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GOAL 1

SUSTAINABLE DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

The Mayor's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion provided City Departments with a DEI Plan template that included a list of recommended strategies and performance measures that would allow departments to fulfill and measure the performance of each citywide DEI objective. In their DEI plans, departments identified which of the Citywide DEI strategies and performance measures they are using or plan to adopt during the current fiscal year. Departments also identified their own strategies for achieving each Citywide DEI objective.

1. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Adopt a departmental policy and practice infrastructure that centers and accelerates diversity, equity, and inclusion.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Dedicate staff, existing budget, time to management and coordination of internal DEI strategy.
- Integrate DEI principles into all decision-making processes.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Completed Vision and Mission Statement
 - » No
- Number of staff communications related to DEI objectives
 - » Unsure
- Budget and resource allocation for DEI objectives
 - » Yes
 - » Recurring funding for DEI initiatives has been approved beginning in FY23

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- N/A

2. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Transform the executive leadership capacity to shift DEI practices, processes, and power dynamics that influence impact.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Quarterly collaboration and communication with the Mayor's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Number and types of coaching provided to leadership
 - » N/A
 - » Pending with new funding allocated for FY23.
- Frequency of meetings with Mayor's Office of DEI and identification of issues resolved through collaboration
 - » Quarterly

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

GOAL 2

WORKFORCE EQUITY & WORKPLACE INCLUSION

1. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Build and retain a workforce that better reflects and serves the residents of Philadelphia - across all functions and leadership levels - inclusive of race, ethnicity, religion, disability, age, gender, gender identify and sexual orientation.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Build and sustain a diverse and inclusive leadership team.
- Complete the annual Exempt Workforce Planning Document and track the anticipated hiring and vacancies in the departmental workforce for the next fiscal year, including hiring opportunities in the exempt workforce as required by EO 1-20.
- For each position, develop and implement a plan for recruitment from a diverse, qualified group of applicants designed to achieve equitable representation across all functions and levels: leadership, management, and staff.
- Ensure advertising reaches diverse communities where a wide variety of candidates are more likely to look for job postings.
- Identify civil service positions where it is difficult to source diverse candidates and work with the Office of Human Resources to attract applicants from diverse groups.
- Identify positions and categories of diversity (race, gender, identity, etc.) where department has achieved progress in hiring diverse, qualified candidates.
- Ensure job requirements and classifications are evaluated for bias and eliminate barriers to recruitment - such as unnecessary education requirements and experience.
- Create a diverse hiring panel (of gender, age, race/ethnicity) to assist with assessing candidates at all levels of the hiring process (resume review, interviews, etc.). This key step in the process better ensures that equity will be built into the process and mitigates the impact of implicit biases.
- Utilize Exempt Diversity Handbook and partner with DEI/OHR where helpful to identify talent across diverse communities.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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GOAL 2

- List of recruitment efforts and recruitment opportunities
 - » Yes
- Diverse hiring panel attestations
 - » Yes
- Exempt workforce metrics
 - » Yes
- Diversity of executive leadership team
 - » Yes

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

2. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Require and sustain a workplace culture of inclusion that values and promotes respect, belonging and opportunity for all.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Consistent with the strategies set forth under Goal 3 (Impactful Learning and Professional Development), ensure that executive leadership and managers receive training on supporting a diverse, inclusive work environment.
- Discuss the importance of creating an inclusive working culture during staff meetings or other forums.
- Track the number of formal complaints or informal concerns related to Equal Employment Opportunity ("EEO") or DEI matters, including contacts with the Employee Relations Unit.
- Promote the use of the Employee Self Identification Census in OnePhilly, with which employees can voluntarily self-identify using expanded sexual orientation and gender identity options.

GOAL 2

- Create an accommodating workplace environment for employees with disabilities, including a strategy for accommodating employees with disabilities.
- Involve the department's management team in the department's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals.
- Develop a process to identify and address microaggressions or micro-inequities that have occurred within the department.
- Develop a strategy or policy that supports transgender employees who may be transitioning.
- Listen, acknowledge, and respond to employee stress generated by pandemic, social unrest, equity, violence, etc.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Compliance with DEI workforce plan and progress toward goals identified in plan
 - » Yes
- Progress toward identification and elimination of barriers to retaining and promoting diverse staff
 - » In progress
- Identification of efforts done to create an inclusive environment
 - » In progress

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective

- » N/A

3. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Improve the retention of diverse employees.

