



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: 03-02-10
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michele Mickiewicz, MPH, Interim Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
Contact Info: Caro Stinson, RD 681-5279
Director of Nutrition Services
SUBJECT: Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program Agreement Amendment 02

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to execute Amendment A02 to the revenue agreement #08-85469, with the California Department of Public Health WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program to increase the WIC budget for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$337,000, and for the period of October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$249,000; increasing the total contract amount from \$9,874,000 to \$10,460,000.

Summary Text:

Board approval is required for this grant because the amount has changed more than 10% from the amount approved in the Public Health Department's Operating Plan.

The State WIC Program is providing additional funds to the Santa Barbara County WIC Program to meet the growing demand for services. The additional funds will support the staff, facilities and other resources needed to provide services to the allocated caseload.

Background:

The WIC Program provides nutritious foods (via prescriptive checks), nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support and referrals to health care and community services to low-income women, infants and children up to age five. Applicants must earn less than 185% of the federal poverty level in order to be income eligible for services.

The purpose of the WIC Program is to prevent poor birth outcomes, such as infant mortality and low birth weight, and to improve the nutrition and health of the participants. Multiple scientific studies have shown WIC to be a cost-effective and positive public health intervention.

WIC services are offered countywide through sites at Public Health Department offices and other community sites. The eight WIC sites are located in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Solvang, Lompoc, Guadalupe, Cuyama and two sites in Santa Maria. The Santa Barbara County WIC Program is presently contracted to serve a total of 19,450 participants.

WIC is an optional federal program funded through the California Department of Public Health. This program has been operational in Santa Barbara County since 1975 and operates on the Federal Fiscal Year, October 1 through September 30.

Performance Measure:

The grant is linked to the PHD performance measures of ensuring WIC Program caseload will be maintained at greater than or equal to 97% of assigned participants averaged monthly and at least 25% of the infants in the WIC program each month will be exclusively breastfed.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Accepting and signing this agreement will not increase the General Fund contribution or Public Health Department Special Revenue Fund.

An increase in WIC participation and demand for services has granted us an increase in our agreement amount with the California Department of Public Health. The amended WIC agreement will increase revenues proportionally to the increase in the cost of services.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please return a certified Minute Order to PHD Contracts Unit at 300 N. San Antonio Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, Attn: Rose Davis and an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org.

Attachments:

California Department of Public Health; Standard Agreement Amendment 02 Number 08-085469

Authored by:

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