

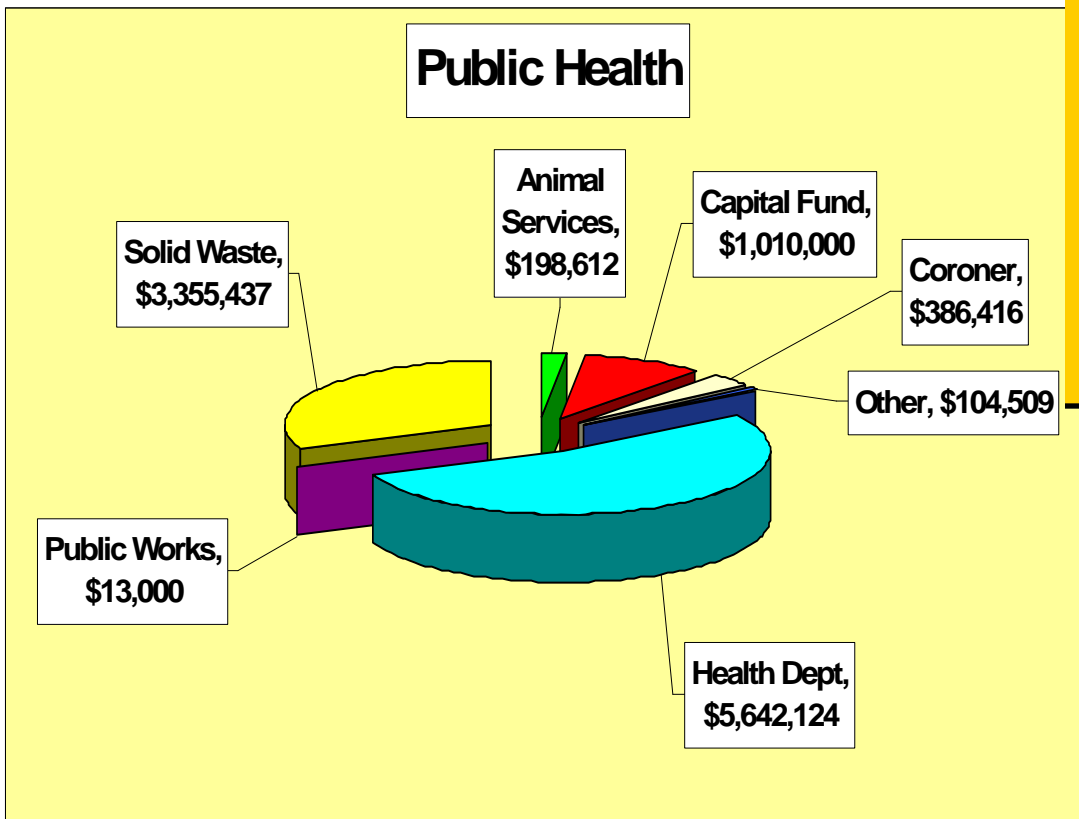
# PUBLIC HEALTH

*"I WANT A HEALTHY MESA COUNTY"*

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- Animal Services
- Coroner
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## Public Health



PUBLIC HEALTH  
OFFER SUMMARY

Offer	Department	Ranking	2007 Offer Revenue	2007 Offer Expenditures	Results Team Recommendation	Administration Recommendation	Compensation /Benefit Increases	Approved Budget
Immunize	Health Dept	1	\$ 548,500	\$ 513,897	\$ 513,896.77	\$ 489,895.98	\$ 18,254.90	\$ 508,150.87
Cons Prot	Health Dept	2	103,000	373,842	373,842	373,842	12,353	386,196
Water Quality	Health Dept	3	188,700	301,805	301,805	301,805	17,275	319,079
Air Quality	Health Dept	4	139,145	178,310	178,310	178,310	4,007	182,317
Zoonosis	Health Dept	5	29,500	209,861	209,861	209,861	3,156	213,017
Family Planning	Health Dept	6	900,000	1,103,967	1,054,720	1,054,720	47,203	1,101,923
HD Admin	Health Dept	7	1,041,779	1,867,206	1,867,206	1,867,206	72,377	1,939,583
AS - Rabies	Animal Services	8	164,000	183,350	183,350	183,880	14,732	198,612
Solid Waste	Solid Waste	9	4,159,000	3,355,015	3,355,015	3,327,847	27,590	3,355,437
Coroner	Coroner	10	0	411,988	287,486	364,477	21,939	386,416
Health Ed	Health Dept	11	920,125	981,038	920,125	981,038	13,904	994,942
HD Billing Office	Health Dept	12	119,160	288,768	0	0	0	0
Septic Elim	Public Works	13	4,385	13,000	13,000	13,000	0	13,000
CEC	Non-Profit	14	0	40,000	0	0	0	0
Other						104,509		104,509
Capital Improvement Program						1,010,000		1,010,000
Public Health Total			\$ 8,317,294	\$ 9,822,047	\$ 9,258,617	\$ 10,460,390	\$ 252,792	\$ 10,713,182

