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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 22, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment A01 to the renewal Agreement Number 19-10166 with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) which increases the maximum amount from \$2,015,799 to \$2,030,525 (an increase of \$14,726) for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program for the term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022 and Authorizing and Directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Public Health Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21. (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This is Federal discretionary funding received annually from the State. Subject to available appropriations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) allocates Federal WIC dollars to States for costs incurred by State and local agencies for nutrition services and administrative costs for the federal fiscal year. This increase in funding is from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act for increased costs incurred between Oct 1, 2019 and Sept 30, 2020. The increase is in Federal Fiscal Year 2019/20, and increases the amount from \$671,913 to 686,659 (an increase of \$14,726) Although some of the increase was planned for in the Department's FY 2020-21 budget, a budget amendment is needed and is included in this Resolution. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution 19-517, the Board of Supervisors approved Agreement No. 19-10166 with the California Department of Public Health for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program. The WIC Program is a federally funded and regulated program that provides supplemental food vouchers, nutrition education, and referral services to eligible pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants and children under the age of five. WIC helps pregnant women, new mothers and young children eat well and stay healthy.

WIC saves lives and improves the health of nutritionally at-risk women, infants and children. Since its beginning in 1974, the WIC Program has proven to be one of the most successful Federally-funded nutrition programs in the United States. Collective findings of studies, reviews and reports demonstrate that the WIC Program is cost effective in protecting and improving the health/nutritional status of low-income women, infants and children.

It is recommended the Board approve this Amendment as the increase in funds will further help support the County's WIC program which serves an ongoing caseload of approximately 1,400 clients.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health