



Program #40018 - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) FY 2025 Adopted

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Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) serves approximately 13,000 pregnant and nursing people and their infants and young children per month. WIC promotes positive health outcomes through strengthening nutrition across the life course with healthy foods and nutrition education, promoting and supporting breastfeeding, and providing comprehensive health and social service referrals.

Program Description

WIC provides nutritious food, nutrition education/counseling, growth monitoring, health screening, and breastfeeding support to eligible families. WIC is a core referral center for health and social services, including prenatal care, immunizations, Head Start, housing and day care assistance, SNAP and food assistance, and other county programs, such as home visiting services. WIC leads with race and actively applies an equity lens to all services, programs, delivery methods, education options, staffing, technology systems. WIC is a leader in innovation, and a regional partner for cross-cutting health programming and equity expertise. In 2023, WIC served 19,662 unique clients with over 58,000 visits. Clients received healthy foods totaling \$8.7 million, supporting nutrition and food security. Through May 2023, WIC services were exclusively remote, yet maintained caseload and retained staff at over 95%. WIC exclusively serves populations experiencing health disparities and uses nutrition science research and program data to inform services. Data indicate health disparities among people of color, especially Black, Indigenous, and low income women, infants, and children, which is reflected in WIC demographic data. Over 25% of WIC clients prefer communication in languages other than English. WIC responded through signage in multiple languages, staff fluent in multiple languages, interpretation services contracts, and technology to improve access. 86% (up from 77% in 2020 and 45% in 2016) of WIC staff have language and/or cultural KSAs or are immigrants or refugees, which enables WIC to reach populations most disparately impacted by food/nutrition insecurity. WIC partners with culturally specific agencies and advisory boards, like with Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) to bring culturally specific cooking and nutrition classes for our Black/African American/African Immigrant communities. WIC and REACH hosted a second community and nationwide Town Hall Breastfeeding Training on the effects of diabetes on maternal health for healthcare providers, community members, county staff, medical professionals. Our Breastfeeding Peer Counseling program (BFPC) had a 60% increase in caseload over the past 12 months serving 1158 participants monthly. The assigned BFPC caseload is 739 clients, though all WIC participants can access support. In addition, our Board Certified Lactation Consultants provide in-clinic support, including culturally specific lactation promotion.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	# of WIC clients in one year who receive healthful foods with E-WIC benefits	19,000	19,500	19,662	19,500
Outcome	% of WIC clients initiating breastfeeding	93%	93%	95%	93%
Outcome	# of nutrition education contacts with WIC families	57,000	57,000	57,574	57,000
Quality	% of clients served per month in languages other than English	25%	26%	26%	25%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children are authorized by Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1786, as amended through PL105-394, and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, 7 CFR Ch. II, Part 246.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$1,717,259	\$3,807,116	\$2,294,571	\$3,787,877
Contractual Services	\$59,330	\$2,495	\$61,526	\$2,495
Materials & Supplies	\$136,426	\$19,159	\$162,818	\$206
Internal Services	\$872,668	\$529,162	\$1,020,128	\$770,766
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,785,683	\$4,357,932	\$3,539,043	\$4,561,344
Program Total:	\$7,143,615		\$8,100,387	
Program FTE	14.06	31.94	17.86	29.94

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,357,932	\$0	\$4,561,344
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,357,932	\$0	\$4,561,344

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$638,467 in indirect revenues.

Fed Thru State \$3,616,527 - State WIC grant;
Fed Thru State \$85,100 - State Maternal & Child Health (Title V) grant
Other \$859,717 - HealthShare of Oregon County Based services -WIC

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 40018 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Significant Program Changes:

HealthShare of Oregon increased funding of \$114,105
Internal Service costs increased by 21%; increased security costs for Gateway WIC Clinic