



TO: Government Performance and Finance Committee
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SUBJECT: What Works Cities – August 17, 2016
DATE: August 12, 2016

SUMMARY:

Staff will provide an update on the What Work Cities program, including recent efforts to improve the City's performance management and open data programs.

BACKGROUND:

In an effort to improve the City's practices using data, the City applied in June 2015 to participate in the Bloomberg Philanthropies' What Works Cities Initiative to accelerate the use of data and evidence to engage the community, make government more effective, and improve people's lives. The City was selected to participate as one of a 100 cities to receive technical assistance from the Sunlight Foundation, John Hopkins University's Center for Government Excellence, and the Harvard Kennedy School.

Based on an on-site workshop and self-assessment, What Works Cities and the City's leadership team identified two focus areas for the City's partnership with What Works Cities: Performance Management and Open Data. The City worked with What Works Cities from September 2015 to January 2016 to develop open data policies and procedures and improve the connection between the Performance Management system and the City's strategic plan.

In 2016, staff drafted 10-year departmental goals and, based on the City Council retreat, selected several 10-year goals to guide the City's 2017-2018 biennial budgeting process.

ISSUE:

At the meeting, staff will provide an update on the outcomes from the What Works Cities project, how performance management will be incorporated into the 2017-2018 biennial budgeting process, and the next steps in our ongoing work to improve our Performance Management and Open Data programs.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

RECOMMENDATION:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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