

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 17, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **WIC Agenda Items – Item 35, 39 and 40, June 22, 2022**

Three items relating to the WIC program will be considered by City Council on the June 22, 2022. The following Office of Community Care (OCC) items will be considered by City Council on the June 22, 2022 Agenda:

Item Number 39: Authorize **(1)** the acceptance of additional grant funding from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC); **(2)** the receipt and deposit of additional grant funding from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (Contract No. HHS000802300001, CFDA No. 15.557) for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children; **(a)** in the amount of \$458,925.00, increasing the FY 2022 Administrative allocation from \$14,869,740.00 to \$15,328,665.00, for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; **(b)** an increase in appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$458,925.00 in the FY 2022 WIC Program – Women, Infants and Children Grant Fund; **(c)** to redistribute an additional \$179,015.00 to the FY22 Administrative allocation for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 and **(2)** execution and agreement to all terms and conditions of an amendment or other document required to receive such additional funding - Not to exceed \$458,925.00, from \$14,869,740.00 to \$15,328,665.00 - Financing: Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds.

Background

Since 1974, the HHSC, previously referred to as the Department of State Health Services, has funded the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) in Dallas. The WIC Program provides nutritious food, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals to health and social services. The program serves infants, children under age five, and pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women. WIC is a United States Department of Agriculture program administered in Texas by the Health and Human Services Commission. In Dallas County, the WIC Program is administered by the City of Dallas, Office of Community Care.

The WIC Program was established as a response to a national survey that discovered anemia and inadequate growth were common amongst American children of low-income families. The survey also found that many women from low-income families have poor pregnancy outcomes due to inadequate nutrition. WIC's primary mission is to give the most vulnerable children the best possible start by providing nutrition education, nutritious foods, and access to other health programs during the critical state of fetal and early childhood development; and to achieve optimal nutritional status for children before they

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start school. Program eligibility is based on families with household incomes at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

Currently, the WIC Program safely provides services at 17 locations throughout Dallas County. The WIC Program has extended weekday and Saturday hours of service available to accommodate and serve working families and students.

The City of Dallas is reimbursed for all expenses required to operate the WIC Program. Reimbursements are specified in the contract and are, in part, based on the number of WIC participants who are served each month. Approval of this contract will authorize reimbursement to the City of Dallas WIC Program for the FY 2021 – FY 2022 contract amount, not to exceed \$13,902,240.00. The City will receive a Notice of Award by July 1 annually through the term of this contract outlining the funding amount for the upcoming fiscal year.

Since 1974, the City of Dallas has served as the local agency for WIC service delivery in Dallas County via contractual agreement through Health and Human Services Commission (formerly Texas Department of State Health Services); and there is a need for the Nutritional Program for Women, Infants and Children funded through the Health and Human Services Commission. The execution of this new five-year contract will extend the Women, Infants and Children program through FY 2025

This agenda item authorizes additional funding for FY 2021 – FY 2022 not to exceed \$458,925.00 to operate the WIC program. Approval of this funding will authorize reimbursement to the City of Dallas WIC Program for the FY 2021 – FY 2022 contract amount, not to exceed \$15,328,665.00. The City will receive a Notice of Award by July 1 annually through the term of this contract outlining the funding amount for the upcoming fiscal year.

Item Number 40: Authorize **(1)** the third amendment to Contract No. HHS000455600001, with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Department of State Health Services for the Lactation Support Center Services Program (LSCS) to increase by \$407,500.00, from \$1,599,020.00 to \$2,006,520.00; **(a)** to amend the term of the contract period from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022 to September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2023; **(b)** to accept additional grant funds for FY 2023 budget for Amendment No. 3, in the amount of \$407,500.00 for the continuation of the LSCS Program; and **(2)** execution of the third amendment to the contract and all terms, conditions, and documents required by contract - Not to exceed \$407,500.00, from \$1,599,020.00 to \$2,006,520.00 – Financing: Department of State Health Services Grant Funds

Background

Since 2010, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) funded the Dallas Lactation Care Center through a grant contract with the City of Dallas Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program. The Dallas Lactation Care Center is a specialty walk-in

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clinic located in the heart of the Dallas Medical District. The staff includes a Registered Nurse, Internationally Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC) and Breastfeeding Peer Counselors who provide comprehensive breastfeeding support and assistance to mothers currently enrolled in the WIC Program. The Dallas Lactation Care Center also serves as a training center for students and resident physicians who want to expand their knowledge in the field of lactation. In 2014, the Dallas Lactation Care Center received the IBCLC Care Award which is recognition by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners and International Lactation Consultant Association for excellence in lactation care.

The City of Dallas will work with the HHSC, Community Health Improvement Division, Maternal and Child Health Unit to develop and implement the Lactation Support Center Services - Strategic Expansion Program. This program, through the Dallas Lactation Care Center shall provide population-based public health services and implement strategies that will increase accessibility, quality and coordination of breastfeeding support services in the contractor's service delivery area. The services provided under this contract complement and expand upon the services by the City of Dallas under the HHSC WIC Dallas Lactation Center contract, by which the HHSC WIC Program funds the City of Dallas to act as: (1) a lactation resource center for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for mothers with breastfeeding problems; (2) a training center for WIC local agency staff and other health providers to receive clinical experience working with breastfeeding; mothers and (3) a statewide Breastfeeding Resource Center for health providers to utilize for information and assistance when working with pregnant and breastfeeding women.

This agenda item authorizes funding for FY 2022 – FY 2023 not to exceed \$407,500.00 to operate the WIC program. Approval of this funding will authorize reimbursement to the City of Dallas WIC Program for the FY 2022 – FY 2023 contract amount, not to exceed \$2,006,520.00. The City will receive a Notice of Award by April 1 annually through the term of this contract outlining the funding amount for the upcoming fiscal year.

Additionally, the following Department of Public Works Item will be considered:

Item Number 35: Authorize a ten-year lease agreement with R. G. Colling, LLC, for approximately 8,333 square feet of office and warehouse space located at 10903 Shady Trail, Building A, Suite 160, to be used for office and warehouse for storage of program material and supplies for the Women, Infants and Children Program for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2032 - Not to exceed \$1,124,853.82 - Financing: Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds (subject to annual appropriations)

This item authorizes a lease for warehouse space for the WIC program warehouse, adjacent to the new City Store warehouse space. The WIC warehouse serves as a centralized site for the delivery, storage and distribution of critical WIC items. Staff at the warehouse maintain and inventory list of certain WIC items, including require brochures, pamphlets and other outreach and nutrition education materials that must be maintained

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and available to all clinics to comply with state rules. Additionally, the warehouse receives and stores breast pumps for distribution at clinics and durable medical equipment necessary for WIC operations, such scales and other equipment required for anthropometric measures and assessments.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Jessica Galleshaw, Director of Office of Community Care.



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