



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Human and Social Needs
AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Community Care
EXECUTIVE: Kimberly Bizer Tolbert

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of the award from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children provided under the five-year contract executed on September 28, 2020 with the HHSC (Contract No. HHS000802300001, CFDA No. 10.557) in the amount of \$13,902,240.00 in FY 2022 funding for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$13,902,240.00 in the FY 2022 WIC Program Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of grant funds for reimbursement from the HHSC in an amount not to exceed \$13,902,240.00 in the FY 2022 WIC Program Fund; and **(4)** execution of any and all documents required for acceptance and receipt of the funds - Not to exceed \$13,902,240.00 - Financing: Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

Since 1974, the HHSC, previously referred to as the Department of State Health Services, has funded the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) in Dallas. The WIC Program provides nutritious food, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals to health and social services. The program serves infants, children under age five, and pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women. WIC is a United States Department of Agriculture program administered in Texas by the Health and Human Services Commission. In Dallas County, the WIC Program is administered by the City of Dallas, Office of Community Care.

The WIC Program was established as a response to a national survey that discovered anemia and inadequate growth were common amongst American children of low-income families. The survey also found that many women from low-income families have poor pregnancy outcomes due to inadequate nutrition. WIC's primary mission is to give the most vulnerable children the best possible start by providing nutrition education, nutritious foods, and access to other health programs during the critical state of fetal and early childhood development; and to achieve optimal nutritional status for children before they start school. Program eligibility is based on families with household incomes at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

Currently, the WIC Program safely provides services at 17 locations throughout Dallas County. The WIC Program has extended weekday and Saturday hours of service available to accommodate and serve working families and students.

The City of Dallas is reimbursed for all expenses required to operate the WIC Program. Reimbursements are specified in the contract and are, in part, based on the number of WIC participants who are served each month. Approval of this contract will authorize reimbursement to the City of Dallas WIC Program for the FY 2021 - FY 2022 contract amount, not to exceed \$13,902,240.00. The City will receive a Notice of Award by July 1 annually through the term of this contract outlining the funding amount for the upcoming fiscal year.

Since 1974, the City of Dallas has served as the local agency for WIC service delivery in Dallas County via contractual agreement through Health and Human Services Commission (formerly Texas Department of State Health Services); and there is a need for the Nutritional Program for Women, Infants and Children funded through the Health and Human Services Commission. The execution of this new five-year contract will extend the Women, Infants and Children program through FY 2025.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On September 23, 2020, City Council authorized a contract for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children in the amount of \$13,601,737.00, by Resolution No. 20-1432.

On April 28, 2021, City Council authorized additional funds for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, bringing the contract amount to of \$15,514,248.00, by Resolution No. 21-0695.

On August 11, 2021, City Council authorized the receipt of additional funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children in the amount of \$225,958.00, by Resolution No. 21-1238.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds	\$0.00	\$13,902,240.00	\$0.00