

# Texas Health and Human Services Commission Women, Infant and Children's Nutrition Program

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Ordinance Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Award

Health Department  
Interim Director, Dante Gonzalez



March 25, 2025



# Background Information

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Ordinance appropriating \$190,000 in the Health Grant Fund for an increase in the Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition Program (WIC) grant from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC) to improve participants experience by enhancing WIC facilities.

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## FY25 WIC Grant History Overview:

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, WIC, is a nutrition program for pregnant, breastfeeding women and families with children younger than 5 years of age. Texas WIC helps improve the eating habits of infants and children as well as pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women.

The CCNCPHD has been awarded the WIC grant for over 20 years. WIC funding currently provides funding for 14 full-time equivalents and serves over 5000 participants monthly.

On February 6, 2025, the WIC program received an award by the state to enhance WIC facilities, with the goal of improving WIC participants' experience to increase customer satisfaction.

**Contract period from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.**

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## FY25 WIC Grant Award:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has awarded an additional \$190,000.00 to the Corpus Christi – Nueces County Public Health District (CCNCPHD) WIC program for FY25.

The award will help improve the participants' experience by improving the current WIC facility in the amount of 180,000.00. Improvements will include the following:

- Installation of a new ceiling tiles and vents
- Installation of a new integrated and high-quality PA system
- Public restroom and waiting room improvements
- Exterior and interior painting
- Replacement of exterior lighting
- Replacement of existing windows with hurricane-impact windows
- Improved exterior WIC signage

In addition to facility improvements, 10,000.00 will be allocated to purchase incentives aimed to improve the WIC participants' experience.

- Nutrition education reinforcement incentives are items that clients will use at home to apply the knowledge they learn from WIC program.
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## FY25 WIC Grant Award Project Timeline:

- 1) City Council's acceptance of the additional 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter WIC funds, the projects require approval by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).
  - Approval is required for any capital expenditure (buildings, land, and improvements) using WIC funds that cost more than \$5,000.
- 2) Following council approval, the scope of work for all projects will be sent out for bid.
- 3) Once all bids have been reviewed, USDA will do a review to approve.
- 4) After USDA approval, the winning bid will be accepted, and finance will prepare contracts so work can begin.
- 5) Construction of the renovation project.
  - Project will begin in August 2025 and be completed in September 2025



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## FY25 WIC Grant Award Project Timeline:

WIC Renovation Project milestone dates:

Milestone Descriptions:	Start Date:	End Date:
Contract Award Received and Approval by City Council	February 2025	April 2025
WIC Renovation Project RFB	April 2025	May 2025
Federal Approval of Winning Bid by USDA	May 2025	July 2025
Contractor Chosen and Contract Finalized	July 2025	August 25
WIC Renovation Project Construction Complete	August 2025	September 2025

- Due to the fiscal year of the grant all projects in the WIC renovation project must be completed by the end of FY25 WIC grant contract on 9/30/25.
- WIC operations will not be interrupted during renovations, as all WIC services will be temporarily moved into the Public Health District main building.

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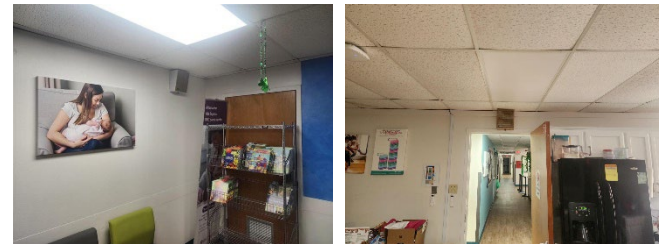
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## FY25 WIC Rénovation Project Objectives:

1) Ceiling Tile & Vent Repairs



2) Install New PA System



3) Install Storm Rated Glass



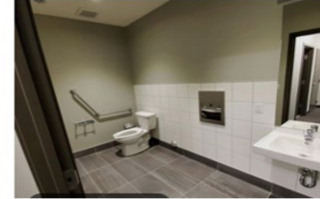
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## FY25 WIC Rénovation Project Objectives:

4) Restroom Renovation



5) Patient Waiting Room Renovation



6) Paint & Exterior Lighting



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## Fiscal impact

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is the funding agency for this grant and has allocated a budget of \$1,233,166.00 for FY25.

- The additional funding in the amount of \$190,000.00 will bring the total budget for the WIC program to \$1,423,166.00 for FY25.
  - \$180,000.00 to improve facilities to enhance the WIC participant experience
  - \$10,000.00 in incentives to aid in WIC program education
- No match is required as this award is 100% WIC grant funded

Total Contract value is \$1,423,166.00 for FY25.

**Staff Recommendation:** Approval of the two-reading ordinance.

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