KEY STRATEGIES

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GOAL 2

- Assess opportunities to develop strategies to retain qualified, diverse talent.
- Identify onboarding processes and identify opportunities within those processes to effectively integrate diverse employees into the organization.
- Conduct exit interviews to understand reasons contributing to loss of diverse talent and other DEI issues, with a plan to address and remove barriers.
- In partnership with the Office of Human Resources, communicate employee wellness resources to address stress management, physical fitness, dependent care, selfcare, nutrition, mental health, work-life balance, and financial wellness.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Number of stay interviews
 - » N/A
- Number of exit interviews
 - » N/A
- Results of exit interviews by race/ethnicity, gender, etc.
 - » N/A
- Onboarding policy
 - » Yes
- Employee satisfaction survey results
 - » N/A

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- N/A

4. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Improve the promotion of diverse employees.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Assess existing promotion strategies to increase opportunities for diverse persons.

GOAL 2

- In collaboration with the Office of Human Resources, evaluate job design and classification for bias within the exempt workforce.
- In partnership with the Office of Human Resources, ensure that managers and supervisors identify strategies to assist diverse employees to become qualified for progression into mid-management positions.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Number and types of initiatives and reforms generated in response to assessment of existing policies
 - » 3
 - » Analysis of Pay Gap that exists between Code Enforcement and Construction Inspectors/Supervisors. Successful salary increase for Code Enforcement Supervisors. Still advocating for one pay range increase to become equivalent with Construction Supervisors.
- Number and types of advancement opportunities
 - » N/A
- Mid-management strategy
 - » Yes
 - » Streamlining of Career Path for Clerical staff for promotional opportunities into Code Administrator series.

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

GOAL 3

IMPACTFUL LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

1. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Deepen staff capacity and develop a culture of learning to embed diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies in everyday work.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Periodic training for managers and supervisors on how to manage diverse, inclusive teams.
- Provide all employees with access to professional development or mentorship opportunities.
- Provide professional development opportunities that are directly related to building leaders from diverse underrepresented talent.
- Train employees on implicit bias, every three years, at a minimum.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Number and types of trainings
 - » Will be planned for FY23.
- Number of staff participating in training and DEI initiatives
 - » N/A
- Number and types of DEI specific staff communications
 - » Unsure
- Employee inclusion surveys
 - » Surveys not yet conducted.
- Number and types of initiatives and reforms generated in response to trainings, surveys
 - » N/A

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

1. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Develop a departmental budget that centers and accelerates racially equitable impact, diversity, and inclusion.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Thoroughly participate in annual racial equity budget process.
- Advance racial equity as part of the core work the department performs.
- Administer critical programs or policies with the department's existing budget to improve racial equity.
- Use some of the department's existing budget to create an inclusive, anti-racist workplace.
- Involve internal and/or external stakeholders, including marginalized communities of color and other underrepresented community groups, in the department's budget process and program/policy design.
- Allocate existing resources to the recruitment of diverse, qualified candidates.
- Allocate existing resources to professional development for employees.
- Evaluate performance measures reported in the City's Five Year Financial and Strategic Plan to identify where data is currently or could possibly be disaggregated by race and develop a path to achieve disaggregation to uncover disparities in performance outputs and outcomes.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Allocation of resources to equity, recruitment, and training initiatives
 - » Yes
- Number and types of inclusion and anti-racist workplace initiatives
 - » N/A
- Number and types of community engagement events used to inform budget priorities
 - » Unsure
- Records of attendance/outreach at events used to inform budget priorities
 - » Unsure

GOAL 4

BUDGET EQUITY

- Disaggregated data and metrics relevant to the department's Five Year Financial and Strategic Plan performance measures
 - » No
 - » Disaggregated data not yet completed. Planned for FY23 with new funding for DEI consultant.

