



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Human and Social Needs

AGENDA DATE: September 28, 2022

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Office of Community Care

EXECUTIVE: Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** additional grant funding 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 an amount not to exceed \$52,430,019.00 (includes anticipated additional funding) for the remaining three years of the five-year contract for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$52,430,019.00 (includes anticipated funding) in FY 2023-25 WIC Program Funds; **(3)** receipt and deposit of grant funds for reimbursement from the HHSC in an amount not to exceed \$52,430,019.00 in FY 2023-25 WIC Program Funds; and **(4)** execution of any and all documents required for acceptance and receipt of the funds - Not to exceed \$52,430,019.00 - 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 16 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 receives funding for all expenses required to operate the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC under a five-year contract executed on September 29, 2020 with the Health and Human Services Commission acting as a pass-through entity for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025 as authorized on September 23, 2020 by Resolution No. 20-1432.

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. On April 16, 2021, the City received from HHSC a notice of estimated funding for the total contract period (October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2025). This notice showed anticipated grant funds totaling \$83,039,965.00 over five years. The City has accepted \$29,642,446.00 of this total anticipated funding amount. The remaining balance of total anticipated additional funding is \$52,430,019.00 for the remaining three years of the five-year contract. Approval to accept the final three years of anticipated grant funding for this contract will authorize reimbursement to the City of Dallas WIC Program for the identified contract award FY2023 - FY2025 in an amount not to exceed \$52,430,019.00 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025. For each fiscal year, 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.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On September 23, 2020, City Council authorized a five-year contract with Health and Human Services Commission for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and accepted funds in the amount of \$13,601,737.00, by Resolution No. 20-1432.

On April 28, 2021, City Council authorized the receipt of additional funds in the amount of \$1,952,511.00 for WIC, by Resolution No. 21-0695.

On August 11, 2021, City Council authorized the receipt of additional funding for the WIC in the amount of \$225,958.00, by Resolution No. 21-1238.

On September 9, 2021, City Council authorized the acceptance of additional funding for WIC in the amount of \$13,902,240.00, by Resolution No. 21-1461

On April 13, 2022, City Council authorized the acceptance of additional funding for WIC in an amount not to exceed \$967,500.00, by Resolution No. 22-0561.

FISCAL INFORMATION

| Fund | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | Future Years |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds | \$14,699,326.60 | \$15,772,762.00 | \$21,957,930.40 |

Note: Total Amount includes local agency funding and anticipated additional funding for the remaining three years of the five-year contract.