



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents and subsequent amendments between the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services and the State of California Department of Health Services to provide funding for the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Supplement Program, in the amount of \$15,845,000 for a period of three years, from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2011. (Citywide)

Since 1974, 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 through in-group and individual counseling, supplemental food vouchers, breastfeeding support, and health and social services referrals to eligible participants through five WIC sites throughout the city.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on December 29, 2008 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 31, 2008.

The Department has been providing services under this agreement since October 1, 2008, and cannot recover accrued costs from the State until the agreement is approved. City Council action is thereby requested on January 20, 2009.

The amount of the State-funded agreement is \$4,593,000 for FY 2009, of which \$3,898,226 is currently appropriated based on the Department's current monthly caseload of 28,725 clients. The remaining \$694,774 has not been authorized to be expended at this time. Should the State determine that full funding is available later during the fiscal year, and that the Department reaches certain mandated case load 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 appropriations adjustment will be submitted accordingly.

The amount of the State-funded agreement for FY 2010 is \$5,265,000 and for FY 2011 is \$5,987,000. Appropriations for FY 2010 and 2011 will be included in the proposed budgets for those respective years. There is no impact on the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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DIRECTOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

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CITY MANAGER