

Program #72004B - FRM Internal Control Risk and Accounting Standard

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Implementation

Department:

County Management

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Program Offer Type:

Innovative/New Program

Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:

72004A-16 - FRM General Ledger

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This program adds capacity to implement and monitor the County's internal control system and provides training support for accounting and SAP financial functions. This program assists with researching, analyzing and implementing new accounting standards, which will ensure that any impact from new accounting standards is incorporated into countywide training programs.

Program Summary

The Internal Control Systems and Training Support program is responsible for continually monitoring and updating assessment of control environment; tracking significant controls, developments, and trends so as to ensure ongoing compliance with applicable standards and auditing requirements; and implementing a risk assessment plan to identify key controls that may require additional monitoring or stronger controls.

Program responsibilities also include developing, implementing and supporting training presentations in connection with the Countywide Finance and Accounting Training series; conducting meetings with management and end users to assist them with understanding the system and provide one-on-one support or team training where needed; and identifying where finance and accounting training gaps exist throughout the organization.

Additionally, the program will review, analyze and implement governmental accounting standards board (GASB) pronouncements; ensure any impact from implementing new standards is addressed and incorporated into countywide training programs; and provide responses to standards that are in exposure draft form to voice the County's position on upcoming accounting standards.

Finally, the program will support the implementation of external auditors recommendations as they relate to the CAFR and financials; provide support to departments impacted by external auditor recommendations; and follow up with prior year auditor recommendations or best practices to ensure these have been effectively implemented.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer			
Output	Annual satisfaction survey to identify areas where additional finance and accounting training is needed.	NA	NA	NA	1			
Outcome	Percent of new accounting standards effective for the County that were implemented in a fiscal year.	NA	NA	NA	100			

Performance Measures Descriptions

An annual survey to help determine end user satisfaction with the central finance and accounting training program will help identify where training gaps reside and allow the program to focus on certain training needs.

When new accounting pronouncements and standards relevant to the County are issued, it is imperative to research and implement these standards quickly and efficiently. Implementing the standards prior to the effective date is a significant achievement.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), Ch. 297~Audits of Public Funds and Financial Records requires governments to have an external audit and that it be submitted to the Secretary of State - Audits Division. The Federal Register requirements per the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) require a system of internal controls. The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) establishes an integrated framework for internal control. The COSO framework is recognized as the leading guidance for designing, implementing and conducting internal control and assessing its effectiveness.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$93,641	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$1,900	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$95,541	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$95,541	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program is supported by General Fund revenues.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

New program offer.