

Executive Summary Form

**Agenda Number: 4738**

**Recommendation:**

This is to request your approval of IGA CTR040363 Amendment 2, for WIC Services and the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (BFPC) Program between the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Cochise County Health Department in the annual amount of \$583,700 for WIC and \$63,824 for BFPC, for the period of 10/1/2019 – 9/30/2020.

**Background (Brief):**

Funding for the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Supplemental Nutrition and Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Programs come from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The overall goal of all USDA Nutrition Programs is to improve the health status of eligible participants through adoption of healthy behavioral lifestyle changes and to help prevent the occurrence of health problems.

The WIC Program is a supplemental nutrition program for income-eligible women, infants, and children. The WIC Program provides income eligible families with nutrition education and referrals to social services within the County. The Program also provides food vouchers to clients for a variety of nutritionally healthy staple foods, including: milk, eggs, juice, fruit, vegetables, meat, eggs, beans and peanut butter.

The Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program provides counseling and support services that complement the WIC-provided breastfeeding education by allowing for additional, more in-depth education by a peer counselor trained through a breastfeeding curriculum. The goal of the BFPC program is to increase the incidence and duration of breastfeeding for all breastfeeding women in Cochise County.

IGA CTR040363 is based on an annual caseload of 3,400 pregnant women, post-partum women, infants and children (up to age 5).

**Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:**

The WIC and BFPC grant is a cost-reimbursement grant. The total net county subsidy for the contract is \$235,714, calculated as follows:

Grant	Amount	Salaries + ERE's	Negotiated Overhead	A-87 OH @50.57%	<b>Net Co. Subsidy</b>
WIC	\$583,700	\$468,265	\$27,817	\$236,802	<b>\$208,985</b>
BFPC	\$63,824	\$52,856	\$0	\$26,729	<b>\$26,729</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$647,524</b>	<b>\$521,121</b>	<b>\$27,817</b>	<b>\$263,531</b>	<b>\$235,714</b>

**Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up:**

Your approvals are respectfully requested.

**Impact of Not Approving:**

The WIC Program has provided nutrition services to low income families in Cochise County for over 30 years. Approximately 3,400 county residents would be impacted by the discontinuation of the WIC and BFPC Programs. During these tough economic times, low-income Cochise County families are depending on the WIC Program to help meet their nutritional needs, reduce health risks and improve health outcomes.