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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The County's Benefit programs provide comprehensive health and financial security options to help over 12,000 employees, retirees and their families to ensure their needs are covered. Health programs focus on prevention and managing chronic conditions. Work is ongoing to promote greater health equity. Our health vendors have been asked to increase access to more diverse providers within their provider panels and some improvements have been made.

The Wellness Program promotes and supports holistic workforce well-being across seven dimensions of wellness. It serves employees and families through programming, services, and practices, aligned with Central HR's priorities, that center equity and investment in employee well-being and experience, and workplace culture.

**Program Summary**

By internally administering the County's health and welfare programs, the department can best support our populations' unique business, labor and financial requirements. The team monitors transactions and contractual arrangements carefully to provide sound fiscal management in coordination with our DCM Business Services and Financial partners.

The Benefits team administers a complex array of plans while ensuring compliance with labor contracts, federal, state and local laws and mandates. Coverages include a variety of comprehensive health coverage options, a VEBA health reimbursement account, basic and supplemental life insurance, flexible spending accounts for health, dependent/elder care and transit, leave management, and short/long term disability benefits. These programs help provide employees with peace of mind by supplying the resources to protect their financial security and physical and mental health and well-being.

Participants include over 12,000 employees, spouses or domestic partners, dependent children and retirees.

The team also consults and coordinates with County employees and departments to ensure timely enrollment in benefit plans, accurate payroll deductions, and user-friendly benefit communication/educational materials. Member advocacy is available through Benefits to assist plan participants and facilitate problem resolution. Prospective retirees are counseled to understand their County-provided options during their pre-retirement planning process.

The program works closely with County labor unions and management to structure benefit components that provide desirable, affordable and sustainable benefit options within budgetary constraints.

Wellness programs can help reduce employee health plan costs and absenteeism, while enhancing employee recruitment, retention, morale, and productivity. The Employee Wellness Program adapts to serve the most relevant and emerging wellness needs of our employees as identified by population health data, employee feedback, and in response to Countywide equity efforts. Programming and policies focus on a holistic approach to well-being across multiple dimensions of wellness including physical, emotional, intellectual, financial, social, environmental, and a sense of purpose.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Medical plan annual member count.	12,100	12,400	12,400	12,500
Outcome	Participation in county wellness programs.	9,202	11,675	7,008	7,000
Efficiency	County's annual benefits cost change per employee.	-1.5%	3.3%	5.3%	6%

**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. Outcome: This totals the participation across all Wellness offerings in which some report unique participants and others report number of engagements by participants (not unique). Efficiency: Actual and projected changes in annual county benefit costs per employee.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

County labor contracts have benefit mandates for active and retired members. Benefits are governed by Federal/State/local laws and agencies, including the 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, PPACA, CHIP, civil rights and EEO laws. Labor contracts require a transit pass be provided, so the county follows OAR Chapter 340, Div 242 that requires employers provide commute options to achieve and maintain a reduced auto trip rate.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$0	\$3,072,042	\$0	\$3,156,213
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,574,773	\$0	\$1,822,330
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$113,553,710	\$0	\$121,271,289
Internal Services	\$0	\$393,296	\$0	\$373,490
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$118,593,821</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$126,623,322</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$118,593,821</b>		<b>\$126,623,322</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	13.12	0.00	13.12

Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$118,872,150	\$0	\$125,423,322
Service Charges	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$118,887,150</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$125,423,322</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

Sources of revenue are: departmental contributions for health plan coverage (\$97,827,704 Actives/\$8,100,000 Retirees), Short and Long Term Disability and Life Insurance (\$3,175,000); benefit administration charge, (\$4,467,273), employee payroll deductions (both pre- and post- tax) for benefit plan participation (\$5,650,000), premium payments from retirees and COBRA participants (\$4,650,000), and operational refunds, forfeitures, rebates, performance guarantee penalties from vendors (\$800,000).

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2021: 72020 Central HR Employee Benefits & Wellness

Benefit operations have converted to a primarily virtual format, with limited staff presence in the office each week for mail and check processing. Wellness numbers decreased because several programs that measure participation have been paused due to COVID-19, including fitness center utilization and fitness class utilization, and employee discount access. Other programming continues in a virtual format.