**OFFER:** IMMUNIZATIONS  
**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Adult and Children's Immunization Programs work to decrease preventable illness through the use of vaccines. The Communicable Disease program provides local public health support for communicable disease reporting, investigation, follow-up and treatment.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. Rates of immunization for universally recommended vaccines among children, as identified in the State and National HP2010 objectives, are achieved and maintained
2. VFC Quality Assurance and the Diagnostic site visit summary reports will reflect acceptable compliance levels as defined by the CDC CASA
3. Rates and trends for communicable disease will reflect appropriate response to surveillance, reporting, investigation and control.

**OFFER:** ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH—CONSUMER PROTECTION  
**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Consumer Protection Program aims to ensure that Mesa County citizens have access to safe and wholesome retail and manufactured foods, child care, schools, water, group gatherings, public accommodations, campgrounds and body art facilities. Disease investigations and educational programs supplement inspection and regulatory enforcement of State and locally promulgated rules and regulations in these areas.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

License and inspect all retail food establishments operating in Mesa County within regulatory frequencies during 2007.

**OFFER:** ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH—WATER QUALITY  
**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Water Quality (WQ) Program establishes minimum standards and regulations for individual sewage disposal systems (ISDS) promoting human and environmental health by minimizing the potential to pollute land, surface water and groundwater. The WQ program administers septic system installers and pumpers, swimming pool inspections, putrescible garbage and illegal wastewater discharge.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. Perform site specific soil evaluation, percolation testing, and final inspection in a competent and timely manner for an average of 378 ISDS permits yearly.
2. Subsequent property improvements for those served by septic systems require septic clearance issued at an annual rate of about 334.
3. Up to 80 public and semi-public swimming pools are inspected annually to ensure proper sanitation and water quality.

**OFFER:** ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH—AIR QUALITY

**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Air Quality Program consists of activities which are designed to improve and enhance air quality in Mesa County through: monitoring of ambient air quality; regulating open burning activity; monitoring airborne pollen levels and providing forecasts; inspection of air pollution sources; providing wintertime wood burning advisories under the Western Slope Air Watch program, and responding to air pollution complaints.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Achieving a minimum of 90% recovery of potential air quality monitoring data collection possible during 2007.

**OFFER:** ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH—ZOOONOSIS PROGRAM

**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Program aims to prevent human death and illnesses caused by diseases - such as hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, plague, tularemia, West Nile Virus and others - that are transmitted from animals to people. Control efforts include investigations and surveillance/testing of zoonotic activity in the County, elimination and treatment of habitat with disease transmission potential, collaboration with other agencies, and public education.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. Public information will be provided for the mentioned diseases through public presentations, public service announcements, information sheets and web postings.
2. Detection will be achieved through monthly surveillance of prairie dog colonies and weekly collection and testing of mosquitoes, 24-hour capacity for receiving dead animal calls, weekly submissions of animals for testing as available, and collaboration with related agency personnel.
3. Interventions will be conducted on a continuous/seasonal basis, and when surveillance indicates threshold levels of disease have or may be exceeded.

**OFFER:** FAMILY PLANNING

**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

1. The Family Planning Program provides reproductive health care, education and low cost contraceptives for men and women.
2. Sexually Transmitted Infection Control is through the Family Planning clinic providing STI screenings, diagnosis, treatment and partner notification.
3. Colorado Cancer Control Initiative (CWCCI) is a partnership of MCHD Family Planning clinic and the Mesa County DHS offering breast and cervical cancer screenings and referrals for women ages 40-64.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

1. Rate of teen and unintended pregnancies in Mesa County.
2. All Family Planning program audits (medical, administrative, and chart) conducted by the CDPHE meet or exceed standards set.
3. Percentage of women that meet CWCCI program eligibility criteria and use services will remain at same level or increase.

**OFFER:** HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This includes Emergency Preparedness, Communications, Public Health Technology, Clerical/Managerial/Accounting Support, Vital Statistics, and Strategic Planning/Community Assessment. This offer includes all health departmental leadership and management team members except the director of environmental health.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. Birth and death certificates will be issued in a timely fashion in accordance with regulatory requirements.
2. Contract deliverables for federal emergency preparedness contracts will be accomplished.
3. No management letter comments in the county audit as a result of health department fiscal activities.

**OFFER:** RABIES AND BITE PREVENTION

**DEPARTMENT:** ANIMAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Mesa County Animal Services (MCAS) was established to prevent the transfer of rabies from non-domesticated animals to pet animals and/or citizens. A licensing program was developed to identify vaccinated pets and a shelter established to quarantine and/or process specimens to identify animals contagious with rabies at the time of contact.

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**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. Number of pet owners with an active license and rabies vaccination.
2. Number of PSA's placed in local media
3. Number of educational presentations in the community

**OFFER:** SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**DEPARTMENT:** SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Integrated Solid Waste Management services as detailed within Mesa County's Solid Waste Management Plan including: the Mesa County Landfill and Transfer Station System, the Green Waste Composting Program, the Biosolids and Animal Mortalities Composting Program, the Riverfront Recreational Corridor Program, and the Public Outreach/Education Program. Solid Waste Management operates as a Mesa County Enterprise (business) separate and distinct from the General Fund. Revenues from the enterprise fully fund all activities of the Division in the short and long term.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. Phone surveys of other Counties through the state documenting the range of services they provide along with associated costs.
  2. Citizen responses to solid waste related questions within Mesa County's Citizen Attitude Surveys.
- Solid Waste Management related regulatory compliance reports as filed by Federal, State and Local regulatory agencies.

**OFFER:** MESA COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

**DEPARTMENT:** CORONER'S OFFICE

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Coroner's Office is a statutory office, which is mandated to establish the cause and manner of death. This Office works closely with the medical community, government and law enforcement agencies to monitor and address issues that can directly impact the lives and well being of Mesa County citizens.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. Peer-review of all non-routine Coroner's Office cases to monitor compliance with N.A.M.E. standards. Target cases include all deaths with potential legal or civil ramifications.
2. Quarterly coordination of collection, analysis and reporting of public health data by maintaining an interactive computer information system. This will include ongoing statistics on total numbers of deaths reported, natural, homicide, suicide, accidental and underdetermined deaths. The Coroners, when requested, will help analyze and interpret short and long term trends that affect chronic and acute disease processes including deaths resulting from unhealthy life-style behaviors.
3. Key-leaders from Mesa County Emergency Response agencies will be educated on the Coroner's Mass Fatality Plan. The learning environment will be measured by pre and exit-test knowledge based assessments and debriefing critiques following a county-wide mass fatality drill.

**OFFER:** HEALTH EDUCATION  
**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Public Health programs included in this offer include Steps to a Healthier Mesa County, Tobacco Control, Injury Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Colorado Prevention Partners and Shapedown. These programs work to prevent the burden to Mesa County of unintentional and intentional injury prevention and the burden of chronic diseases including diabetes, obesity, asthma and cancer.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. There will be an increase in the number of tobacco cessation support services in Mesa County.
2. There will be an increase in the number of people trained in suicide intervention skills in Mesa County.
3. There will be an increase in inspections of child safety seats in Mesa County.

**OFFER:** HEALTH DEPARTMENT ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD SUPPORT  
**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**NOT FUNDED**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Mesa County Health Department will be purchasing an Electronic Medical Record software and Practice Management system within the current fiscal year. This offer includes adding two staff to support the implementation of the new software. National trends have indicated that an electronic medical record can not only save costs it can also reduce medication errors that often lead to costly treatments. The federal e-health initiative sets a goal for a nationwide system of connectivity with electronic medical records within the next 7 1/2 years.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. The performance measures will include successful implementation of a quality system within the go live deadlines to be established.
2. Patient collected revenue will show trends indicating significant increases based on better collection practices and expansion of insurance billing.
3. Better treatment data will allow for electronic sharing of data with such agencies as the Colorado Immunization Information System and the Quality Health Network..

**OFFER:** SEPTIC SYSTEM ELIMINATION PROGRAM  
**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction work jointly on the Septic System Elimination Program. This Program assists county citizens in getting off of their septic system and taping into the city sewer without the fear of annexation. The county's responsibility in this program is to establish the Local Improvement District. (LID)

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

- 1. Number of septic systems eliminated in the county through this program.
- 2. Upon request from neighborhood, track the formation of the district - acquire all proper easements and assessment to property owners upon completion of the infrastructure as per State Statute.

**OFFER:** MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**DEPARTMENT:** (NON-PROFIT) CENTER FOR ENRICHED COMMUNICATION

**NOT FUNDED**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Mesa County has a severe shortage of Mastered level and Licensed Mental Health Counselors that are Bi-lingual in Spanish. The shortage is impacting the low income, most disenfranchised citizens and their ability to access mental health services.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

- 1. 75% of Spanish Speaking clients will report a reduction of symptoms as measured by the Behavior/Symptom Scale, anecdotal client reports, and reports from the referring agent, if applicable.
- 2. The waiting list and waiting time for counseling services to Spanish Speaking families and individuals will be reduced by 90%, as measured by numbers on the waiting list.
- 3. The number of Spanish Speaking clients receiving needed counseling services will increase. These measures are measures that we use for our Low Income Counseling Program.

**CAPITAL FUND**—Expenditures in the Capital Improvement Program that are associated with this Outcome.

**OTHER**—General Fund Insurance and Contingencies allocated to this Outcome.