

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 3/4/02  
**Department Name:** Public Health  
**Department No.:** 041  
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**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Roger E. Heroux, Director  
Public health Department

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**SUBJECT:** Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program Contract Amendment

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute Amendment A07 with the State Department of Health Services for the Women, Infants and Children Program for the period of October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002 in the amount of \$100,145.00 for a total amount of \$1,694,521.00.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

Goal II: A safe and healthy community in which to live, work and visit.

Goal V: A high quality of life for all residents.

Goal VII: A community that fosters the safety and well being of families and children.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program provides specific supplemental nutritious foods and nutrition education to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and post-partum women, infants and children under age five who have a nutritional risk. WIC is an optional federal program funded through the California Department of Health Services. The program has been operational in Santa Barbara County since 1975 and operates on the Federal Fiscal Year, October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002.

The goal of the WIC program is to decrease the risk of poor birth outcomes and to improve the health of participants during critical times of growth and development. To meet this goal, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, medical care referrals and food instruments (checks) for nutritious foods are provided. Foods are purchased in local markets of participants' choice. In order to ensure accessibility, services are provided at four permanent sites and six satellite sites throughout the county. The monthly caseload for Federal Fiscal Year 2001-2002 is 14,450 individuals.

The goal of this Amendment is to provide funding for:

- Cost of living increases for staff.
- Coordination of WIC training activities for agencies in the Tri-Counties.
- Participation on State committees by the WIC Director and the Nutrition Education Coordinator.

**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 Amendment does not increase General Fund contribution or the use of Public Health Department special revenue funds. This amendment will augment funding of the increased Fiscal Year 2001-2002 costs of the Nutrition Program. The \$100,145 increase in federal funding will be expended as follows: \$63,633 will cover infrastructure support which will be applied to cost of living increases to existing positions who serve the target population, \$26,684 will be used for regional WIC training's that shall be coordinated and by Santa Barbara County, \$12,700 will be used for State required WIC meetings for two designated staff members elected to State WIC committees, and reduction of \$2,872 in funds allocated to the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program due to a reduced scope of work.

This amendment is not included in the Public Health Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2001-2002 adopted budget. 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 \$100,145 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 681-5279 to pick up the five (5) Amendments with original signatures and three (3) Certified Minute Orders.

**Concurrence:**

Not applicable