

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 18, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Agenda Item #40, September 23, 2020 – Contract for WIC**

The following Office of Community Care (OCC) item will be considered by City Council on the September 23, 2020 Agenda:

Agenda Item #40 – Authorize a **(1)** five-year contract with Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) (Contract No. HHS000802300001, CFDA Nos. 10.557 and 10.561) through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide funding for Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$13,601,737.00 in the FY 2021 WIC Program-Women, Infants, and Children Grant Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$13,601,737.00 in the FY 2021 WIC Program-Women, Infants, and Children Grant Fund; and **(4)** execution of the HHSC contract and all terms, conditions and documents required by the contract - Not to exceed \$13,601,737.00 - Financing: Health and Human Services Commission Grant Funds

Since 1974, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), previously referred to as the Department of State Health Services, has funded the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) 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.

WIC is a health and nutrition program with a successful record of improving the diet of infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women who are at risk for nutrition-related illnesses. The focus of WIC is educating low to moderate-income mothers about proper nutrition for babies and young children up to five years of age. In addition to nutrition education, the WIC program provides participants with an electronic benefit transfer card so they can purchase nutritious foods and find assistance in accessing health care providers. The City's WIC Program provides critical services for 65,000 clients monthly and is fully funded through this contract.

This item authorizes a new contract with HHSC to continue providing WIC services for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2026 and establishes appropriations for FY2021 WIC programming in an amount of \$13,601,737.00. HHSC will notify the City of annual funding levels for FY2022 and beyond by July 1 of the following year.

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



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