

**Priority:** Accountability  
**Program Offer Type:** Internal Service  
**Related Programs:**

**Lead Agency:** County Management  
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**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Customer Advocacy and Application Services provide and support reliable, effective software systems used by County Management, Library, Community Services, Chair and Commissioners, and related groups. Services include managing customer relationships; capturing and prioritizing IT service requests; understanding and defining business needs; designing, building, and implementing innovative software and reporting systems. Systems improve the delivery of County services through automating business operations and providing easy access to information.

**Program Description**

Services include managing requests for IT services and ensuring that requests are well-defined, prioritized and scheduled in alignment with department and County priorities; understanding and defining operational needs and recommending effective, innovative technology solutions; and designing, building, testing, and implementing the selected solutions while sustaining existing systems.

Strategies include: 1) freeing up IT resource hours to focus on new project requests by tracking hours and analyzing data, evaluating existing application and identifying opportunities for consolidation, retirement, and other means of reducing maintenance requests. 2) leveraging County resources by reusing existing systems, evaluating departmental needs across the enterprise to leverage systems and prevent redundancy, and using Total Cost of Ownership to make informed IT investment decisions; Strategies will result in increase in IT resources available for higher value projects that will move County business strategies forward.

**Program Justification**

Supports and aligns with Accountability strategies through improved service delivery, leverage of existing technologies, and wise IT investing.

Current resources are focused primarily on "lights on" activities to keep current systems available with little time to implement "new" technology projects that provide higher business value. Through focus on application life-cycle planning, project governance and prioritization, and resource accountability, program shifts service delivery to focus on technology that can provide higher business value to departments and constituents.

Supported by IT industry research leader, Gartner Group, a strong proponent of formal project portfolio management which includes life-cycle planning for all business application, transparency and accountability for IT investment decisions, and IT resource tracking and monitoring.

Supports new processes for IT investment decisions via The IT Advisory Board sponsored by the Ops Council.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	Employee hours spent on new project requests vs maintenance requests	0	0	2,810	4,680
Outcome	Increase in employee hours spent on new project requests vs maintenance requests	0.0%	0.0%	15.0%	25.0%
Quality	Percent of IT customers ranking IT services satisfactory or higher	0.0%	80.0%	79.0%	85.0%

**Performance Measure - Description**

✔ **Measure Changed**

Output-number of employee hours spent on maintenance requests vs new project requests

Benchmark: Standard Hours, 9 FTE (Apps & CA)

Outcome-% increase in number of employee hours spent on new project requests

Target is 10% annual increase in 09

Quality-% of IT customers ranking IT services satisfactory or greater

## Legal/Contractual Obligation

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$0	\$1,816,214	\$0	\$1,729,152
Contracts	\$0	\$30,200	\$0	\$30,200
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$266,081	\$0	\$309,481
Internal Services	\$0	\$10,208	\$0	\$10,400
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,122,703</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,079,233</b>
Administration	\$18,916	\$222,006	\$15,743	\$219,811
Program Support	\$23,849	\$1,162,663	\$24,436	\$1,017,650
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$42,765</b>	<b>\$1,384,669</b>	<b>\$40,179</b>	<b>\$1,237,461</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$42,765</b>	<b>\$3,507,372</b>	<b>\$40,179</b>	<b>\$3,316,694</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$3,550,137</b>		<b>\$3,356,873</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	15.00	0.00	14.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$2,122,703	\$0	\$2,079,233
Program Revenue for Admin	\$42,765	\$1,384,669	\$40,392	\$1,237,461
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$42,765</b>	<b>\$3,507,372</b>	<b>\$40,392</b>	<b>\$3,316,694</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

## Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #72077, Information Technology -General Government Application Services