

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Roger E. Heroux, Director
Public Health Department

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SUBJECT: Women, Infants and Children Program Contract

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute the contract with the California Department of Health Services, Women, Infants and Children Program, for the three-year period of October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2005. The contract amount is \$2,103,160.00 per year for three years and a total of \$6,310,380.00.

Authorize the Public Health Director to sign amendments defining the scope of work for the additional nutrition services within the base allocation.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with:

Goal No. 2: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work and Visit

Goal No. 3: A High Quality of Life for All Residents

Goal No. 7: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Women, Infant and Children Nutrition Program (WIC) supplies coupons for nutritious foods and nutrition education to pregnant and lactating women, infants and children who are at nutritional risk and who earn less than 185% of the federal poverty level. WIC is an optional federal program funded through the State Department of Health Services. This program has been operational in Santa Barbara County since 1975 and operates on the Federal Fiscal Year, October 1 through September 30.

Participants receive nutrition and breastfeeding education and monthly food instruments (coupons) for specific foods purchased at local markets of their choice. These food instruments are printed at ten locations

throughout the county to ensure accessibility. The number of individuals who participate in the Santa Barbara County WIC Program is 14,450.

The current three year contract incorporates a process improvement. The State WIC Program has historically received additional funding allocations throughout the year from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and a portion of the funds are distributed to local agencies for special projects. This has resulted in several contract amendments throughout the year. In the current contract, the State has appropriated funds, but a portion of the amount in “other costs” will be authorized to be spent throughout the term of the contract. As funding becomes available, and special projects are approved, funds will be authorized from the “other costs” line. This creative method will reduce the number of WIC contract amendments throughout the year.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This is an optional program. Receipt of these funds obligates the County to comply with statutes: Federal Title VII, Agriculture USDA, Chapter II, part 246, Public Law 94-105.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Approval of this contract does not increase General Fund contribution or the use of Public Health Department special revenue funds. The new contract includes an increase of \$287,136 in the amount of base allocation funding from the prior year. The increase will mean that positions that were budgeted as vacancies for FY 2002-03 will now be fully-funded. Approval of the contract would mean an increase of \$287,136 in expenditures and federal revenues to the Adopted FY 2002-03 budget.

The proposed expenditures listed above would increase the Nutrition Services cost-center shown on page D-178 of the FY 2002-03 budget from \$2,141,433 to \$2,428,569. The Source of Funds on the same page would also increase by \$287,136 under the Federal & State Revenues line from \$7,259,737 to \$7,546,873. Upon adoption by your Board, a budget revision will follow amending the Department’s budget for unanticipated revenue and offsetting appropriation in the amount of \$287,136 in: Fund 0042, Department 041, Program 1252, Revenue account 3974, and various expenditure accounts.

This action will not result in a need for any additional facilities.

Special Instructions:

Please call Anne Patterson at extension 5279 to pick up the five contracts with original signatures.

Concurrence:

None required