

## Request for Board Action Details

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6/15/2021	1	Board of Commissioners	approved	Pass

**Sponsor:** County Manager's Office

### Title

Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program

### Recommendation

1. Approve continuation of Ramsey County's participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program, as well as public distribution of the performance measures report via the County's website.
2. Ratify the County Manager's submission of Ramsey County's annual report of its adopted performance measures to the Office of the State Auditor.

### Background and Rationale

In 2010, the Minnesota Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation with the direction to develop standard performance measures and comprehensive performance measurement systems for cities and counties. The purpose of the Minnesota State Auditor Performance Measurement Program for Local Governments ("Program") is to "aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy and effectiveness of counties and cities in providing services, and measure residents' opinions of those services " (Minn. Stat. 6.90, Subd. 2). Each participating county is required to select at least ten measures from the twenty-seven items identified in the "Standard Measures for Counties" prepared by the Council on Local Results and Innovation (Attachment 4), implement a system for measuring them, and report the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation - State Auditor Performance results to residents by the end of that calendar year. The report to residents should be distributed through publication, direct mailing, website posting or at a public hearing at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input be allowed.

In 2013, Ramsey County staff examined the items listed in the "Standard Measures for Counties" and selected ten measures that provide a brief, high-level view of the county. These are the same measures that are proposed for submission this publishing year. On June 25, 2013, by Resolution 2013-182, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved county participation in the Program and the list of measures. The County

has continued to participate in the Program. The 2020 Ramsey County Minnesota Local Government Performance Measures Report was prepared according to the Program requirements. This report was posted on the County website. The same process for publishing and making the report available will be followed in 2021.

One of the benefits from participating in the Program is a reimbursement of up to \$25,000 from the State of Minnesota. In past years, the funds have been used to fund the work of the County's Policy & Planning Division in the County Manager's office to maintain and refine the County's performance measurement processes, and to fund the County's Progressive Internship Program.

To participate in this voluntary program, a county must submit a resolution each year to demonstrate the county's continued commitment to the program, including the submission of the report to the Office of the State Auditor and the release of its performance measures report to the public.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

☐ Well-being      ☐ Prosperity      ☒ Opportunity      ☒ Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

Tracking the County's performance over time in areas such as crime rates and low birth weight-indicators of outcomes that have disproportionate impact across race and ethnicity-help the County track its success in meeting its racial equity goals. Additionally, one benefit of participation in this program is a reimbursement from the state of up to \$25,000, which supports the County's Progressive Internship Program. The Progressive Internship Program provides paid internship opportunities to students of Saint Paul College and Metropolitan State University, institutions with highly diverse student bodies. Drawing from a more diverse pool of internship applicants enables the County to hire interns that more accurately represent the diversity of county residents.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

Every year, when Ramsey County submits its Performance Measures Report to the Office of the State Auditor, it also publishes the report on its own website, in the interest of greater transparency and accountability.

☒ Inform      ☐ Consult      ☐ Involve      ☐ Collaborate      ☐ Empower

**Fiscal Impact**

The program has a financial benefit to encourage county participation: a reimbursement of \$0.14 per capita, not to exceed \$25,000. Ramsey County will be eligible for the \$25,000 maximum under this program due to the size of its population. The County Manager's 2020-2021 approved budget includes the estimated annual revenue from this program.

**County Manager Comments**

Participation in this program aligns with the County's ongoing efforts to maintain open and accessible data. For more information about this program, see the Office of the State Auditor's Performance Measurement Program webpage <<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20130214.000>>.

**Last Previous Action**

On June 25, 2013, the County Board approved participation in the State Auditor Performance Measurement Program and directed the County Manager to implement the program (Resolution 2013-182).

Since then, the Board annually has approved continued participation in the program as well as public distribution of the performance measures report via the county's website (Resolution B2020-127; Resolution B2019-180; Resolution B2018-183; Resolution B2017-152; Resolution B2106-179; Resolution B2015-194; and Resolution 2014-201).

**Attachments**

1. Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program: 2021 Report

2. Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program: 2020 Report
3. Standard Measures for Counties