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

1. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Advance economic opportunities for diverse business enterprises.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Pursuant to EO 1-21, submit an annual Compliance Plan that includes Benchmarks and an overall strategy for providing maximum opportunities for M/W/DSBE participation.
- Maximize the utilization of M/W/DSBE firms for contracting.
- Meet or exceed department's annual M/W/DSBE benchmark for inclusive contracting.
- Allot time (quarterly) to meet with OEO staff to monitor progress toward achieving the Department's annual Benchmark, discuss challenges to inclusive contracting, and identify solutions to ensure inclusive contracting.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Submission of completed, approved Compliance Plan
 - » Yes
- Annual participation levels of Minority, Women, Disabled Owned Business Enterprises
 - » Above Goal

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

GOAL 6

EQUITABLE CITY SERVICES & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Ensure fairness and equitable services, resources, and opportunities so that all Philadelphia residents reach their full potential.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Evaluate resources and capacity to consult with non-profit organizations that are actively engaged in identifying critical diversity issues and committed to making the City more inclusive.
- Evaluate resources and capacity to survey community needs and responses to Department initiatives.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Number and types of engagement with community organizations
 - » Unsure
- Community survey results
 - » Unsure
 - » Planned to expand this effort in FY23 through DEI consultant hiring.

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

2. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Enhance City customer service being provided by the department.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Evaluate quality of customer service being provided by department.
- Conduct department outreach in diverse communities.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Community/customer satisfaction survey results.
 - » Unsure
- Number, types, and location of outreach events
 - » The Department frequently attends community meetings. The Department needs to formalize better tracking of frequency of attendance and topics discussed for reporting out. This will be expanded in FY23.

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

3. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Produce more racially equitable outcomes for all Philadelphians.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Identify and move forward opportunities for the department to decrease the percentage of people of color living below the poverty line in Philadelphia.
- Identify and move forward opportunities for the department to increase the educational attainment of a bachelor's degree or higher for people of color.
- Identify and move forward opportunities for the department to increase the percentage of people of color working quality jobs, i.e., jobs that guarantee family sustaining wages or a competitive salary; health, dental and other benefits; and promotion and career advancement opportunities.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Identification and progress of department strategies identified to create more racially equitable outcomes.
 - » In Progress

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

4. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Full integration of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- » Increase accessibility to meetings, events, opportunities for people with disabilities to engage with the City.
- » Empower ADA liaison to track inquiries, grievances, and resolutions.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Track how people engage with the department: how many times American Sign Language interpretation provided; utilization of closed captioning; call in options
 - » Unsure
- Department compliance with Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities guidance
 - » N/A
- Number and types of inquiries and grievances handled by ADA liaison
 - » N/A

- Number and types of resolutions of inquiries and grievances handled by ADA liaison
 - » N/A

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

5. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Ensure meaningful language access for Limited English Proficient residents in Philadelphia.

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Update department's Language Access Plan annually and as needed.
- Track performance of language access policies and procedures.
- Work with the Office of Immigrant Affairs to improve language access policies and procedures.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Maintenance of Language Access Plan
 - » Yes
- Number and types of requests for language access assistance
 - » N/A
- Outcome of requests for language access assistance
 - » N/A

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

RACIAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

1. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Implement and strengthen the department's Racial Equity Action Plan

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Complete Racial Equity Action Plan cohort process.
- Identify racial equity priorities for department.
- Identify and advance strategies to address each racial equity priority area.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Racial Equity Action Plan implementation progress
 - » In progress
 - » Department participated in Cohort 1 and has developed the Racial Equity Action Plan.
- List of new priority strategies or areas of concern identified since conclusion of racial equity cohort process
 - » In progress

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A

2. CITYWIDE DEI OBJECTIVES

Adopt a departmental policy and practice infrastructure that centers and accelerates sustained redress of racial disparities internally

KEY STRATEGIES

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- Assess and identify internal racial disparities on an annual basis and as need
- Identify where departmental policies, practices, attitudes, and cultural messages are resulting in differential outcomes by race on an annual basis and as needed.

METRICS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Reduction and/or elimination of disparities and differential outcomes by race
 - » Yes
 - » Continued Internal Racial Equity Team meetings discuss ongoing Racial Equity issues/concerns.

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Describe any additional strategies the department is using or plans to use to advance the citywide objective.

- » N/A