



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 20, 2015  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 27, 2015

**DATE:** September 30, 2015

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Acceptance of the grant contract for the Nutrition Services Section/Women, Infants and Children (NSS/WIC) grant in the amount of \$1,002,324, and appropriation of the funds for the contract period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; and ratifying acceptance of the grant agreement to begin October 1, 2015.

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept, amend, and appropriate a grant contract for the Nutrition Services Section/Women, Infant's and Children (NSS/WIC) grant in the amount of \$1,002,324, from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the Health Grants Fund No. 1066, to provide funds for the WIC program for the contract period October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016; and ratifying acceptance of the grant agreement to begin October 1, 2015.

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide funds for personnel costs, supplies and other expenses to run The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) that provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for eligible low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk within the State of Texas.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

#### **Population Served:**

The WIC target population are low-income, nutritionally at risk:

- Pregnant women (through pregnancy and up to 6 weeks after birth or after pregnancy ends).

- Breastfeeding women (up to infant's 1st birthday)
- Nonbreastfeeding postpartum women (up to 6 months after the birth of an infant or after pregnancy ends)
- Infants (up to 1st birthday). WIC serves 53 percent of all infants born in the United States.
- Children up to their 5th birthday.

**Benefits**

The following benefits are provided to WIC participants:

- Supplemental nutritious foods
- Nutrition education and counseling at WIC clinics
- Screening and referrals to other health, welfare and social services

**Program Delivery**

WIC is not an entitlement program as Congress does not set aside funds to allow every eligible individual to participate in the program. WIC is a Federal grant program for which Congress authorizes a specific amount of funds each year for the program. WIC is

- administered at the Federal level by FNS
- administered by 90 WIC state agencies, through approximately 47,000 authorized retailers.
- WIC operates through 1,900 local agencies in 10,000 clinic sites, in 50 State health departments, 34 Indian Tribal Organizations, the District of Columbia, and five territories (Northern Mariana, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands).

**Examples of where WIC services are provided:**

- county health departments
- hospitals
- mobile clinics (vans)
- community centers
- schools
- public housing sites
- migrant health centers and camps
- Indian Health Service facilities

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Refuse the grant and discontinue providing Women, Infants, and Children services for the community.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Operating       Revenue       Capital       Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2016</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$1,002,324		\$1,002,324
<b>BALANCE</b>		\$1,002,324		\$1,002,324

Fund(s): Grant

**Comments:**

The grant does not require a cash or in-kind match by the City.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this agenda item.

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Council approval required for acceptance of grant and appropriation of grant funds.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-Emergency. This item requires two readings and ratification of the grant contract to begin October 1, 2015.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District  
Legal Department  
Finance - Federal Grants and Office of Management and Budget.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Contract No. Pending (8/28/2015 Letter of Intent attached in lieu of Contract)  
Ordinance