



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: October 7, 2014
Board Meeting Date: November 18, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Brian Zamora, Director, Family Health Services

Subject: Grant Agreement with California Department of Public Health for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief of the Health System to execute the grant agreement and all future amendments and renewals with California Department of Public Health for the Women, Infants and Children Program for the term of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, in the amount of \$2,953,589.

BACKGROUND:

The Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) initiative provides federal funds to promote healthy eating, breastfeeding support, and access to nutritious foods through direct food benefits to low income pregnant women, mothers and children up to the age of 5 in San Mateo County (County). WIC's goal is to reduce the incidence of low birth weights and improve the nutritional status of at risk low-income mothers and their children. The County has been a grantee since 1976.

WIC in the County serves 22,000 low income women and their children by providing nutrition education, breastfeeding support, food benefits and active referrals to County health and community services. WIC is often the first point of contact for many families seeking health and social service referrals. WIC formally partners with home visiting programs in Family Health Services (FHS) to identify individuals who would benefit from additional services.

DISCUSSION:

In 1994, the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution authorizing the Director of

Health Services to execute any and all future WIC amendments and renewal agreements. The purpose of this Resolution was to streamline the process of renewal agreements.

This past year, the California Department of Public Health has requested that the Resolution be updated. As a result, FHS requests that your Board authorize the Chief of the Health System to execute WIC contract amendments and renewals which modify terms and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing funds to improve the nutritional status of low income pregnant women and children and reduce the complications and incidence of low birth weights and chronic disease in San Mateo County. It is anticipated that 85% of babies in WIC will be breastfed at 4 weeks of age.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percent of babies breastfed at 4 weeks of age	82%	85%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. The total federal funds included in the agreement are not to exceed \$2,953,589. The revenue and expenditures related to this agreement have been included in the FHS FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget.