



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Human and Social Needs

AGENDA DATE: September 23, 2020

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Office of Community Care

EXECUTIVE: Nadia Chandler-Hardy

SUBJECT

Authorize a **(1)** five-year contract with Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) (Contract No. HHS000802300001, CFDA Nos. 10.557 and 10.561) through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide funding for Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$13,601,737.00 in the FY 2021 WIC Program-Women, Infants, and Children Grant Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$13,601,737.00 in the FY 2021 WIC Program-Women, Infants, and Children Grant Fund; and **(4)** execution of the HHSC contract and all terms, conditions and documents required by the contract - Not to exceed \$13,601,737.00 - 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 5, 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 2020 - FY 2021 contract amount, not to exceed \$13,601,737.00. 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 (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 FY2025.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

This action has no prior action.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds	\$13,601,737.00	\$0.00	\$0.00