

Priority: Accountability

Lead Agency: Citizen Involvement

Program Offer Type: New Program

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Related Programs:

Frameworks:

Executive Summary

Program to contract for two trainings for county staff who work with citizen advisory groups and other citizen committees within the county.

Program Description

A consultant will be hired to work with the CIC to develop and conduct an interactive workshop for county staff on working with citizen groups. The primary audience will be county employees who have responsibility for working with volunteer groups of citizens or who have other citizen involvement responsibilities such as supervision of such staff. Training will also include specific information on such topics as open meeting laws.

Program Justification

The CIC Interim report on Citizen Involvement in 2004 found the following:

"The county lacks a program of systematic training and orientation for either staff or citizens working with citizen participation. Many staff members are assigned to work with a citizen committee because of their technical expertise rather than experience, training or skills at working with citizen groups. There is no formal guidance for the work they are asked to do."

It recommended the following:

"To facilitate and promote effective citizen involvement requires skills and experiences that are not always part of the qualifications for specific technical jobs. Nonetheless, county staff will find themselves working with citizens and need to be provided with sufficient training to make good use of the citizens' time, energy and ideas."

This program will help to improve the experience citizens have with county decision making, improving their trust and confidence.

Performance Measures

Number of staff trained. Evaluation by participants. Results of exit interviews conducted by the CIC's Citizen Advocate Program with citizens at the end of their service on a board or committee.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

Program Mandate: 4 Program and Funding Level Choice

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$2,800	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$3,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes