



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: July 14, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director Public Health Department
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Director of Nutrition Services
SUBJECT: Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program Revenue Agreement Amendment

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to execute Amendment # A01 to the revenue Agreement #08-85469, with the California Department of Public Health for an increase in the participation and demand for services in the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$169,000, increasing the total Federal Fiscal Year 2008-09 amount from \$2,773,000 to \$2,942,000.

Amendment # A01 to Agreement #08-85469 increases the total three-year agreement (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011) from \$9,705,000 to \$9,874,000.

Summary Text:

Board approval is required for this grant amendment because the total amount of the Agreement for the Federal Fiscal Year has changed more than 10% from the amount approved in the Public Health Department's Operating Plan.

In Santa Barbara County, the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program participation and the request for services has been increasing. The State WIC program is providing additional funds to the Santa Barbara County WIC program in order to serve the increase in WIC participants and to prepare for the upcoming new WIC food package implementation. Specifically the funding will allow Santa Barbara County WIC program to improve three permanent WIC offices in order to accommodate the increased number of WIC participants and staff, to fund the necessary trainings to implement the new WIC food

package and to procure materials needed for the associated nutrition education. All of these changes will result in improvements for our customers.

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 the WIC program 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. WIC sites are located in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Solvang, Lompoc, Guadalupe, Cuyama and two sites in Santa Maria. The number of individuals who participate in the Santa Barbara County WIC program is 18,050 per month.

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 3,550 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. It is a grant amendment that has increased over the 10% threshold for CEO or Department Head signature.

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. The budget revision request has already been approved by your Board on 6/2/09 to amend the FIN budget for this additional appropriation.

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

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions: Please return seven (7) Standard Agreements (STD 213) with original signatures and one Certified Minute Orders to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Attn: Dawn McGrew

Attachments: State of California Agreement Number 08-85469 A01

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