



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HEALTH

**File #:** 23-312

Board Meeting Date: 5/9/2023

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Louise F. Rogers, Chief, San Mateo County Health  
Lizelle Lirio de Luna, Director, Family Health Services

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Public Health to increase funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025, increasing the amount by \$201,006 to an amount not to exceed \$9,290,754.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture 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 five in San Mateo County. WIC aims to reduce the incidence of low birth weights and improve the nutritional status of at-risk, low-income mothers and their children.

In San Mateo County, WIC serves approximately 20,000 low-income clients 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 partnered with home visiting programs in Family Health Services (FHS) to identify individuals who would benefit from additional services.

FHS has been receiving funding for the WIC program since 1976.

On September 13, 2022, this Board approved an agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in support of WIC for the term of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$9,089,7484.

**DISCUSSION:**

This amendment is adding \$201,006 from CDPH to the WIC program to better support WIC needs and allow WIC to promote healthy eating, breastfeeding support, and access to nutritious foods.

This amendment has been created with the FHS director as the signatory. In order to minimize funding delays, FHS seeks this Board’s authorization for the FHS director or their designee to sign the agreement, in lieu of the Board.

This Board is also being asked to authorize the FHS director or their designee to execute subsequent amendments which do not exceed an aggregate of \$25,000.

The amendment and resolution have been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to form.

It is anticipated that an average of 9,000 individuals will receive WIC benefits monthly, and 51% of babies in WIC will be breastfed at any time, by six months of age.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2021-22 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2022-23 Estimated</b>
Average number of individuals who receive WIC benefits monthly	8,604 individuals	9,000 individuals
Percentage of babies in WIC breastfed at any time, by six months of age	51% 350 of 687 babies	51% 357 of 700 babies

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the amended agreement is October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025. The total federal funds included in the amended agreement is not to exceed \$9,290,754 for the three-year term. Funds in the amount of \$2,843,353 are included in the FHS FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future years. Since the County is receiving this funding, there is no Net County Cost.