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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,259,000 FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) TO PROVIDE THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Presented by: Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Director, Health Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the award and authorize the Chair to sign the award document.

Grant Renewal: Yes

Never Applied: No

Applied; not awarded: No

Grant Summary and Timeline:

The Health Department has managed the WIC Program in Sedgwick County (SC WIC) for the past 41 years. WIC is a federal program administered by the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture that provides healthcare and nutrition focused services to:

- a) Women who are pregnant, post-partum, or currently breastfeeding; and
- b) Infants/children under the age of five.

WIC services include: nutrition education, immunization screenings, lactation support, referrals to community and medical services, and supplemental nutritious foods.

To qualify for SC WIC services, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Household income must be at or below 185% of the U.S. Poverty Income Guidelines (currently \$44,863/year for a family of four); and
- 2) Found to have at least one medical or nutritional risk factor; risk factors include, but are not limited to: overweight, dental problems, anemia, low birth weight, and/or prematurity; and
- 3) Live or work within Sedgwick County.

The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 grant award in the amount of \$2,259,000 for the Health Department represents a slight increase of \$110,528 or 5.15% compared to the previous FFY 2015 grant award of \$2,148,472. This funding allocation includes additional funding to offset the increased cost of employee health and retirement benefits and annual merit increases.

Financial Considerations:

Grant period starts: October 1, 2015

Grant period ends: September 30, 2016

Source of funding

Grant: \$2,259,000.00

Required Match: \$0.00

Required Cash Match: \$0.00

Required In-Kind Match: \$0.00

Other funding: \$0.00

TOTAL SOURCES: \$2,259,000.00

Uses of funding

Operational costs: \$2,259,000.00

Personnel: \$1,928,287.00

Contractual services: \$58,000.00

Operational supplies: \$103,965.00

Equipment: \$0.00

Indirect administrative costs: \$168,748.00

Capital projects cost: \$0.00

TOTAL USES: \$2,259,000.00

Source of matching funds: N/A

Source of other funding: N/A

Budget Authority Adjustment: Sufficient budget authority exists within the 2015 and 2016 Budgets; no additional budget authority is being requested. The FFY 2016 award of \$2,259,000.00 is for the period beginning October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Funds will be managed through Fund Center 38066-274. This funding supports a total of 42 positions with 5 positions currently vacant.

Personnel considerations: No new additional staff will be requested for this grant award.

Expected measurable outcomes:

In FFY 2016, the SC WIC program will:

- 1) Increase the percentage of women enrolled in WIC that initiate breastfeeding, from 77% to 79%.
- 2) Provide client centered education to caregivers of children ages 2 to 5 found with obesity so that >76% of the children found with a BMI above the 95th percentile on the CDC age/gender growth chart will maintain or slightly reduce their BMI.
- 3) Increase the number of Sedgwick County WIC participants who breastfeed for a duration of at least 3 months, from 33% to 35%.

Analysis: SC WIC has been assigned a caseload number of 11,769 for the new grant period; by contract, SC WIC is expected to stay within the preferred range of 98% - 103% (11,534 - 12,122) of this assigned caseload number and report when the participant caseload deviates from this range.

Alternatives:

The BoCC may elect to not accept the funding, which would require KDHE to find an alternate hosting agency to provide services for residents of Sedgwick County.

Policy considerations:

Legal considerations: The County may enter into this agreement pursuant to K.S.A. 19-101 et seq. Pursuant to the County's grant policies and procedures, this grant agreement requires approval of the Board of County Commissioners. A simple majority vote is required for approval.