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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents and subsequent amendments with the State of California Department of Health Services (DHS) for the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Supplement Program, for an amount of \$13,782,000 for a period of three years, from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2008. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION:

For the past 31 years, the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) has operated the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Supplement Program for low-income families through a contract with the State of California Department of Health Services (DHS). This program provides nutrition education and food supplements to eligible participants.

In November 2005, DHS notified the Department that the WIC contract would be renewed for three years. The new agreement has a maximum amount of \$4,594,000 each year to continue WIC services through September 30, 2008. The current participant caseload of 31,650 clients per month can be served for approximately \$3,613,129. The Department, however, will actively work to increase its caseload and utilize the full amount of funding available through this agreement. The Department operates six WIC sites throughout the city to serve this caseload.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on December 12, 2005 and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on December 9, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The Department has been providing services under this agreement since October 1, 2005, but cannot recover costs from the State until the agreement is approved.

FISCAL IMPACT

The amount of the State-funded agreement is \$4,594,000 per year. Funding in the amount of \$3,613,129 is currently appropriated based on the Department's current caseload. The remaining \$980,871 has not been authorized to expend at this time. Should the State determine that full funding is available later during the fiscal year and the Department reaches certain thresholds, the remaining funds will be authorized by the State. If the State DHS authorizes all or a portion of this amount during the current fiscal year, an appropriation adjustment will be submitted accordingly. There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

for 
GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER