



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Approve an Ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$236,122 in additional grant funds from the Texas Department of Health Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Administration/Nutrition grant program; and amending Ordinance No. 030909-01, the approved Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget, Health Human Services Special Revenue Fund, by appropriating \$236,122 in additional grant funds for a total grant amount of \$3,377,122, and authorizing an additional four (4.0) full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for a total of sixty-nine (69) FTEs.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$236,122 is available from the Texas Department of Health Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Administration/Nutrition Grant Program. The grant period is October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004. No city match is required.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: David Lurie

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanic Miller, Chief Financial Officer, 972-5045; Phyllis Day, WIC Program Manager, 972-6202; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background

The Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a preventive health program that targets women and children below 185% of federal poverty level. The WIC Program provides vouchers redeemed at local grocery stores for nutritious foods, nutrition risk assessment, nutrition education and breastfeeding support to pregnant women, women who have recently given birth, and their children up to age five. WIC also provides childhood immunizations at most locations. The WIC Assistants are nutrition professionals who provide nutrition risk assessment and deliver individual counseling and group nutrition education.

The WIC grant is handled differently than other non-reimbursement grants as the total dollars received are based on encounters rather than actual expenditures. WIC is considered to be a "zero" grant contract. The appropriation for Fiscal Year 2003-04 was based on \$9.23 per encounter reimbursement and \$4.52 per shot reimbursement. The Texas Department of Health has increased per encounter reimbursement to \$9.73, and per shot reimbursement to \$5.86. These increases will generate an additional \$236,122 in reimbursement for the budget year. Increased demand requires additional full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to provide services. HHSD requests authorization for an additional four (4.0) FTEs for a total of sixty-nine (69) FTEs in the WIC Administration Special Revenue Fund. The additional four FTEs consist



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of three WIC Assistant II positions and one Administrative Assistant position. The total cost of the additional FTEs will be \$164,338.76 in salary and fringe and will be completely covered by the increase in funds generated by the higher reimbursement rate.

Performance Measures

Outcomes/Outputs

- Cost per participant in the Services for Women and Children Activity will increase from \$10.55 to \$10.81
- Number of participants in the Services for Women and Children Activity will increase from 322,320 to 334,320.

Requested Council Action

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OPERATING BUDGET Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

1/15/2003
Ordinance
Health and Human Services

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2003-2004</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2002-2003</u>
Special Revenue Fund WIC Administration/Nutrition 10/03 - 09/04	\$3,141,000	\$236,122	\$3,377,122
TOTAL	<u>\$3,141,000</u>	<u>\$236,122</u>	<u>\$3,377,122</u>
FTEs	65.00	4.00	69.00

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Budget Office: _____



Date: _____

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