February 14, 2006

Marin County Board of Supervisors 3501 Civic Center Drive San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Women, Infant's and Children (WIC) Program requests execution of a three-year FY05-08 State Agreement #05-45769 for \$1,671,000 to provide supplemental nutrition program resources for low-income families (Renewal)

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the President to execute multi-year State Agreement #05-45769 for the period 10-1-05 through 9-30-08 in an amount not to exceed \$1,671,000.

SUMMARY: The WIC program is a federally mandated supplemental-nutrition program for low-income families. The State has a multi-year contract which requires Board signature annually.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT: This program benefits the community by providing supplemental nutritional food vouchers, education and breastfeeding support to pregnant low-income mothers and their families in Marin. During the past fiscal year, Marin's WIC organization exceeded their caseload in 8 out of 12 months. WIC also started a breastfeeding support group at Marin General Hospital where they enrolled 316 low income WIC-eligible families from June through November.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no increase in net County cost. The total amount of this multi-year is contract is \$1,671,000: FY 05-06 - \$557,000; FY 06-07 - \$557,000; and FY 07-08 - \$557,000. For FY 05-06, of the \$557,000 allocation, \$489,114 has already been recognized in budget center 536.

To review a copy of the agreement, please contact the Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

REVIEWED BY: Auditor Controller [] N/A [X]
Human Resources [] N/A [X]
County Counsel [] N/A [X]

Respectfully submitted,

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