

Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 22-23 Adopted

SOS 35: **Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program**

Service Category: Public Health & Welfare

Dept: Health & Human Services

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Mandate	None	Related	SHALL
Leverage	None	Some	HIGH

Executive Summary

Participating in WIC has been shown to ensure healthy birth outcomes such as a reduction in premature births, low birth weights and infant death. WIC provides the following five core services to improve health and nutrition outcomes for participating pregnant/postpartum women, infant and young children: access to healthy food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, health screenings and referrals. Families who have medical or nutritional risks and a low income have benefited from improved health outcomes from our individualized nutrition counseling, health screenings and support services. Specific supplemental nutritious foods (obtained through EBT cards) are provided to clients based on nutritional needs. Referrals are made for health care and basic needs. Services are provided in Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove, Florence and Oakridge.

Service Descriptions

	Revenue	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
Adopted Budget Total	\$1,661,062	\$2,520,312	\$859,250	16.30

Federal regulations require health screening, nutrition assessments and nutrition counseling with all women, infants, and children participants. In addition, high risk follow-up, group education classes, health care referrals, eWIC cards and WIC food issuance, and eligibility determinations must be provided. All program activities and maintaining assigned caseload are required in order to provide WIC services. At this funding level, WIC could serve 6,784 clients per month, which is the state-assigned caseload for Lane County. \$51,000 of the General Fund allocation is estimated to be one-time in nature until client base is regained following COVID-19 decline, which will result in additional state funding to support this service.

State/Federal Mandate

ORS 413.500 requires provision of WIC services. By accepting Oregon Health Authority funding, Local Public Health Authority must provide WIC services. ORS 431.413 addresses the local public health authority. WIC services are within the Parent/Child Health Services. WIC funding is dependent upon maintaining the caseload at assigned level (6,784 clients per month).

Leverage Details

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

	back to the Discretionary General Fund
\$1,364,551	into other non Discretionary County Funds
\$3,694,931	directly to community members