



POLICY: The state WIC program shall select local programs as recipients of WIC funds in accordance with Oregon statute and federal criteria. Local programs serving populations most in need of WIC services receive priority.

PURPOSE: To target WIC services to areas of greatest need. To follow federal guidelines establishing consistency of grant application and award process.

RELEVANT REGULATIONS: ORS 431.375 (July, 1990) Local Public Health Services
7 CFR §246.5—Selection of local agencies.

OREGON WIC PPM REFERENCES: ♦310—Annual Plan/Grant Award Process for Local Programs

- PROCEDURE:**
- 1.0 The state program awards funding to local WIC programs annually, as described in ♦310—Annual Plan/Grant Award Process for Local Programs. Funding is distributed according to the projection of the WIC-eligible population within each county and the local programs' ability to serve the population based on past performance.
 - 2.0 The state program also funds local programs that serve those areas or special populations most in need, as required by federal regulation. These include Native American tribes.
 - 3.0 County governments or local health districts are responsible for the management of local public health services, as outlined in Oregon statutes. The state program funds county governments or local health districts to provide WIC services, unless the county contracts out for the provision of WIC services or relinquishes authority to the state. ★