

# Financial Policy – Performance Management

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This Financial Policy supersedes and replaces any previous versions.

## PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

**Purpose:** To establish the framework for the County’s commitment to performance management.

**Policy:** Performance Management has specific guidelines and best practices documented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Performance Management is mandated to receive any Federal grants and/or pass-through grants as described in the Federal OMB Circular (2CFR Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 Part 200) Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Additionally, Performance Management is considered as part of Florida State Statute 212.055(11) Performance Audit, where any jurisdiction requesting consideration of a discretionary sales surtax referendum would have to submit to a performance audit including program efficiency, effectiveness, goals, objectives, and performance measures used by the program to monitor and report program accomplishments.

Alachua County’s performance program is managed by Budget and Fiscal Services. The program ensures performance results support identified strategies and requires regular reporting of the County’s performance efforts and outcomes.

Performance management improves organizational capacity by providing managers with data on established measures and operational performance. Performance data empowers managers by supplying data and information necessary to make effective, efficient, and timely management decisions to achieve desired results.

Performance management is a powerful tool used to integrate strategic planning, multi-year departmental planning, budgeting, and management with evaluation and reporting in a system that helps create an accountable, transparent, and responsive organization.

### **Department Responsibilities:**

1. Document alignment of departmental performance to the County’s Mission, Values, Board Level Strategic Guide, and Comprehensive Plan.
2. Set program deliverables and ensure operational priorities match those of the community via the Board’s guidance.
3. Develop meaningful measures, focusing on key performance indicators and outcome measures, to gauge program success and inform future policy and budget decisions.
4. Increase organizational coordination to eliminate waste and duplication.

5. Make data available to the public periodically through the annual Adopted Budget documents, presentations to the Board, and the County's website thereby keeping government accountable and transparent to all stakeholders.

**A. Process**

**I. Establish and updates the following:**

- 1) Mission Statement
- 2) Vision Statement
- 3) Executive Summary
- 4) Current Year Accomplishments/Future Year Priorities
- 5) Significant Budget Variances (if applicable)
- 6) Budget Allocation by Board established Focus Area
- 7) List of Services Provided
- 8) Description of Services Provided and as applicable Governing Authority
- 9) Quarterly Performance Measures

**II. Identify and provide quarterly updates to performance measures and targets in the Performance Management (PM) system.**

- 1) Establish, review, and update performance measures on a quarterly basis, to ensure the regular collection and reporting of specific information about the effectiveness, the quality, and the efficiency of government services and programs.
- 2) Periodically add or modify existing performance measures as the need arises based upon changes in the Board's Strategic Guide, Comprehensive Plan, changes to the agency's objectives, changes in program scope or establishment of new programs, based upon mandated reporting requirements, or where program evaluation results in the need for additional measures.
- 3) Once a measure is established, and annually thereafter, record future projections in the Performance Management system based upon targets identified by staff and/or

published benchmarks. Typically, performance measures will have two to three years of targets identified within the system.

- 4) Track and record measures, on a monthly or quarterly basis, as determined by the Department, Division, or program, depending on the reporting frequency needed to effectively and efficiently react to performance changes that are out of line with performance targets and change management strategy and direction to provide the best results to stakeholders. The preferred reporting frequency is quarterly.
- 5) Ensure all performance management components reported within the budget document, performance chapter, website, and all other reporting methods are accurate and factual.

III. Identify and link showcase measures and community indicators to improve transparency. **Budget and Fiscal Services Operational Performance Staff Responsibilities:**

1. Provide training and support for development of performance measures and key performance indicators, ensuring their relevance, effectiveness, and alignment with the Board's Strategic Guide.
2. Review all narratives, measures, indicators, and level of service information prior to the submission of the final budget.
3. Review quarterly all performance measures and reported actuals within the Performance Management system to ensure alignment and consistency within the agency.
4. Publish performance measures, outcomes, and narratives through the Annual Budget Document, Performance Chapter, and/or website, as appropriate.

**AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

History:

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