

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

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Meeting Date **Held Until**
 ___/___/___ ___/___/___

Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item**
No: **No:**

Department: Health Services

() **4/5 Vote Required**

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Board Date:
8/4/09

Deadline for Board Action:
8/4/09

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Amendment

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute Amendment A01 to Standard Agreement No. 08-85432 with the California Department of Public Health for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011, increasing the amount by \$142,000 for FFY 08-09, and future amendments that do not significantly change program content (\$1,982,000 for FFY 08-09, \$2,280,000 for FFY 09-10, \$2,753,000 for FFY 10-11, new total \$7,015,000).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

Estimated Cost \$142,000

Amount Budgeted 142,000

Other Avail Approp
(Explain below)

Additional Requested: \$ 0

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Contingencies
(Fund Name:)

Unanticipated Revenue
(Source:)

Other Transfer(s)
(Source:)

Add'l Funds Requested: \$ 0

Explanation (if required): The amount of \$142,000 included in the FY 09-10 Final Budget represents funds applicable during 7/1/09-9/30/09 of the FFY 08-09 WIC grant funding cycle (10/1/08-9/30/09).

Prior Board Action(s): 10/21/08 – Authorized Standard Agreement 08-85432.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Additional State funds would not be available to support a recent caseload increase of 575 participants.

BACKGROUND: (Note: Amendment A01 to Standard Agreement #08-85432 is on file with the Clerk of the Board.)

Since 1974, the Department of Health Services has administered the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program. The program provides nutrition education and nutritious foods to supplement the diets of pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and young children who meet program income, residence and medical eligibility criteria. The goals of the program are to improve birth outcomes, support breastfeeding, and promote optimal growth and development of infants and young children. Nearly 52% of infants enrolled in the Sonoma County Department of Health Services WIC program are breastfed compared to the statewide WIC agency average of 36%. The 52% breastfeeding rate also compares favorably to the overall county breastfeeding rate of approximately 34%.

The Sonoma County Department of Health Services WIC program provides services at four permanent locations (Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Sonoma, and Guerneville). Last year the program served an average of 9,600 individuals each month. Since the recent downturn in the economy, WIC services are in greater demand. Based on current program year data, the program is serving an average of 10,175 individuals each month. Other WIC programs in the county include the Sonoma County Indian Health Program serving 550, and Alliance Medical Center serving 1,450. Nearly 50% of infants born in Sonoma County are enrolled in the WIC program.

The amendment to the current three-year contract with the California Department of Public Health adds \$142,000 in provisional funds for federal fiscal year 10/1/08-9/30/09 (FFY 08-09). These funds are specifically authorized and released by the State for uses including allowance for increased caseload, special expenses, or projects. The State will issue an authorization letter to spend the added provisional funds once the amendment is executed. Although the amendment was delayed by the State, the Department will have sufficient time to utilize the increase in funds before the end of FFY 08-09 (ending 9/30/09).

FISCAL IMPACT:

In anticipation of these funds, the Department included \$142,000 in the FY 09-10 Final Budget pending receipt of the authority to spend letter. There is no contribution from the General Fund or use of Realignment.

Attachments: None.

On File With Clerk: Amendment A01 to Standard Agreement #08-85432.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

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