

Deschutes County Office of Internal Audit

Goals and Objectives

Mission: To support continuous government improvement through accountability, transparency, and trust.

Goal 1: Increase public trust in Deschutes County government.

- Obj 1 Provide an independent assessment of County government.
- Obj 2 Address topics that are most relevant to community members.
- Obj 3 Create communications that are timely and accessible.
- Obj 4 Report on County operations and adherence to legal and regulatory requirements.
- Obj 5 Investigate and report on alleged fraud, waste, inefficiency, or abuse.
- Obj 6 Support the Audit Committee in fulfilling its role of providing oversight of County finances and operations.

Goal 2: Be a trusted advisor to Elected officials and County management.

- Obj 7 Assess potential risk to operations and outcomes and inform elected officials and County management.
- Obj 8 Establish an annual audit work plan based upon the risk assessment and available resources.
- Obj 9 Maintain open communication with management before, during and through completion of audits.
- Obj 10 Maintain professional standards to ensure conformance Governmental Auditing Standards
- Obj 11 Evaluate management requests for consultation when they are in alignment with skills and availability and do not compromise audit independence.

Goal 3: Create positive change in County government

Obj 12 Plan and scope audit work to maximize impact.

Obj 13 Develop actionable recommendations to improve efficiency, transparency and accountability, service delivery, economy, equity, ethical conduct, compliance, and governance.

Obj 14 Ensure that recommendations are supported by sufficient and appropriate evidence.

Obj 15 Track and report on management recommendation resolution.

Goal 4: Strengthen team knowledge, skills, and fulfillment.

Obj 16 Foster workplace culture of trust, dignity, and respect where staff feel valued and confident in their performance.

Obj 17 Identify sufficient resources and technology to assure that audits can be completed.

Obj 18 Develop a training program consistent with meeting continuing professional education and certification requirements.