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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment A01 to the renewal Agreement Number 15-10096 with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) which increases the maximum amount from \$2,620,615 to \$2,683,081 (an increase of \$62,466) for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program for the term of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019.

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 based on the Consumer Price Index whereas a 2% increase is being applied to portions of the funding formula used by the CDPH WIC Division to calculate funding totals. The increase will start in Federal Fiscal Year 2016/17 which increases the amount from \$652,544 to \$672,656 (an increase of \$20,112). This increased funding was planned for in the Department's FY 2016/17 budget and will support staff assigned to the program and related program expenses. A budget amendment is not necessary and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution 15-444, the Board of Supervisors approved Agreement No. 15-10096 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.

The goal of the WIC program is to decrease the risk of poor birth outcomes and to improve the health of participants during critical times of growth and development. To meet this goal, WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion, healthcare and other referrals and specific foods that provide key nutrients needed by pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, 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