

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 23, 2004

FROM: Community Health Agency,
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: In-Principle approval to seek leased space in Coachella for a new Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program site.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1) That the Board of Supervisors grant in-principle approval to the Community Health Agency to seek leased space for a Women Infants and Children (WIC) site in the Coachella area.

BACKGROUND: The Community Health Agency Department of Public Health Nutrition Services Branch requires approximately 2,500 square feet of space in the Coachella area for the provision of WIC services. The Women, Infants and Children program currently serves over 7,300 participants per month at its Indio WIC site.

There is a large migrant population residing in this area unable to access WIC services due to transportation limitations. Having an additional WIC program site in Coachella will increase and improve program accessibility to the eligible population in this area. Currently, our Indio WIC site serves over 2,400 participants from Coachella and 2,300 from Mecca/Thermal.

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Director, Public Health

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 42,000	In Current Year Budget:	YES
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ -0-	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ -0-	For Fiscal Year:	04/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100 % Federal WIC funding	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Dan Martin

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4

Agenda Number:

Reviewed by
 CIP TEAM
Henry McIntosh

Departmental Concurrence

Subject: In-Principle approval to seek leased space in Coachella for a new Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program site.

BACKGROUND: (continued)

There is a potential WIC eligible population of over 8,300, based on the Medi-Cal eligible population in these same areas. Presently, all new enrollments are traveling to Palm Springs, Palm Desert or Cathedral City to apply for WIC benefits. Currently our Indio site serves over 7,300 participants per month in a 2,969 square foot site, which is overly crowded and has been cited as a safety issue. The table below shows current WIC participation by zip code in comparison to potential WIC eligible based on Medi-Cal eligibility for the same zip codes. The potential WIC eligible reflects children under 5 years of age and women of child bearing age currently on Medi-Cal. WIC has the potential to serve over 6,000 additional clients in this region.

City / Zip Code	WIC Participants currently served at various WIC sites	Potential WIC eligible based on Medi-Cal Eligibility	Current WIC participation as a % of Medi-Cal Eligibility
Coachella – 92236	2,447	4,237	57.8%
Indio – 92201/03	3,653	6,687	54.6%
Mecca – 92254	817	1,808	45.2%
Thermal / Oasis – 92274	1,529	2,262	67.6%
Total	8,446	14,994	56.3%

If a Coachella WIC is opened, approximately 2,500 to 3,500 WIC participants served at the Indio WIC site will transfer to the new Coachella location. The recently approved Mecca site will serve approximately 2,500 participants from Indio.

The space requirements for a Coachella site are as follows:

- a. Approximately 2,500 sq. ft. to serve a caseload of 2,500 to 3,500 participants per month. This will provide space for required para-professionals and a nutritionist.
- b. A reception/waiting area to accommodate parents with children in strollers.
- c. A front office allowing for a greeter station with a counter.
- d. A work area to accommodate modular work stations for counseling.
- e. A classroom for nutrition education to accommodate participants with children and strollers.
- f. Staff is on duty from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office will be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with the potential to expand to evening and weekend appointments.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Costs will be covered using federal WIC funds. It is not cost effective to build (to suit) a 2,500 sq. ft. facility at this time.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

MICHAEL J. SYLVESTER
DIRECTOR

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
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ENDORSEMENT

COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY LEASED SPACE IN COACHELLA VALLEY

The Department of Facilities Management concurs with the Community Health Agency's request for 2,500 square feet of leased space in Coachella Valley for the Agency's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. This request meets County Space Standards. County-owned space is not available to accommodate this WIC requirement

The information listed below is used as an estimation in determining the Department of Facilities Management endorsement:

Lead Time:	Six (6) months.
Total Area:	2,500 square feet.
Term:	Five (5) years.
Lease Rate:	To be determined.
Communication Cost:	To be determined.
Utilities:	County to pay electric and telephone services.
Custodial/Maintenance:	Lessor provides.
Improvement Cost:	To be determined and included in monthly rent.


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