

State of Washington
Decision Package

FINAL

Agency: 303 Department of Health
Decision Package Code/Title: P4 Farmers Market Nutrition Program Restoration
Budget Period: 2015-17
Budget Level: PL-Performance Level

Recommendation Summary Text:

The Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) provides eligible Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants a \$20 voucher per market season to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers markets. This proposal restores sufficient state support to cover the federal match requirements and cover administrative costs.

Fiscal Detail

Operating Expenditures			<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-1	General Fund-State		100,000	100,000	200,000
001-2	General Fund-Federal		588,000	588,000	1,176,000
Total Cost			688,000	688,000	1,376,000
Revenue					
Fund	Source		<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
001 General Fund	0310 Dept of Agriculture		588,000	588,000	1,176,000
Total Revenue			588,000	588,000	1,176,000

Package Description:

The Farmers Market Nutrition Program is part of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for the WIC Program. FMNP provides fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables through farmers markets and roadside stands to eligible WIC families, in addition to access to fruits and vegetables through the basic WIC program.

Shopping at farmers markets gives WIC families an opportunity to learn about fresh fruits and vegetables from the people who grow them. The program creates a unique partnership with local WIC agencies, farmers markets, growers, and WIC families that support young families developing healthy eating habits. State funding pays for WIC FMNP recipient benefits and operations including: food checks, staffing of 1.3 FTEs, training, authorizing and monitoring farmers markets and food growers for both the FMNP component of the WIC nutrition program and Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Senior Farmers Market Program.

This proposal reinstates the 30 percent state-match required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in order receive federal grant funding for the FMNP, as well as sufficient funding for the programs administration. In 2013, the program contributed over \$434,000 to the local economies when WIC families used their WIC FMNP checks at farmers markets to buy local produce.

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Narrative Justification and Impact Statement:

What specific performance outcomes does the agency expect?

None.

Performance Measure Detail

Activity: A010 – Promote Family and Child Health and Safety

Is this Decision Package essential to implement a strategy identified in the agency's strategic plan?

While not essential support, this program does support:

Goal 2: Prevent illness and injury and promote ongoing wellness across the lifespan for everyone in Washington.

Objective 3: Support healthy weight in children and adults

Does this decision package provide essential support to one or more of the Governor's Results Washington priorities?

The impact of FMNP is indirectly measured through and contributes to the Results Washington.

Goal 4: Healthy and Safe Communities, Healthy Youth and Adults, measure

1.2.A.f: Increase the percentage of healthier food options being offered to low-income children and families through food pantries, farmers markets, and meal programs by 5% from 2014 baseline by 2017.

What are the other important connections or impacts related to this proposal?

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is part of the Senior Nutrition Program. It is run by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). The Senior Nutrition Program improves nutrition for low-income adults over age 60. DSHS receives approximately \$230,000 federal funding and \$700,000 General Fund-State each year for the senior program and serves 21,000 seniors. This is a popular program with participants, and strongly supported by food security advocates and farmers market sector (e.g. last year the lobbied legislature for a funding increase and were successful).

DSHS partners with DOH on some administrative components of the SFMNP and the FMNP. DOH, on DSHS senior program's behalf, oversees the contracting process with farmers markets and eligible growers/farmers as well as the associated monitoring process - over 600 contracts. Both programs are governed by USDA regulations, but there is no requirement that the programs work together.

What alternatives were explored by the agency and why was this alternative chosen?

None.

What are the consequences of adopting or not adopting this package?

Adopting this package means that low-income families will have opportunities to access many of the WIC FMNP's benefits – access to additional resources for healthy foods and specialized nutrition education on fruits and vegetables. In addition, farmers markets and food growers will maintain some retail clientele. In 2013, the program contributed over \$434,000 to the local economies when WIC families used their WIC FMNP checks at farmers markets to buy local produce.

What is the relationship, if any, to the state capital budget?

None.

What changes would be required to existing statutes, rules, or contracts, in order to implement the change?

None.

Expenditure and revenue calculations and assumptions

Revenue:

None.

Expenditures:

In fiscal year (FY) 2016 \$100,000 and FY 2017 \$100,000 of General Fund-State will be restored to the WIC FMNP. With the restoration of general fund-state, match requirements will then be met for the FMNP federal grant therefore \$588,000 each FY will be received.

Which costs and functions are one-time? Which are ongoing? What are the budget impacts in future biennia?

All costs are assumed to be ongoing.

For federal grants: Does this request require a maintenance of effort or state match?

The USDA grant for WIC FMNP requires a match of non- federal funds.

For all other funding: Does this request fulfill a federal grant’s maintenance of effort or match requirement?

This restored general fund-state funding helps to ensure the program has the USDA required 30 percent state match to continue to receive the federal funding.

<u>Object Detail</u>		<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
A	Salaries and Wages	109,000	109,000	218,000
B	Employee Benefits	33,000	33,000	66,000
E	Goods and Services	47,000	47,000	94,000
G	Travel	9,000	9,000	18,000
N	Grants, Benefits&Client Svs	488,000	488,000	976,000
T	Intra-Agency Reimbursements	2,000	2,000	4,000
	Total Objects	688,000	688,000	1,376,000