



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents and any subsequent amendments between the City of Long Beach and the State of California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in the amount of \$19,337,101, for the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Supplement Program, for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019. (Citywide)

Since 1974, the Department of Health and Human Services (Health 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 Public Health (CDPH). This program provides nutrition education through in-group and individual counseling, supplemental food vouchers, breastfeeding support, and health and social services referral to eligible participants throughout the City.

The WIC Program serves approximately 24,000 families per month through five sites located throughout the City. Families receive food vouchers to purchase healthy supplemental foods from WIC-authorized vendors, which brings in additional dollars to the local economy and increases access to healthier food that would otherwise be lacking.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on June 24, 2015 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 26, 2015.

City Council action is requested on July 21, 2015, to provide adequate time to execute the agreement by October 1, 2015 and to continue operations without a lapse.

The amount of the grant agreement is \$19,337,101 for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019. Of the \$19,337,101, \$4,753,564 is allocated for FY 16. Sufficient funding is included in the FY 16 Proposed Budget in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). Subsequent year appropriations will be requested during the annual budget process. No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this action. **SUGGESTED ACTION:**

Approve recommendation.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER