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The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) to accept and expend funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Service (USDA) (NSA) to fund New Hampshire’s Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Programs in the amount of \$780,000 effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2023, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-95-90-902010-5260 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS,
HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES, WIC
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM
SFY 2022**

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-403754-16	Federal Funds	\$10,701,437	\$780,000	\$11,481,437
	General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue		\$10,701,437	\$780,000	\$11,481,437
010-500100	Personal Services-Permanent	\$492,234	\$0	\$492,234
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$111,389	\$0	\$111,389
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$1,106	\$0	\$1,106
030-500301	Equipment	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
037-500173	Technology-Hardware	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
038-500175	Technology-Software	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
039-500189	Telecommunications	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500
041-500801	Audit Cost Set Aside	\$10,700	\$0	\$10,700
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$42,120	\$0	\$42,120
060-500601	Benefits	\$310,420	\$0	\$310,420
066-500543	Employee Training	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
070-500704	Instate Travel	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
074-500589	Grants for Public Asst & Relief	\$3,075,672	\$0	\$3,075,672
080-500714	Out of State Travel	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000

102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$1,901,350	\$0	\$1,901,350
520-500361	FMNP Food Costs	\$11,446	\$0	\$11,446
549-500397	WIC Food Costs	\$4,722,000	\$780,000	\$5,502,000
Total Expenses		\$10,701,437	\$780,000	\$11,481,437

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept grant funds available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Service (USDA) (NSA) to administer New Hampshire’s Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program in support of the WIC food redemptions. These additional funds were made available to supplement the WIC fruit and vegetable cash benefit and due to increased WIC caseload and food costs.

WIC strengthens families at critical times of growth and development through four key services: healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and healthcare referrals. Through these four key services, families achieve improved health outcomes. WIC is associated with improved birth outcomes, healthcare savings, and children starting school ready to learn with the opportunity to reach their potential. Data from period ending SFY 2021 shows that the WIC Supplemental Nutrition program serves an annual unduplicated total of 21,500 participants of which 26% are pregnant and postpartum, 26% are infants and 48% are children under the age of 5 years. All recipients must be at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level or enrolled in SNAP, TANF or Medicaid.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 549 – Funds will be used for WIC food redemptions. The cost of food has increased significantly in recent months causing the program to expend the biennium budgeted appropriation at a much faster rate than in previous years.


In response to the anticipated two-part question, “Can these funds be used to offset General Funds?” and “What is the compelling reason for not offsetting General Funds?” the Division offers the following information: The funds are provided for a specified purpose by USDA as defined in the Notice of Grant Award and cannot be used to offset general funds.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Service (USDA) (NSA).

If Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,


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Commissioner

AWARD HISTORY
WIC SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM for AU 5260 Class 549 ONLY

A

B	Award Ended 9/30/2021 202120W100644	1,327,057	
	Award Ended 9/30/2021 202121W100644	3,265,168	
	Award Ended 9/30/2021 202120W600644 - WIC COVID19 FFCRA	445,648	
	Award Ended 9/30/2021 202121W700344 - WIC Cash Value Voucher - Fruits & Vegetables	1,081,155	
	Award Ending 9/30/2022 202221W100644	990,362	
	Award Ending 9/30/2022 202222W100644	3,949,442	5,265,922.67
C	Expended through 6/30/21	(4,211,930)	
D	Unobligated Balance Unable to Spend	-	
E	Award Balance 7/1/21	\$ 6,846,902	
F	SFY 22 Appropriation **	(4,725,000)	
G	Balance Forward	-	
H	Available to Accept in SFY 22	1,762,176	
I	Amount Requested this Action	<u>780,000</u>	

** SFY 22 Appropriation

010-090-52600000-549		Current	OYR	Total	This Action	Revised Budget
J	WIC Food Costs	4,725,000		4,725,000	780,000	5,505,000
	Total	4,725,000		4,725,000	780,000	5,505,000