

Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 09-10 Proposed Budget

Service: **Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program**
Dept: Health and Human Services
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General Fund Priority: 1 of 47
Dept. Org ID: 3427234
Mandate: **SHALL** **Leverage:** **HIGH**

Executive Summary

WIC services ensure healthy birth outcomes, reduce premature deliveries/low birth weights and improve the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children who have medical or nutritional risk conditions and a low income. Pregnant women are highest priority. Health assessments, individualized nutrition counseling to improve risk conditions and nutrition education classes are required components of the program. Specific supplemental nutritious foods (in the form of vouchers) are provided to clients based on nutritional needs. Referrals are made for health care and basic needs. Services are provided in Eugene, Cottage Grove, Florence and Oakridge.

State/Federal Mandate

ORS 409.600 requires provision of WIC services. By accepting Oregon Department of Human Services funding, Local Public Health Authority must provide WIC services. ORS 431.416 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 (7,706 clients per month).

Outcome Measures

- At least 97% of state-required caseload served through WIC program each month. Outcome for FY 07/08: 95.7% of state-required caseload served.
- At least 7,706 clients per month served by WIC (number of WIC clients per month to meet the state-required level). Outcomes for FY 07/08: WIC program served an average of 7,445 clients per month.

Service Level Descriptions (Read from bottom up. Level 1 = minimum viable service level.)

	Other Funds	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
TOTAL DEPT REQUEST	\$1,016,866	\$1,617,283	\$600,417	15.40
Add Request Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
Additional Service Level Request			\$0	

No adds requested.

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Proposed Budget Total	\$1,016,866	\$1,617,283	\$600,417	15.40

FY 08-09 Service Level			\$0	
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This service currently at threshold level.

Level 1: THRESHOLD - below this level, service can not be provided	\$1,016,866	\$1,617,283	\$600,417	15.40
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Federal regulations require health assessments, nutrition counseling, high risk follow-up, group education classes, health care referrals and WIC food voucher issuance. Eligibility determinations required. All program activities and maintaining assigned caseload are required in order to provide WIC services. At this funding level, WIC could serve 7,706 clients/month, which is the state-assigned caseload for Lane County.

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Please explain how the current (Mar 09) service level differs from the prior year. Include funding, FTE, change in leveraging, and impact on services.

At the Level 1 Threshold, WIC will serve 7,706 clients per month. Currently the WIC caseload is slightly above 100% of the state assigned caseload level and the program maintains an average waiting list of approximately 350 clients. Requests for service are higher than in the past several years, although funding and staffing levels have remained the same during the last 12 months. With the current staffing, 42% of all pregnant women in Lane County receive WIC services. WIC participation during pregnancy reduces incidence of low birth weights and premature deliveries; for every \$1 spent on WIC, \$3.50 is saved in costs for poor birth outcomes. At Level 1, in FY 08/09 WIC leveraged \$1,049,866 in state DHS funds. In addition, at the Level 1 Threshold, the program would leverage an estimated \$5,100,000 in revenues to community through WIC vouchers.