



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name:	County Health
Department No.:	041
Agenda Date:	September 9, 2025
Placement:	Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:	
Continued Item:	No
If Yes, date from:	
Vote Required:	Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health
Contact: Susan Liles, Nutrition Services Director
SUBJECT: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program Revenue Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Grant Agreement – Number 25-10210 from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to accept funding for the WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program for the period of October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2028 for a total amount of \$17,009,442 (Attachment A);
- Approve and authorize the County Health Director, or designee, to make any required certifications and to change the Project Representative changes in accordance with the Grant Agreement;
- Approve and authorize the County Health Director to execute any future amendments to Grant Agreement Number 25-10210 including changes to the Scope of Work provided that the amendment does not exceed ten percent (10%) (\$1,700,944.20) of the total agreement amount, upon review and concurrence by the Auditor Controller's Office, Risk Management, and County Counsel's Office, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and are exempt per CEQA Guideline Section

15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are creation of a governmental funding mechanisms or other governmental fiscal activities that do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for approval and authorization of the Agreement between the CDPH and County Health for the WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program. The WIC program is a federally funded health and nutrition program for individuals who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or were recently pregnant, and infants and children under 5 years old including foster children. The program provides nutrition, health and breastfeeding education, electronic benefits to purchase healthy foods, and referrals to health care and other community services. The program serves about 50% of all births in Santa Barbara County and assists 19,020 individuals per month. Approving the agreement will allow the funding to continue WIC services by County Health for the Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2028.

Discussion:

This item seeks Board approval to execute the grant agreement for the WIC program for October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2028 from CDPH for the total amount of \$17,009,442. This agreement allows the WIC program to provide services to 19,020 individual per month who participate in the program. Without authorizing this agreement, the WIC program will not be available to about 50% of all births in Santa Barbara County and 25% of children aged 1-5.

In support of the program, the Board is also being asked for the County Health Director to make any required certifications and execute future amendments to ensure efficiency in processing such items requested by CDPH. In addition, with County Health Director authorization for these items, staff and Board time will be reduced.

As the recommended actions relate to the acceptance of governmental funds, they are not considered a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), and are therefore exempt from environmental review.

Background:

The WIC program is a federally funded health and nutrition program for individuals who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or were recently pregnant, and infants and children under 5 years old including foster children. To be eligible for WIC, a family must have an income at or below 185% of the Federal poverty level. WIC provides nutrition, health and breastfeeding education, electronic benefits to purchase healthy foods, and referrals to health care and other community services.

WIC services are offered countywide, through sites at County Health offices and other community partner locations. WIC sites are located in Carpinteria, Franklin, Santa Barbara, Solvang, Lompoc, Guadalupe, and two locations in Santa Maria, and services are provided to those who reside in Cuyama. The number of individuals who participate in the Santa Barbara County WIC program is 19,020 per month.

WIC is an optional federal program funded through CDPH. This program has been in operation in Santa Barbara County since 1975 and runs on the Federal Fiscal Year of October 1 through September 30.

Performance Measure:

The WIC program is required to report on the services performed through CDPH reporting systems and various data platforms. The program must also provide documentation supporting expenditures of funds.

Contract Renewals:

Consistent with past practice, the Agreements will note that the County Health Director is authorized to approve and execute amendments to renew the WIC Agreement for fiscal years 2026-2028.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The Board is requested to authorize the Chair to sign this agreement for fiscal years 2025-2028, which corresponds to Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2028 for a total amount of \$17,009,442. The agreement allocation of \$5,382,500 is already budgeted in the FY 2025-26 County Health Department Adopted budget. The allocated amounts for FYs 2026-27 and 2027-28 will be included in the Recommended budgets for those years. There is no increase in the use of the County's General Fund resources as a result of executing this agreement.

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	Total
Federal	\$5,382,500	\$5,626,942	\$6,000,000	\$17,009,442
Total	\$5,382,500	\$5,626,942	\$6,000,000	\$17,009,442

Special Instructions:

Please execute two original Standard Agreements and return one original Standard Agreement and one Certified Minute Order to County Health Contracts Unit. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

Attachment A – State of California Agreement Number 25-10210

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