

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 8/11/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein / 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a four-year renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with the California Department of Public Health to implement the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutritional Program for FFY 2015-16 through FFY 2018-19 in a total amount not to exceed \$5,106,767. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve a four-year renewal agreement with the California Department of Public Health to implement the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program; and 2) Authorize the Health Agency Director to sign any amendments to the agreement that do not increase the level of General Fund support for the Department. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,281,906.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,281,906.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>August 26, 2014</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, MD, Health Officer/Public Health Administrator

DATE: 8/11/2015

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The WIC Program is a federally funded program that provides healthy supplemental foods and nutrition counseling for pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children under the age of five. The program has been in operation in our community since 1976. The WIC Program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion, medical care and social service referrals, and coupons to purchase specific supplemental nutritious foods which are high in protein and/or iron. The specific nutritious foods provided to participants include peanut butter, beans, milk, cheese, eggs, iron-fortified cereal, iron-fortified infant formula and juices. These coupons are redeemed at participating grocery stores.

The goals of the WIC program are to reduce the complications of pregnancy; reduce iron deficiency anemia in women, infants and children; decrease the prevalence of low birth weight infants; and promote the optimum growth and development of infants and young children. Numerous national studies have also shown that low income pregnant women who participate in WIC seek earlier prenatal care, consume a healthier diet, have longer pregnancies leading to fewer premature births, have fewer low birth-weight babies, and experience fewer fetal and infant deaths.

WIC is available to low income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women and children under age five who are at nutritional risk and who are at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level. The WIC Program operates two permanent sites in Grover Beach and Paso Robles and five satellite offices located in Atascadero, Cambria, Morro Bay, Nipomo, and San Luis Obispo.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has approved the renewal agreement as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The four year agreement includes total funding not to exceed \$5,106,767 for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2015-16 through FFY 2018-19 (October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019). Funding is reduced minimally each year after the first year

due to the State WIC Office reallocating funding for the Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program to other County WIC Programs based on caseload. These funds were previously included in the State WIC contract with the County. The table below reflects the annual amount of funding for each year.

FFY 2015-16	FFY 2016-17	FFY 2017-18	FFY 2018-19	Total funding
\$1,281,906	\$1,278,203	\$1,274,026	\$1,272,632	\$5,106,767

The adopted FY 2015-16 budget includes revenue in the amount of \$1,226,451. The variance between the FY 2015-16 budget and the first year of the agreement of \$55,455 is expected to offset the anticipated prevailing wage salary increases not included in the budget. Approval of the renewal agreement will not increase the level of General Fund support required by the Public Health Department.

RESULTS

For FY 2014-15 the WIC Program was allocated a monthly caseload to provide services to 4,975 women, infants and children each month. On average the WIC program served 4,542 participants each month or 91.3% of the allocated caseload. Average FY 2014-15 participation has been down statewide and was 85.9% of the allocated caseload.

During FY 2015-16 the WIC program was allocated a caseload to serve 4,700 participants a month which better reflects current participation. The caseload decrease was not associated with a corresponding funding decrease. Services provided to participants will include:

- coupons to purchase healthy foods
- nutrition, breastfeeding and oral health education
- childhood obesity prevention education
- referrals to health care and other social services.

The results will contribute to the County's vision of a healthy community.

ATTACHMENT

1. Clerk's File Statement for the WIC four-year renewal agreement with the California Department of Public Health