



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

File #: 22-682

Board Meeting Date: 9/13/2022

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: 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 agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to provide funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children for the term of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$9,089,748.

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'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.

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.

DISCUSSION:

In October 2019, this Board approved a three-year agreement with CDPH for the term of October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$8,926,641. This agreement renews these services through September 30, 2025.

In order to minimize funding delays, FHS seeks this Board's authorization for the Chief of San Mateo County Health or their designee to sign the agreement, in lieu of this Board.

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

The resolution has 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:

Measure	FY 2021-22 Actual	FY 2022-23 Estimated
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 agreement is October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$9,089,748 for the three-year term. Funds in the amount of \$2,853,383 are included in the FHS FY 2022-23 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future years. Since the County is receiving this funding, there is no Net County Cost.