

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 10, 2009

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 15**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance accepting \$32,541 in additional grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM, and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to appropriate \$32,541 to maintain a service, training and resource center for WIC program mothers, local agency staff, and health providers and to add one full-time equivalent position.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Women, Infants, Children Program. The grant period is October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. No City match is required.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Shannon Jones, Assistant Director, 972-5410; Donna Sundstrom, Manager, 972-6844; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

**Prior Council Action:** September 14, 2009 - Approved the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget.

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The Women, Infants, Children Program (WIC) is a preventive program that targets women and children below 185 percent of federal poverty level. The WIC Program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and vouchers for nutritious foods to pregnant women, infants, and children up to age five.

The purpose of WIC Lactation Grant is to provide a lactation center for WIC mothers with breastfeeding problems, a training center for WIC local agency staff and other health providers to receive clinical experience working with breastfeeding mothers, and a statewide breastfeeding resource center for health providers to utilize for information and assistance when working with pregnant and breastfeeding women. This lactation center is referred to as "Mom's Place."

The City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) WIC Program requested additional staffing to address growth in program participation. Mom's Place participation has increased 9.1 percent this last fiscal year. This growth has had an impact on services including delays in scheduling an appointment. Participants who are referred to Mom's Place are typically the most fragile infants who are having breastfeeding issues. It is important that they be scheduled for an appointment as soon as possible. The one Breastfeeding Peer Counselor is critical to maintaining services at a high level and continuing to meet the demand for services in our community.

Statement Required by Corporate Budget Office: All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

**PERFORMANCE:**

HHSD Related Department Goal: Reduce the racial and ethnic infant mortality rates by 5% by 2012.

Number of participants in the Services for Women and Children activity will increase from 410,100 to 433,133 (WIC and WIC Lactation Grants contribute to this measure).