellness component, which promotes and supports a healthier workforce, retirees and their family members by providing a wide variety of affordable activities and services addressing proper nutrition, weight control, fitness and stress management.

Program Summary

Internal administration of the Benefit Programs supports the County's unique business and financial requirements, while providing sound fiscal management of the offered plans to obtain the best benefit value for employees and the organization. The highly trained professional staff oversee administration of a complex array of benefit plans ensuring the County remains compliant with labor contracts, federal, state and local laws and mandates.

The Benefits Program consults and coordinates with all County employees and departments to ensure timely enrollment in benefit plans, complete accurate payroll deductions, produce user friendly benefit communication/educational materials, and act as an effective liaison between employees and benefit providers to facilitate problem resolution. The program works closely with County labor and management to structure benefit components that provide desirable benefit options within budgetary constraints.

Wellness programs can contribute to a reduction in employee absenteeism, lower health plan costs, enhanced employee retention and increased employee morale and productivity. Program offerings can be tailored to address the specific health needs of our population as targeted by health plan statistics: weight reduction, stress management, women's health, and cardiovascular health. The program offers a broad range of services to employees including regular wellness campaigns, convenient access to commercial grade fitness equipment, affordable on-site fitness classes tailored to work schedules, a library of wellness related subject matter and incentives program for weight loss.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Medical plan annual member count	11,801	12,600	12,000	12,000
Outcome	Participation in County Wellness Campaigns	--	--	1,451	2,000
Efficiency	County's monthly per employee benefit cost (increase)	4.5%	4.5%	0%	0%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output: Total number of members enrolled in health plan coverage during the plan year. This includes employees, retirees, COBRA participants and dependents from all. The FY member count reflects prior year enrollment. Outcome: Reports number of individual participating in County Wellness Campaigns, these began in 2013. Efficiency: Actual dollar costs per FTE FY 2012 \$1,128, FY 2013 \$1,179, FY 2014 \$1,179. Four-year national average increase has been 5.65%.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

County labor contracts contain benefit mandates for active and retired members. Benefits are governed by a variety of federal/state/local laws and agencies, including Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Dept of Labor (DOL), Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS), COBRA, Working Families Tax Relief Act, Older Workers Benefit Protection Act, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), HIPAA, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), CHIP, as well as civil rights and EEO laws. Labor contracts require transit pass be provided by employer. OAR Chapter 340, Div 242 requires employers to provide commute options to achieve and maintain a reduced auto trip rate. To meet this requirement, County assists DEQ with their bi-annual survey to determine current commute methods, then follows DEQ approved plan to meet target reductions.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$0	\$1,555,238	\$0	\$2,661,132
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,272,000	\$0	\$1,305,149
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$81,332,458	\$0	\$80,190,469
Internal Services	\$0	\$160,015	\$0	\$352,972
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$84,319,711	\$0	\$84,509,722
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Program FTE	0.00	13.37	0.00	13.37

Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$84,455,220	\$0	\$84,467,722
Service Charges	\$0	\$42,000	\$0	\$42,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$84,497,220	\$0	\$84,509,722

Explanation of Revenues

Sources of revenue are: departmental contributions for health plan coverage, benefit administration charge (1.00% of gross payroll), employee payroll deductions (both pre and post tax) for benefit plan participation, premium payments from retirees and COBRA participants, operational refunds/rebates/performance guarantee penalties from vendors, tax credits due to Federal and State subsidies, revenues from parking garage fees (applied to Wellness program only), fees paid by Wellness program participants. Revenues collected under 705210 pay for expenses recorded under 705200, 705211, 705212, 705213, 705214, 705215, 705216, 705217, 705218, 705230, 705240, 705245.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 72020 Central HR Employee Benefits