

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Women, Infants and Children Component Budget Summary

Component: Women, Infants and Children

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Component Mission

To improve the quality of life for pregnant women, children and families and decrease health care costs by furthering nutrition education, promoting access to nutritious foods and improving access to nutrition services as an integral part of health care services.

Component Services Provided

Pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants and children are screened for income and health and/or nutritional risk; if criteria are met, they are certified for the WIC program. Participants receive nutrition education, referrals, and food warrants that may be used at any state-approved WIC vendor for specific food items that will improve their health and nutritional status.

Certification periods are normally six months, but infants are certified for one year, and pregnant women are certified for the duration of their pregnancy.

Component Goals and Strategies

Prevention of prenatal and childhood morbidity related to nutritional problems through the provision of specific nutritious food and nutrition education for low-income, nutritionally-at-risk pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to 5 years of age.

Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

To maintain the infrastructure to handle the caseload up to 29,000 individuals/month.

To ensure that the MIS system continues to perform properly.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

Alaska WIC had the highest breastfeeding initiation rate in the nation, 82.8%, and one of the highest 6 month breastfeeding duration rates, 47.2%.

Began computer issuance of WIC Farmer's Market Coupons instead of issuing them by hand.

Conducted a dietary and health assessment study of Alaska Native women, funded by grant from the USDA. The results will be used to design more appropriate nutrition education programs for Alaska Native women and their families.

Obtained USDA approval to convert WIC food funds to WIC Nutrition Services Administration for services in rural areas of the state.

Obtained USDA approval to substitute canned pink salmon for dried eggs in WIC mailed food boxes.

Provided nutritional services and education to over 25,000 individuals/month.

In partnership with the US Army and Air Force, opened a new WIC local agency on Fort Richardson in Anchorage, which provides WIC services to both Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 18.05.010-070	Administration of Public Health and Related Laws
AS 44.29.020	Department of Health & Social Services
7ACC 78.010-320	Grant Programs

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

Non-Formula Program:	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	25.2	0.0	28.4
74000 Supplies	14,559.5	15,947.0	16,697.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	5,340.6	4,595.2	5,095.2
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	19,925.3	20,542.2	21,820.6
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	16,842.2	16,842.2	18,042.2
1003 General Fund Match	0.0	0.0	78.4
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	3,083.1	3,700.0	3,700.0
Funding Totals	19,925.3	20,542.2	21,820.6

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2002 Cash Estimate	FY2003 Governor	FY2004 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Federal Receipts	51010	16,842.2	16,842.2	16,842.2	18,042.2	18,042.2
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	3,083.1	3,700.0	3,700.0	3,700.0	3,700.0
Restricted Total		19,925.3	20,542.2	20,542.2	21,742.2	21,742.2
Total Estimated Revenues		19,925.3	20,542.2	20,542.2	21,742.2	21,742.2

Women, Infants and Children**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003**

The two Farmer's Market Programs, one for WIC participants and one for low-income Seniors, are expanding their levels of service and service areas. These programs provide low-income individuals with fresh Alaskan-grown produce purchased directly from Alaskan farmers. The programs have significantly increased sales and consumption of these products, and improved the nutritional status of Seniors and WIC participants.

Additional Federal Expenditure Authorization is requested in the FY 03 budget to support the rising costs of food and for program expansion. Inflation is expected in food costs, and increased numbers of people will be applying for WIC due to economic downturns. New USDA program integrity requirements are increasing costs for vendor training and monitoring. New USDA nutrition service standards are increasing the costs of delivering nutrition services by grantees.

Summary of Component Budget Changes**From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor***All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	0.0	16,842.2	3,700.0	20,542.2
Proposed budget increases:				
-Child Health: Federal Farmers Market and WIC Program Increases	78.4	1,200.0	0.0	1,278.4
FY2003 Governor	78.4	18,042.2	3,700.0	21,820.6