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A001 Municipal Research Services

The Municipal Research Council is composed of legislators, city and county officials, and one member appointed by the Governor. The council's primary purpose is to provide Washington's local officials with professional advice, research, and information on topics related to local government. The council has no independent staff, but contracts with the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development and with the Municipal Research and Services Center, a private non-profit agency in Seattle. Through the center, the council responds to requests for advice and information on municipal law, finance, growth management, public works, management, and operations. The center's library holds the state's largest collection of municipal reference materials, with over 12,000 volumes. The center also publishes many research articles and operates a web site that received 2.17 million visitors in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. These consolidated services reduce the need for local staff and are especially crucial to smaller units of local government. (County Research Services Account-State, City and Town Research Services Account-State)

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Other	\$2,461,000	\$2,460,000	\$4,921,000
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*FTE is second year only

Statewide Result Area: Strengthen government's ability to achieve results efficiently and effectively

Statewide Strategy: Improve decision support for government decision makers

Expected Results

Number of users who log onto the Municipal Research Services web-site.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	8th Qtr	1,719,000		
	4th Qtr	1,599,900	7,622,571	6,022,671
2003-05	8th Qtr	1,719,000	4,163,614	2,444,614
	4th Qtr	1,599,900	3,239,352	1,639,452

Grand Total

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