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Honorable Board of Supervisors
Eric Rood Administrative Center
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DATE OF MEETING: September 22, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the renewal Agreement Number 15-10096 with the California Department of Public Health for funding in the maximum amount of \$2,620,615 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.

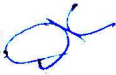
FUNDING: This is Federal discretionary funding received annually from the State. Subject to available appropriations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) allocates Federal WIC dollars to States for costs incurred by State and local agencies for nutrition services and administrative costs for the federal fiscal year. Funding in the amount of \$627,894 was planned for in the Department's FY 2015/16 budget and will support staff assigned to the program and related program expenses. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

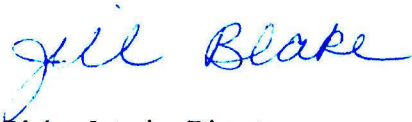
BACKGROUND: This Agreement provides annual funding through the State Department of Public Health for the ongoing operation of the County's Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program. The WIC Program is a federally funded and regulated program that provides supplemental food vouchers, 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.

The County WIC program serves an ongoing caseload of approximately 1,700 clients. Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted, 



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